

## Let's knit a ball pit!



Mochimochi Land is going to **Vogue Knitting LIVE** NYC in January 2019, and we want to make a splash with a whole ball pit full of knitted mochimochi balls!

After Vogue Knitting LIVE, the balls will be donated to the **American Foundation for Children with AIDS**, who will send them to kids in Congo, Uganda, Kenya, and Zimbabwe.

To make this squishy cuddly fun possible, we need YOUR help: **Please join us in knitting hundreds of colorful character balls!**

Use the free pattern to knit as many balls as you can stand, and mail them to this address by **January 3rd, 2019**:

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Chicago, IL 60618-3038

We can't wait to receive all your squishy happy mochimochi balls!

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## Please read!

- We want characters! Please make your ball into a character by embroidering eyes onto it!
- You can add details like arms, legs, hair, etc. by adding embellishments like I-cords. No loose parts, and nothing big or dangly that could tangle up the ball-pit fun.
- We want the ball pit to be totally soft, so no hard components, please. (No plastic eyes.)
- **Please share and tag your character balls online with #knitballpit**

## Mochimochi Ball (circular version)

Cast on 6 stitches and distribute them onto a circular needle or 3 double-pointed needles to work in a round.

**Rnd 1:** [Kfb] 6 times (12 sts).

**Rnd 2:** Knit.

**Rnd 3:** [Kfb] 12 times (24 sts).

**Rnd 4:** Knit.

**Rnd 5:** [Kfb, k3] 6 times (30 sts).

**Rnds 6-16:** Knit (11 rnds).

**Rnd 17:** [K2tog, k3] 6 times (24 sts).

**Rnd 18:** Knit.

**Rnd 19:** [K2tog] 12 times (12 sts).

**Rnd 20:** Knit.

Stuff the piece.

**Rnd 21:** [K2tog] 6 times (6 sts).

Break the yarn and draw it tightly through the stitches with a tapestry needle.

Weave in the loose ends.

With a contrasting color yarn, embroider eyes and any other features you like (a nose! a smile! some hair!).



## Mochimochi Ball (flat version)

Cast on 8 stitches onto one needle using the backward loop method.

**Row 1:** k1, [kfb] 6 times, k1 (14 sts).

**Row 2:** Purl.

**Row 3:** K1, [kfb] 12 times, k1 (26 sts).

**Row 4:** Purl.

**Row 5:** K1, [kfb, k3] 6 times, k1 (32 sts).

**Rows 6-16:** Beginning with a purl stitch, work 11 rows of stockinette stitch.

**Row 17:** K1, [k2tog, k3] 6 times, k1 (26 sts).

**Row 18:** Purl.

**Row 19:** K1, [k2tog] 12 times, k1 (14 sts).

**Row 20:** Purl.

**Row 21:** [K2tog] 7 times (7 sts).

Break the yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 inches (15cm), and draw it tightly through the stitches, from right to left on the knit side of the piece, with a tapestry needle.

With the knit side facing out, use the tail you left on the piece to stitch together the seam. Use mattress stitch, making vertical stitches on the outside of the piece. Stuff the piece before finishing the seam. Then pull the yarn tightly to make the seam disappear.

Weave in the loose ends.

With a contrasting color yarn, embroider eyes and any other features you like (a nose! a smile! some hair!).