

# FRISCO PUBLIC Library

## Activities at Home

### How to make a PERFECT POM-POM

This activity sheet will tell & show you how to make a perfect pom-pom for home/room decor!

#### Materials:

- String (of your choice)
- Sharp Scissors
- Cardboard (Cereal Box, Tissue Box, Etc.)
- Stencils: 1 Large and 1 Small Circular Object
- Pen or Pencil
- Ruler



#### Steps:

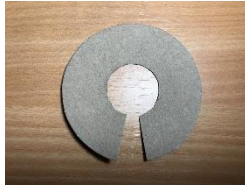
1. Trace TWO large circles on your cardboard using your LARGER stencil and CUT them both out.



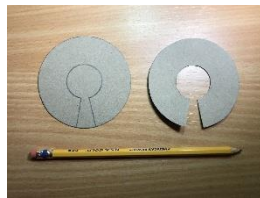
2. Using the smaller stencil, TRACE a small circle in the center of ONE the larger circles. Leave the other circle to the side for now! (Don't worry we'll get to that one in a bit 😊).



3. CUT along the traced lines by CUTTING out an entry/exit space. See image below for reference.



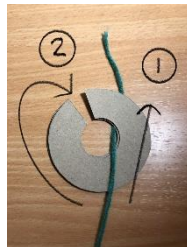
4. TRACE this cutout pattern onto the other larger circle, and cut accordingly. (Told you we'd get to it 😊). By the end of this step, you should have TWO IDENTICAL cardboard looking "donuts."



5. Line up the TWO cardboard donuts until they are BOTH on top of each other. Then grab your string and PULL the END of the string THROUGH the middle of the hole.



6. Take the BOTTOM piece of string (the one that is CONNECTED to the BULK of string) and PULL it over the cardboard piece so that it WRAPS over the cardboard. Then PULL that same string back to the middle (where you started) by going through the entry/exit hole. (This should give you one strap of string around the cardboard donut.)



- Continue wrapping around the cardboard (STEP 6), until you wrap around the WHOLE cardboard donut ONCE. (NOTE: As you do this, DO NOT wrap too tightly or too loosely!)



- Once you have wrapped ONE row, do not cut the string. Instead, start yarning the SECOND row in the counterclockwise direction using the same process (wrapping over the cardboard and returning the string back to the middle).
- Yarn a THIRD row in the CLOCKWISE direction.
- Yarn a FOURTH row in the COUNTERCLOCKWISE direction. Do NOT cut the string yet.
- Yarn a FIFTH row in the CLOCKWISE direction, and CUT the piece of string! (NOTE: The more rows you wrap, the FLUFFIER the pom-pom will be, so feel free to do more rows if you want!)



- SLIP your scissors in BETWEEN the TWO donuts and cut ALL AROUND the cardboard donuts. (This step should be easy if you did not wrap too tightly or too loosely.)



13. CUT a length of yarn that is around 10-12 inches, and SLIP that strand of yarn in BETWEEN the TWO “donut” halves.



14. Make a DOUBLE knot and pull TIGHTLY to secure the Pom-Pom.



15. Take off your tracer, and FLUFF your Pom-Pom a bit.



16. Give your pom-pom a little TRIM! You can use your cardboard donut as a tracer to help! (This step is little messy, so I recommend putting a piece of paper or a newspaper under your work!)



17. Your pom-pom is finally READY! CONGRATS!



So you MAY be asking: Now what? What do I use this Pom-Pom for? Well, there are many ways you can use a Pom-Pom, but here are just few:

- Put on Top of a Beanie
- Make a Pom-Pom Garland
- Pom-Pom Earrings
- Decorate Presents
- Pom-Pom Bath Rug
- Pom-Pom Flower Vase
- Star Pom-Pom



**Credits and a Video for Guidance:** Video by Sheep & Stitch <https://youtu.be/zok9hqyhTQ4>