



# Pom-pom Worry Puffles



Pom poms are great on their own and they're really easy to make into a Worry Puffle.

This is the way I've come up with that is cheap and easy. In the last few steps, I'll also tell you how to make the pom pom fluffier and how to make a multi-coloured pom-pom.

## Step 1: what you will need

**Wool**

**Cardboard** (I used cardboard from a cereal box)

**Scissors**

**Pencil**

**Something round to draw around** (I used the bottom of a jam-jar and a small bottom of a glass)

## Step 2: Pom-Pom Wrapper

First you need to cut out the cardboard for something to wrap your wool around. A popular shape for this is a donut, I made a cut donut.

- \* Start by tracing your large circle with the smaller circle inside (Don't make the inside circle too big or too small. Too small and you won't be able to wrap the wool in there, too big, and the pom pom might have too much extra space when you go to tie it.)
- \* You want to make one cut through the donut and cut out the center of the circle.
- \* Fold up the ends of your cardboard as shown in the photo.

The folds may annoy you and you can cut them off entirely if you want, but I find them handy for holding the wool on while you wind it, and also you can fold them down when you go to cut the wool which keeps the pieces from falling off.

## Step 3: Wrap Wool

### Time to wrap the wool!

Put your pieces together so the flaps face out on both sides. Now wrap. Just keep going, wrapping the wool round and around, trying to keep it as even as you can.

## Step 4: Cut and Trim Pom Pom

### Time to cut all your wool!

Go along the edge of the cardboard and just start cutting. After all of the wool has been cut, take another piece of wool and wrap it around your pom pom going between the pieces of cards board.

**Tie it up!** I liked to tie two knots on one side, then wrap the wool around to the opposite side and tie two more knots. You won't see them. Trim off the excess wool and try to make it as circular as you can (it will be uneven).

## Step 5: Tips!

It helps to fold down the tabs when you start cutting. Then wool won't try to escape through the opening. I found holding as much of the pom pom as I could while cutting made it hard for stray pieces of wool to escape. Though, the more you cut, the more they'll hold themselves in place.

## Step 6: How to Make a Pom Pom Fluffier

### Fluff it!

The best way to do this is to fluff it up gently with your hands.

Hold the pom pom tightly in one hand and start fluffing with the other. If you fluff too hard you could pull out some

of the wool pieces. Just keep rotating the pom pom in your hand and try to fluff all over, trimming off any long strands of wool. You can then add some eyes etc.

## Step 7: How to Make a Multi-Colored Pom Pom

It's really easy, just wrap two (or more) colors of wool at the same time. Wrapping them together ensures you'll get a more even distribution of the colors throughout the pom pom. Also, the more colours you do, the less times you'll have to wrap since you'll be wrapping more than one strand at a time.

## Step 8: Have Fun Making a Pom-Poms Worry Puffle!

They're fun to make and they're just so soft and cute! I couldn't help making them in all colours.

