

HOW TO

Make a Sunny Pajak with Karolina Merska.



What you will need Rye or paper straw • Ruler • Scissors • 3cm circle punch (optional) • Peach card • Compass Pencil • Tissue paper in orange, peach, coral and yellow • Needle • Cotton crochet thread • Foil • 2 x 35cm diameter metal hoops • Crepe paper in cream and yellow • Glue • 5mm ribbon



Before you start

Cut pieces of straw: 120 x 6cm and 12 x 10cm

Cut card circles: 93 x 3cm in peach

Prepare layers for Kalinka Pompoms: 1x8cm in yellow, 12 x 12cm in coral

Make Kalinka Pompoms: 4 x 10cm, 12 in orange and 12 in peach



1 Wrap both hoops in cream crepe paper.

2 Make the upper arms by cutting 12 x 50cm lengths of thread. Attach them symmetrically to one of the hoops. Start by attaching four threads at the quarter points, and then add two more in each gap, equal distances apart. Thread the needle through one of the loose ends and thread on four short pieces of straw with three card circles in between. Repeat with the remaining 11 arms.

3 Gather all the threads together at the top and make a double knot. Hang your structure and check that it hangs straight. If not, untie the knot and adjust the arms.

4 Make the top pom-pom. Gather the 15 layers for the 8cm yellow Kalinka Pompom. Cut a 30cm length of thread, thread onto a needle and make a knot in the end. Pull the needle through the top knot of the upper arms twice, so it's securely attached.



5 Thread all the yellow Kalinka layers onto the needle, changing the direction each time (one up, one down). Push the layers right down to the knot. Cut out a small square pad of tissue paper (7mm, with about eight layers). Thread this onto the needle and push it down inside the pompom. Cut off the needle and tie a double knot.



6 Cut a 25cm length of ribbon, fold it in half and tie it at the bottom. Tie the ribbon to the middle of the pompom with one of the threads. Trim off any excess threads.

7 Make the middle arms by cutting 12x60cm lengths of thread and attaching them to the same hoop at the points where 5 the upper arms are tied.

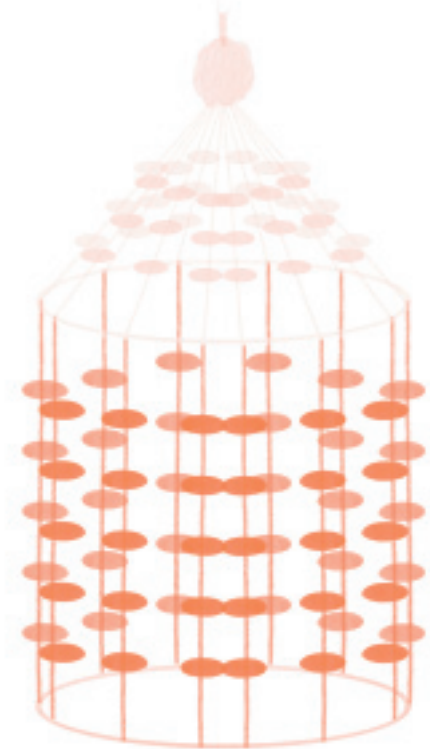
8 Prepare the second wrapped hoop. Make four symmetrical marks on the hoop with a pencil at quarter points, and then add two more in each gap, equal distances apart. You should have a total of 12 marks, which match up to where the arms are tied onto the other hoop.

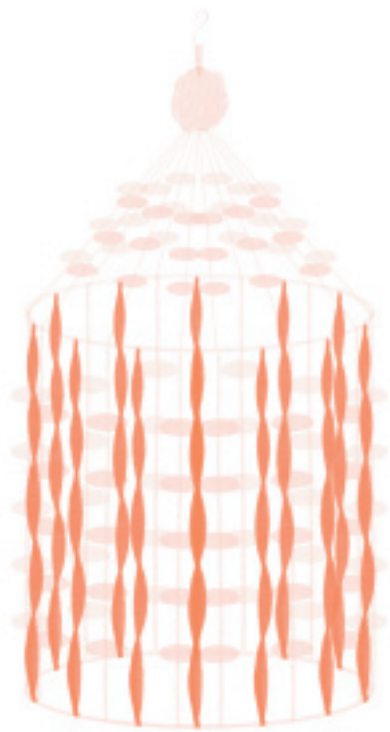
9 Start threading the first middle arm with six short pieces of straw with five card 10 circles in between. You will need to attach the second hoop to the middle arms. I recommend that you start by threading four opposite arms first (the ones at the quarter points) and then attach the second hoop to these four by tying in place.

Tip: To prevent straws falling off the threads while you are working on the other arms, you can loosely tie the ends temporarily to the upper hoop.

10 After the first four arms are attached to the bottom hoop, thread the remaining eight arms and tie them on, one by one.

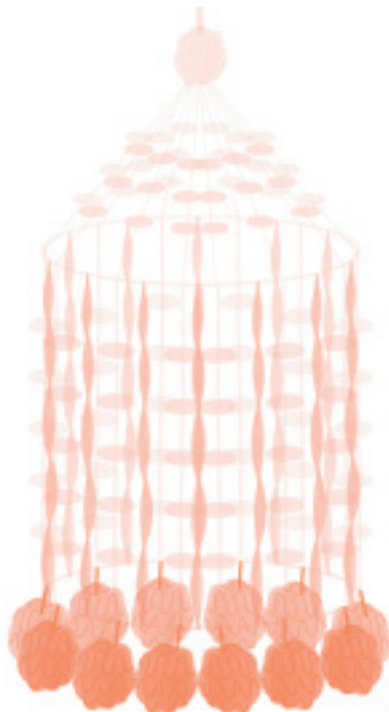
11 To make the fringe: 11 arms, cut 12 45cm strips of yellow crepe paper, 3cm in width. Make 2cm cuts all along one side, close together, to create the fringing. Glue the first strip to the upper hoop,





in a gap between two of the threaded middle arms, twist it five times and glue the end to the bottom hoop. Continue with the rest of the arms. Trim off any excess paper if necessary.

12 Attach the pompoms by gathering together 15 of the layers for the 12cm coral Kalinka Pompoms, and threading them onto a 30cm thread with a foil covered knot at one end. Cut a small square piece



of foil (7mm), wrap it around the thread and push it down inside the pompom so it stays round. Thread on one long piece of straw and then tie it to the bottom hoop, where one of the middle arms is attached. Make and attach the other coral pompoms the same way

13 Take the completed 10cm Kalinka Pompoms and attach them to both hoops as shown. I used one colour for each hoop. Tie them to the hoops where the arms are attached. Hold one of the pompom threads above the hoop, with the second one under it, pull them tight and make a double knot. Trim off any excess thread. Finished size will be 95x 50 cm. ●●● **Extracted from Making Mobiles: Create beautiful Polish pajaki from natural materials by Karolina Merska, published by Pavilion. £20**

