

Farm Animal Pom Poms

Here's a fun way to make farm animal pom poms.



You will need:

Kitchen roll tube cut in half,
Acrylic double knit yarn
(approx. 20g each)
Sharp scissors for yarn
Paper scissors
Sticky tape

Instructions

Here's how to make a single-colour farm animal. We'll show you how to make a black and white cow at the end.

- ① Using a paper roll tube, cut 2 slits approx. 3cm long directly opposite each other at one end.
- ② Cut 2 strands of yarn approx. 60cm each and place through slits in middle of tube. Fold back to other end off roll and tie in a loose knot, to keep out of the way.
(If you are sure you are using a strong yarn, then one strand will be sufficient.)



① Cut the slits 3cm in length.



② Place yarn through slits.



- ③ Wrap the yarn from the main ball around the tube. Don't pull too tight and try to keep the layers as even as you can.



- ④ Approximately 250 wraps gives a nice, thick pom pom, although you can do more if you wish. Don't get too close to the edge, so that the yarn doesn't fall off the end.



- ⑤ When finished wrapping, cut the yarn from the main ball and undo the loose knot in the 2 strands underneath the wraps.



- ⑥ Bring each side over the wraps and knot together across the cut-out grooves of the tube.

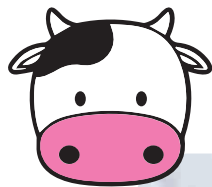


- ⑦ Pull the strands together as tightly as you can and do a double knot.

The knotting of a pom pom is the most important part! If it is too loose it will fall apart. Sometimes it helps to get someone to put a finger on the first knot of the double, to keep it held tight.



- ⑧ Ease the pom pom off the tube carefully. Wrap the strands around the centre again and do another tight double knot so that the pom pom now looks like a complete circle.



To make the Friesian cow

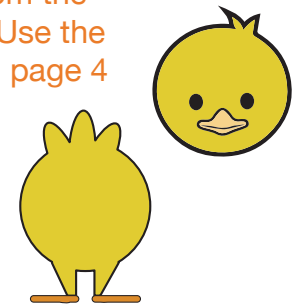


- ⑨ Now cut the loops of the pom pom on both sides as shown. This is best done with sharp scissors, so should be done by an adult.

Don't worry if your pom pom looks a bit untidy at this stage. It will look much better after a hair cut!



- ⑩ Now your pom pom will need a trim, which is best done over a waste bin. Then it's the fun part! Add your favourite animal faces and tails from the following pages. Use the coloured ones on page 4 or colour in the ones on page 5. Then stick onto your pom pom.



Do 150 wraps of white and then 15 wraps of black, keeping the black close together in one area. Cut off the black from the ball and continue with the white for another 85 wraps, covering the black. Continue as for a single coloured pom pom.

