

How to Make Yarn Pom-Poms



What You'll Need

Equipment / Tools

- Cardboard
- Circular items to trace (small glass, lids, etc.)
- Pen
- Scissors

Materials

- Yarn

Instructions

1. Make Cardboard Pom-Pom Templates

Use the lids and other round items to trace circles onto the cardboard. Trace a larger circle with a smaller circle inside. The larger circle determines the diameter of your finished pom-pom.

By making a few sizes of templates, you can make several sizes of pom-poms.



2. Cut Out the Circles

Cut out around the larger circles. (Don't use your good sewing scissors for this!) Next, cut a slit to get to the centre circle and cut away the centre. You may want to widen the slit a tiny amount, to make it easier to pass yarn through.

3. Start Wrapping Yarn Around the Template

Begin wrapping yarn around the cardboard ring. Hold the end of the yarn in place while you wrap over the end, which secures it. Work your way around the entire ring, filling in all the gaps.

Tip

You can work the wrapping near the slit in the ring, but make sure it doesn't get so close that it might slip off the ends of the cardboard.

4. Wrap the Yarn Until the Ring Is Full

Wrap the cardboard ring until it is full and then wrap it some more. To create a full and round [pom-pom](#), you should wrap the yarn so the ring is very plump and the



centre circle is nearly filled in. If you want a loose and floppy pom-pom, you can stop wrapping sooner.



5. Cut Around the Edge of the Ring

Trim the wrapping yarn, then start snipping through the wrapped yarn all along the edge of the ring. Be sure to cut through every strand of yarn. Sharp scissors with a small point make this part easier. As you cut the yarn, be careful not to let the cut pieces push to one side or come out through the opening.



6. Tie the Cut Yarn Pieces Together

When all the edges are snipped, cut a length of yarn and tie it around the middle of the pom-pom, close to the cardboard ring. Tie the yarn once, then wrap the ends around to the other side and tie a double knot.

Pull the yarn as tight as you can, without breaking the yarn. Leave the ends long.

Remove the cardboard template.



7. Shape the Pom-Pom

At this point, your pom-pom probably looks a little odd and misshapen. To fix this, trim the yarn to even out the shape. It's a bit like giving the pom-pom a haircut!

Hold onto the long yarn ties and work all around the pom-pom. Keep turning it as you trim so it doesn't end up lopsided.



8. Fluff the Pom-Pom and Finish Trimming

When the pom-pom looks like it's almost done, gently roll it in your hands. This fluffs the pom-pom and reveals any areas that may need a little more trimming.

Trim and repeat as needed.

Use the long yarn ties to attach your pom-pom to your project.

