

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Are you ready for some fun creating fuzzy, tickly, pompoms? These ornamental round tufts of yarn, are easy to make and even more fun to decorate. The reason they are so much fun is that they can be made into many different and colorful pompon arts. You could make a couple of them and put them together to make a snowman friend. Hang them from a string for seasonal window or tree ornaments. You could even add a face and make silly creatures or animals. Or add one to your favorite hat to make it all your own!



1-Cut two same-size circles from cardboard or a cereal box. Use a can to trace the circle shapes. Trace a smaller circle in the center of each of the larger circles. Cut out the center circles. It is easier to cut out a small circle, by first cutting an X-slot. Try to make the circles the same size to get an even pompon.

2- Now take a very long length of yarn and begin winding it around both circles. Put the end down through the center, wrap it around the edge and bring it back over the top, pulling it just a little tight. You can tie a knot through the first wrap around just to hold the yarn in place. Continue going around and around, bringing the strings close to each other, until the whole ring is full. You can add different colors by tying another length of yarn on. If you run short, add another length in the same manner. You need a bit of patience and take your time to make it neat and fill in all the spaces on the rings. If you want to take a break, put the whole ring with the yarn in a plastic bag or plastic box, for safe-keeping.

3-When the ring is full, carefully, cut around the edge through all the strings you wrapped. Hold the middle and take your time to keep the strings intact. Then pass a short length of yarn through the middle of the two rings and tie a knot as tight as possible. Go around twice to secure the knot. Then pull off the rings gently, to use again. Fluff up the pompon and you are all set to create a fluffy, fun gift or toy.

**Be well and remember, no fuzzy pompon tickles!**

**Ms. Susan**

