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## Go Green with Bernat!

**Celebrate Earth Day and Spring by knitting and crocheting for a healthier earth!**

**Here are some terrific and practical patterns and yarn suggestions:**

**Reduce** the use of disposable plastic grocery bags with one of our crocheted market bags. Make several and keep them handy in your car trunk for all your shopping trips.



[Bernat® Handicrafter Cotton Shopping Bag](#)



[Bernat® Handicrafter Cotton Shopping Tote](#)



[Bernat® Handicrafter Cotton String Bag](#)

**Reuse** those left over plastic grocery bags and store them in this stylish bag dispenser.



[Bernat® Handicrafter Cotton Bag Holder to Crochet](#)

**Reduce** the use of disposable cardboard coffee wrappers by making your own reusable felted coffee cozy. – it's a great, simple gift idea too.



[Bernat® Felting Wool Natural Cozies to Knit](#)

**Check out Bernat's newest range of 'Natural Blends' yarns – even a small step in knitting and crocheting, is a step in the right direction.**



Bamboo, the world's fastest growing woody plant, is an eco-friendly, sustainable, pesticide free fiber choice for hand knitting yarns. A sixty-foot tree cut for market takes sixty years to replace. A sixty-foot bamboo cut for market takes fifty nine days to replace.

Start with a simple project for spring like this [pretty crocheted shrug](#).



[Bernat® Bamboo](#)



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[Crochet Shoulder Shrug](#)



Felt is a non-woven fabric formed when sheep's wool is subjected to heat, moisture and pressure or agitation. Felting is an ancient craft; Turkish wall hangings dating from 6500 B.C are the oldest evidence of felting.



Use this super soft 100% wool yarn to keep tootsies warm with this pattern for [quick and easy crochet slippers](#).

[Bernat® Felting Wool Easy Crochet Slippers](#)

[Visit our website for more patterns](#) using [Bernat® Felting Natural Wool](#).



Like bamboo, soy is naturally antibacterial, breathable and soft with a great drape. Soy fiber is not a new phenomenon; The Ford Motor Company grew soybeans specifically to make fiber for car upholstery from 1939 to 1942. Henry Ford wore a suit made of soy fiber to promote his company's progressive approach to seat covers.



A [luxuriously soft blanket](#) made from this yarn, is wonderful next to the skin – make it for yourself, or for the perfect baby shower gift.

[Bernat® Soy Blanket to Crochet](#)

[Visit our website for more great patterns](#) using [Bernat® Soy Natural Blends](#).



Cotton farming alone accounts for as much as 16% of the pesticides and 25% of insecticides applied globally each year in the agricultural industry. Choosing organically grown cotton may be one of the best things consumers can do to help the environment.



It's the perfect yarn for adorable baby items - try knitting these [precious baby booties](#) in this pure 100% Organic Cotton yarn.

[Bernat® Organic Cotton Knit Booties](#)

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**And we'd like to let you know** that here at Bernat, we are switching our yarn ball bands to FSC recycled paper to do our part in helping our world's forests.



All Bernat® Natural Blends Yarns can be purchased on line. [Click to visit](#) one of our fine etailers.

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