**Bag It!** Grades 2-6

**Objective**: For each group to catch as many yarn balls as possible

**Equipment**:

* 30-40 yarn balls
* 2 - hula hoops
* Enough plastic shopping bags for half of the class, but keep extras on hand!
* Volleyball net

**Setup**:

* The volleyball net is setup across the middle of the playing area.
* A hula hoop is placed in one of the back corners on each side of the net
* The yarn balls are evenly spread between the wall and net on both sides.
* Half of the players on each side are given a shopping bag. They will cross over to the other side of the net because they will be catching yarn balls thrown by their teammates.
* All students stand close to the rear wall on each side of the net.

**Description:**

***When the music begins*** -

* Players pick up yarn balls on their side and begin throwing them over the net so their teammates can catch them in their bags.
* Players may only pick-up one or two balls at a time (whichever you prefer).
* After catching a ball, the player places it in the hula hoop on their side of the gym.
* The player may catch more than one ball before emptying the bag but is risking that some may fall out when trying to catch additional yarn balls. Any that fall out cannot be picked up and placed in the hoop.
* Balls must be thrown over the net, not under the net.
* Each group must stay on their half of the gym.
* The throwers on each side may not block the ball when a student is trying to catch it.
* The game is over when there are no yarn balls left or when the music stops.

* Whichever group collected the most yarn balls in their hula hoop would be the first-place finisher.
* Students who were throws now become the catchers.

**Safety:** Remind students to be aware of the many balls being thrown

**Variations:** Use dome cones - students will have to learn to “give” with the catch or the yarn ball will bounce out

**Comment**: We used to play the game so that both teams always stayed on their side of the net. This meant the that those with bags would try to catch yarn balls thrown by the other group. It worked well for many years, but then some students realized if they gave their opponent’s bad throws, they would never be able to catch them. That is when the game was modified.