



# Pom Poms

**You need:** scissors, cardboard, a selection of wool in a variety of colours, and strong glue such as PVA.

Cut two round circles from the cardboard (whatever size you want the finished pom pom to be). Cut a smallish hole in the centre of each cardboard circle (so they look like letter 'O's) and place the circles together. Wrap the wool around the two circles (going from the centre hole to the outside edge) until the centre hole is completely full. (Children may find it helpful to thread the wool through a large needle for this part). Once you are no longer able to wrap any more, cut the wool along the outside edge between the cardboard circles. Before you remove the cardboard take another length of wool and tie it between the circles, firmly knotting the pom pom together. Now the cardboard can be pulled or cut away. Trim the tie, ruffle up your wool and the pom pom is done.

Pom poms make great decorations on hats or clothes. They can also be used for keyrings or bag/phone charms. Different sized pom poms can be joined together to make things like caterpillars, mice, teddy bears or figures. Use strong PVA glue to join several pom poms together, or a needle and thread.

