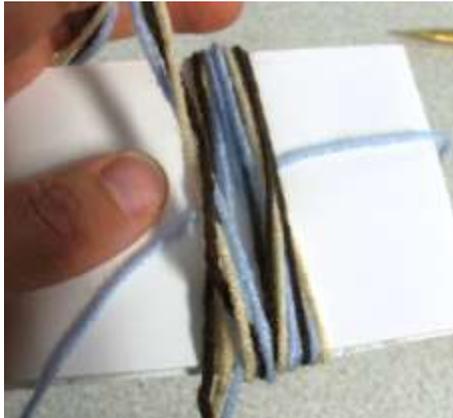


Making a Pom Pom for a Crochet Project

Making a pom pom for a baby hat or other crochet project is easy! You will just need a piece of lightweight cardboard approximately 3" wide and 5" long and a variety of yarns. I like to use all of the yarns in the body of the hat or project that I've been working on.



First lay down your piece of cardboard, and lay a 12" length of yarn, lengthwise underneath the cardboard, and again lay another 12" length of yarn lengthwise on top of the cardboard. You can see one of these strands of yarn (blue) lying horizontally in the photo at left.

Carefully wind strands of your pom pom yarns around the shorter dimension of the cardboard, perpendicular to (and on top of) the 12" ties of yarn. (See photo at left). Use a lot, wrapping the yarn around the cardboard until it forms a layer 1" to 2" thick, depending on how full a pom pom you

want.

Pull up the topmost 12" tie and very tightly tie it around the midpoint of the wound yarns; do the same with the 12" tie on the other side of the cardboard.



Now slip the cardboard off of the yarn and carefully tie both midsections together. Instead of having two places where the yarn is knotted, you'll now join them into one. (Note that

the wound yarn is still uncut).

Slip a pair of scissors through each end of the clumps of yarn and cut the thick sections of yarn at their longest point. You'll need to cut the yarn right where it had been wrapped around the top of the board, and again where it wrapped around the bottom of the board.

Now the fun part: Give your pom pom a trim to encourage it to make a nice even ball shape. (Be careful to leave the tie down yarns alone!) When I do this, I smash the yarn down so that it's flat and make a nice trimmed circle (see photo). Then



I puff up the yarn into a ball shape and trim away any straggling bits of yarn that stick out too far. You should still have your tie down yarns hanging down, longer than the rest. You can use these to tie or sew your pom pom onto the top of a little hat!

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