



## Mouse Pom Pom Maker

### Materials You Will Need:

Paper

Cardboard or laminator sheets.

Wool - mouse colored and black

V. small piece of material ideally felt for the mouse ears.

Glue

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Download and print out the following template. You can then stick the template onto some cardboard (cereal packets are ideal) or laminate it. Once this is done fold it in half along the dotted line as indicated and cut out. Although only one set of ears is needed.

2. I have included two sets of ears in case you do not have any material and want to use these coloured printed versions. If you do have some felt or material just use one set of the ears as shape templates.



2. Going back to the pom pom you should now have two double thickness half circles. For each shape you then wind the mouse colored wool around the central part. It is important to not over wind as it becomes very difficult to cut through later on, and also best not to wrap it too tight. We found wrapping each half by about 140 times was sufficient.



3. Once the wool has been wrapped you need to cut along the fold on the template and bend those parts back so that if you place the two wrapped parts together they form a complete circle.
4. The next part is a bit fiddly so it is useful if someone else can help but not necessary. You need to cut down the outside of both the circles of wool and then tie a bit of wool around it all between the cardboard. Before it gets fully tightened you need to loop in the two sets of ears and also one single strand of black wool. Once this is all in place you can tighten the string up.



5. Now it is ready to trim. Don't worry even the messiest pom pom can be neatened up with a good haircut.
  - Leave one of the strands of wool that you tied round the centre of the mouse long as this can become the tail.
  - With the black piece of wool you tie a big knot so that becomes the mouse's nose at the other end cut it down fairly short and tie with another knot so it gets lost in the middle of the mouse.

- The ears should be looped through but then each half of each ear needs sticking together. Also they might need trimming so that they poke up nicely from the head.
- Just trim the rest of the wool so you have a nice round ball shape.



If you have made with just the wool and material you now have a soft ball that can be played with. As always young ones will still need to be supervised because of smaller parts.

