



Cats for Kids

Make and do! Om Pom Pom

'A woollen pom pom ball will entertain your cat for hours and with a little effort you can make one of your own (or loads if you get the hang of it).'

What it will look like:-

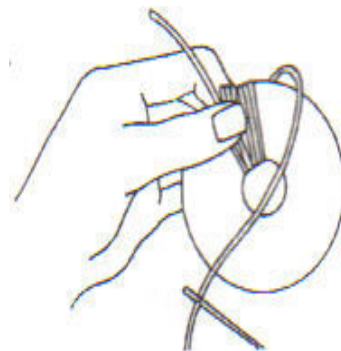


What you will need to make it:

- Card
- Scissors
- Pencil and compass or bottle to draw around
- Wool (any colours you like) in small balls to fit through the hole in the card

Important message! *Make sure you have an adult's help when using sharp objects like scissors, a compass and sewing needles.*

1. Take a piece of card and draw two circles onto it; use a compass or the bottom of a bottle. The size of the circle is up to you (it depends on how big you want your pom pom to be) then cut the circles out.
2. Draw a smaller circle inside each of the large circles. Cut out this smaller circle so you have two doughnut shapes.
3. Put the two bits of card together, take your ball of wool and loop it through the centre of the circles.



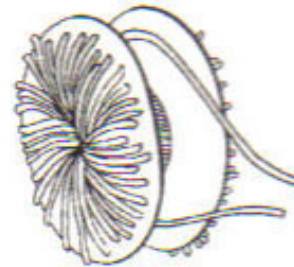
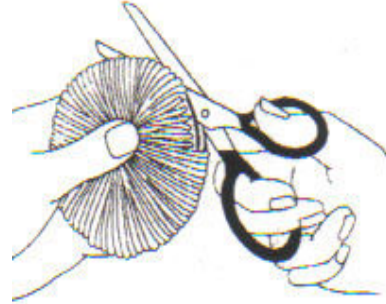
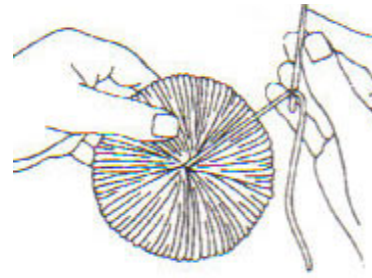
4. Wrap the wool all around the loop so that it covers the whole doughnut with one colour. Make at least five more layers using the same process (you can use the same colour or lots of colours, it's up to you).

5. Once you've finished wrapping the doughnut circles with wool, take your scissors and cut between the two cardboard circles which are inside (you may need an adult's help with this bit).

6. Cut the wool all the way around the outside.

7. Once you have finished cutting, tie the centre of the pom pom with a long piece of wool so that it stays together (see diagram on the right). The wool handle also means that you can dangle the pom pom in front of your cat to entertain him!

8. Now remove the two bits of cardboard and your pom pom is finished.



Your cat toy is now ready to play with!

(Remember to keep an eye on your cat when he is playing with toys. If your cat starts eating any part of the toy take it away from him).