

Despite our efforts to recycle plastic bags, they still end up in landfills, streams or oceans. Learn how to turn plastic bags into plastic yarn or “plarn” and then use the plarn to crochet, weave or knit anything you can imagine, like a jellyfish!

## Crochet a Jellyfish With Plastic Yarn



### Materials Needed:

One plastic bag  
Scissors  
Crochet hook (3mm – 4mm hook size  
or D/3, E/4, F/5 or G/6)

### Instructions:



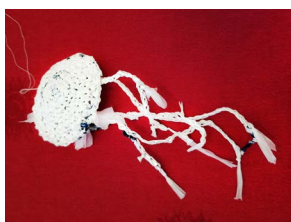
**Step 1:** To make plastic yarn or “plarn,” cut the plastic bag into strips about ½-inch wide.



**Step 2:** Tie the ends of each strip together with a simple knot to make a long string and roll it into a ball. You can now use the “plarn” to crochet a jellyfish, or any other project you have in mind.



**Step 3:** To make the body of the jellyfish, crochet a circle about three inches in diameter.



**Step 4:** To make tentacles for your jellyfish’s body (aka the bell), crochet five foundation chains of different lengths. Crochet the tentacles into the body. Trim any frayed ends to give your jellyfish a smoother look.



**Step 5:** Attach a piece of string or length of “plarn” to the top of the jellyfish’s bell so you can hang your jellyfish up. You can find a [basic crochet tutorial](#) online.



**Additional Information:** You can use any pattern you like. “Plarn” is very forgiving, since the unevenness of the plastic camouflages any mistakes.

### Natural Connections

Did you know that there are freshwater jellyfish in lakes and ponds of North Carolina? *Craspedacusta sowerbii* — or as the Chinese call them, peach blossom fish — are hydrozoans that feed on zooplankton, daphnia and copepods. They use more than 50 tentacles covered with stinging cells to catch their prey.

### Jellyfish Cam

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