



Make your own Christmas presents for friends and family

Pom-pom scarf

This is a perfect gift for a child as it is fun and colourful and can be customised so it can be created in the child's favourite colours.



Stay safe

Whether you are a scientist researching a new medicine or an engineer solving climate change, safety always comes first. An adult must always be around and supervising when doing this activity. You are responsible for:

- ensuring that any equipment used for this activity is in good working condition
- behaving sensibly and following any safety instructions so as not to hurt or injure yourself or others

Please note that in the absence of any negligence or other breach of duty by us, this activity is carried out at your own risk. It is important to take extra care at the stages marked with this symbol: ⚠

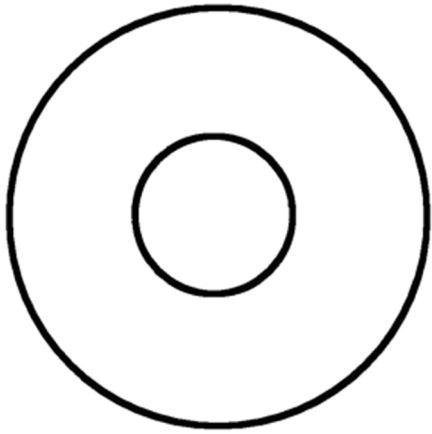
Equipment ⚠

- > Balls of wool in various colours
- > Scissors
- > Cardboard to make the template – cereal box will do
- > Large-eye needle for wool

Instructions ⚠

First, of all you will need to make the pom-poms. Think about the size that you would like the pom-poms to be, as your template will dictate the size of your finished pom-poms.





This is an example of the pom-pom template.

Step 1

Make two templates that are exactly the same from cardboard in the shape shown above. You can do this by drawing around a glass for the big circle, then drawing around a coin for the centre. It should look like a small doughnut.

Cut out your templates, cutting a 1-2cm slit at the edge into the centre.

Put the templates together and start wrapping your wool all around the edges of the cardboard, pulling the wool through the slit each time.

Step 2

Continue to wrap the wool, feeding it through the hole until you've nearly run out of space on your cardboard template and the hole in the centre is filled. You'll need to use the needle when the centre gets smaller.

Then cut off the wool from the ball and cut another length of wool about 30cm long. Hold the middle of your pom-pom (where the hole was) and, with your scissors between the two cardboard templates, cut all around the outer edge.





⚠ It can be tricky cutting the edge while holding the wool covered template so ask an adult to help with this part.

Step 3

Place the 30cm length of wool between the two templates all the way around and tie it tightly around the centre of the pom-pom.

Step 4

Carefully remove the cardboard templates to reveal your finished pom-pom. Gently plump up the wool so that the strands are separated to create a lovely fluffy pom-pom ready for your scarf.

Step 5

Continue making more pom-poms using the method above until you have made enough to make a scarf. You will probably need about 20 depending on the size of each one.

Step 6

Thread another piece of wool, the length of the required scarf, through your embroidery needle and thread it through all of your pom-poms. Make sure you go through the centre of each. Tie the ends of the wool very tightly around the end pom-poms and trim any excess.

And your scarf is ready!

