



HOLIDAY TAKE-HOME KIT: MAKE A POM-POM

This take-home kit is provided by Calgary Public Library to help you and your family have a fun and engaging time together, both at home and out in the community. It's yours to keep!

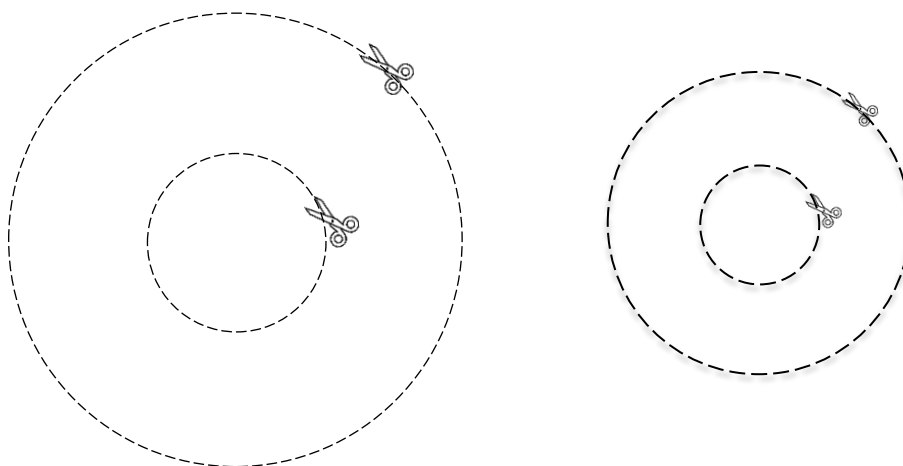
MATERIALS INCLUDED

- Yarn
- Thin cardboard
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Needle
- Jingle bells or beads

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make your pom-pom template.
 - a. Cut out one of the pom-pom templates below. Trace it onto the cardboard to make two rings the same size.
 - b. Cut out the cardboard rings and place one on top of the other.
2. Make your pom-pom.
 - a. Cut a long piece of yarn and thread it onto the needle. Holding the two rings together, start wrapping the yarn around them. Feed the needle through the hole in the centre, wrap it around the outside, then come back up through the centre of the cardboard, over and over again.
 - b. When your yarn runs out, cut another piece and continue wrapping. You can use the same yarn or try another colour. Wrap around the ring until the centre is full.
 - c. When your ring is full, slip the scissors between the cardboard pieces and cut all the yarn layers around the outer edge of the ring.

- d. Cut a new piece of yarn about 60 cm long and wrap it around the pom-pom so it fits between the two cardboard rings. Pull it tight around the centre of the pom-pom so it catches all the yarn you just cut. Tie a knot or two to secure it.
- e. Thread jingle bells or beads (or both!) onto the ends of the yarn you just tied and tie another knot to secure them.
- f. Cut or tear the cardboard and remove it from the pom-pom. Trim the edges of the pom-pom if they are uneven.
- g. Recycle or reuse the leftover materials. They are yours to keep!



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Empty cereal boxes make great pom-pom templates. Make different sizes of templates by tracing cups, soup cans, coins, or use a compass to draw your own circles.
- Combine different types of yarn, lace, or ribbon to make unique and interesting pom-poms.
- Make a fluffy insect, animal, or imaginary creature. Tie the centre of the pom-pom with a pipe cleaner instead of yarn. Bend the ends of the pipe cleaner to form antennae, legs, or arms. Using felt or paper, cut out eyes, wings, or other features and glue in place.