

Pom Pom Template

You will need

25-30 yds yards bulky or worsted yarn in main colour
3 yards in each of 5 contrast colours, cut into 1 yd lengths
Scissors
Cardboard
Glue stick
Tape

To make the pom pom

1. Print the templates on this page and prepare your yarn by cutting the contrast colours into 1 yard lengths (the pom pom shown uses 3 lengths each of 5 contrast colours).
2. Glue both templates to thin cardboard and cut them out with scissors. Cut a length of yarn in your main colour approximately 12" long. Flip over one of the templates and lay the yarn on it in a semi-circle around the inner edge, keeping the ends even. Loosely tape it in place along the straight edges and lay the second template on top, tucking the ends of the yarn up inside between the two templates. Tape the two templates together along the straight edges. Cut slots through both layers as marked.
3. Using your main colour, secure the end of the yarn in the LH slot, and start winding it around the templates towards the right, keeping the wraps spread out and evenly spaced. Then wrap back towards the left, ending near the slot.
4. Pull the end of one of your lengths of contrast yarn through the LH slot above the main colour and wrap towards the right, again keeping the wraps evenly spaced. Secure the end in the RH slot. Repeat with one length each of your contrast colours.
5. Wrap another layer of your main colour yarn, from left to right and back. Continue adding layers until you've used all the lengths of contrast colours, ending with a layer of your main colour.
6. Carefully slit the tape on the straight edges of the templates and pull out the ends of the yarn that is sandwiched in between. Remove the tape so the yarn can move freely. Pull both ends of the yarn towards the centre and knot them together loosely. You will need to keep holding these ends and tightening the knot as you cut the pom pom so it doesn't fall apart.
7. First, unhook the ends of all the lengths of yarn from the slots and trim them so they're flush with the edge of the templates. Then carefully insert your scissors in between the two templates and start cutting through the layers of wrapped yarn. Continue cutting all the way around, being careful to tighten your knot as you go, securing the strands of yarn as they're released.
8. Once all the yarn has been cut, remove the cardboard. Turn the pom pom over and carefully find the knot. Tighten it as much as possible before knotting it again to secure it. Use your scissors to trim any long ends or uneven patches. Keep the two ends of the knot long and use them to attach the pom pom to your project.

Notes

This template makes pom poms approximately 3½" in diameter.

If you prefer to make your pom pom in a single colour you will need about 40-45 yards of worsted or bulky weight yarn in your chosen colour and you can skip the layering steps (just keep wrapping back and forth with your main colour).

