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How To Make a Pom-Pom

Pom-poms are easy to make and take very little time. Use pom-poms to embellish hats, scarves, sweaters, booties, whatever you wish. Use your imagination!

Materials:

- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Yarn



Step-by-Step Instructions

Step 1 Make a cardboard template. Find something round that you can use as a template. For this example, use the bottom or top of a glass. The bigger the circle the larger the pom-pom. Use some extra yarn you have around to make your first test pom-pom.

Step 2 Trace the glass on the cardboard, two times and cut out these two circles.

Step 3 Now trace another little circle inside along with two lines that reach out to the outer edge. Cut out the inner circle as shown in the picture. This is your pom pom template. The template shown in this picture is about 3 ³/₄" in diameter.

Step 4 Cut a piece of yarn about 12 inches and place it between the two pieces of cardboard. This is the tie yarn that holds the pom pom yarn together.





- Step 5** Hold the 2 pieces of cardboard together such that the yarn is in place and doesn't slip out. Now take yarn from the skein and begin wrapping it around the cardboard template. I like to begin in the center and wrap to the right and then wrap back to the center and over to the left side and then finish up back in the center. This approach allows all sides to get an even distribution of yarn. The more yarn you wrap around, then the denser your pom-pom will be. This may take some experimentation to get exactly what you want.



- Step 6** Make a loose slipknot with the tie yarn that is sandwiched between the cardboard.
- Step 7** Slip your scissors in between the two pieces of cardboard and begin cutting around the circle. When you are finished, tighten the tie yarn slipknot as tight as you can get it. Make another slipknot to make a secure the pom-pom. Slip the cardboard templates away from the yarn.





Step 8 Trim the pom-pom. Now find another glass or something round that is slightly smaller than the diameter of your pom-pom. Trace this on cardboard and cut out two circles. Take your tapestry needle and pierce the center of each cardboard circle. These are your trimming templates.



Step 9 Now sandwich the pom-pom between the two trimming templates and push the tapestry needle all the way through.

Step 10 Take a sharp pair of scissors and begin trimming around the pom-pom to remove any straggle lengths of yarn.

Step 11 Remove the trimming template, fluff out the yarn and admire your fluffy, round pom-poms.

Tip:

Keep your pom-pom templates for later use. Label the pom-pom template and the matching trimming templates so that you know which sets belong together. Also, most importantly, note the size of the pom-pom that is made with these templates and the yarn weights used. The trimming template does give the size (diameter) of the pom-pom so you can measure this and write it on both templates.

