



Pom-pom balls for cats

Our cats and kittens love toys to play with and having fun toys stops them from getting bored while they are waiting to find their forever home. You can make pom-pom balls for our cats and kittens by following the instructions below.

Materials needed:

- > A piece of lightweight cardboard
- > A compass
(or a small and large circle template e.g. a glass and a coin will do)
- > Pen
- > Scissors
- > Wool



Instructions:

- 1 Start with two round, lightweight, flexible cardboard pieces, about 12 centimetres in diameter, with a hole cut out in the centre about 4 centimetres in diameter.



- 2 Wind wool into 2 little balls, small enough to fit through the centre hole of the cardboard pieces.

You can use different coloured wools for a multi-coloured ball.

- 3 a. Hold the flat cardboard rings together.



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- b.** Wind the wool tightly around the ring, pushing the ball through the centre as you wind around the surface of the ring.
 - c.** Continue until all balls of wool have been wound around the rings.
 - d.** Cut the wool around the outer edges by carefully sliding the blades of the scissors between the two flat cardboard pieces.
 - e.** Cut the wool by keeping the blades of the scissors between the cardboard pieces so that the wool is cut evenly.
 - f.** Before removing the cardboard pieces, slip a piece of wool between the rings and tie it tightly around the cut wool.
- 4** Pull the wool to the opposite side of the ball and tie tightly again, then repeat on the first side, tying 2-3 times to make the ball as secure as possible.
 - 5** Pull off the card rings and fluff out the ball. Trim off any straggly ends on the wool and cut the tie strings to match the length of the ball wool.