

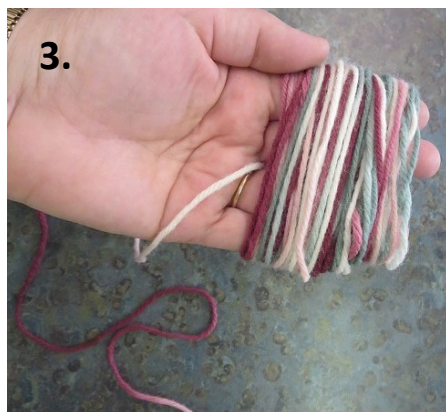
Pom Pom Cat Toy



You will need a ball of yarn, a pair of sharp scissors, your hand, and another person who is able to tie a knot. Have a separate piece of yarn ready, about 2 feet long.

1. Hold the end of the yarn in place with your thumb.

2. Start to wrap the yarn around your fingers. Don't make it really tight. Keep a little space between your fingers. Use up the whole ball of yarn.



3. Take the short piece of yarn you had set aside. Poke one end of it down between your middle fingers until it comes through the other side of your hand.

4. Turn your hand over, then take that small piece of yarn over all your winding and pass it between your two middle fingers again. You will probably need your helper for this step.



5. Turn your hand over again. Adjust the small piece of yarn so there is enough for your helper to be able to tie a knot. Your helper should only tie a single knot at first, as shown in the photo.

6. Carefully slide the whole thing off your fingers, making sure the short piece of yarn stays tied and in place.



7. Your helper should tighten the knot, and then YOU should put your finger on it, firmly. Now your helper can tie one more knot, and you remove your finger just before they make it into a tight double-knot. Leave the other end of it long!

8. With sharp scissors, cut through all the loops, at the outside edge, as shown in the photo. Be careful not to cut the piece that was tied in a knot.



9. It will look like this. Repeat on the other half.



10. Look through your whole pom pom to cut any loops that were missed. You don't want a cat's toes or claws to get caught in a loop.



11. Fluff up your pom pom. Use the long piece of yarn to dangle the pom pom in front of a cat. They will want to play! Bring it to the library, to donate it to the Humane Society. Well done!