

MAKE YOUR OWN

POMPOM ROBINS

This Robin pompom is just the sweetest thing. Each one seems to have it's own distinct character. Trim lots for a grown up looking bird or leave untrimmed for a cute fledgling feel!



YOU WILL NEED

// Red, Light brown, dark brown and black yarn. (Try Paintbox DK from Lovecrafts.com)

// Plastic Pompom maker. (These instructions use a 7cm one but you can make robins in all sizes, just vary the number of wraps of yarn for the red breast and light brown area.)

// 30cm strong hanging thread,

// yellow felt, brown felt // glue gun // scissors // large yarn needle



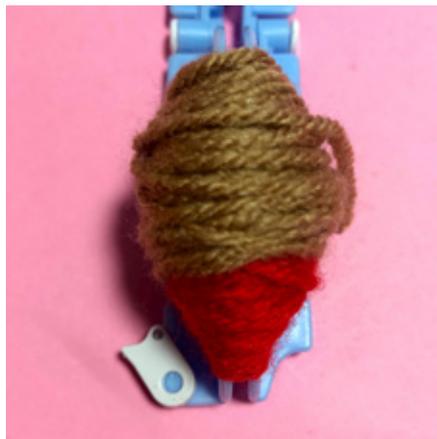
Wind red yarn between the 2nd and 3rd holes on one half of the maker



Wind about 40 times back and forth over this area, gradually decreasing the width to create a wedge shape



Starting at the middle of the maker, wind light brown yarn half way over the red.



Continue to wind about 30 times over the top of the red.



Use the dark brown yarn to fill either side of the maker.



Continue to cover all the red and light brown yarn, then fill the second half of the maker with the dark brown yarn.



Cut through the yarn to expose the plastic makers.



Take the hanging thread and insert it between the two halves of the maker. Tie one knot at the bottom of the robin. Wrap the thread back around the maker and tie a tight double knot at the top.

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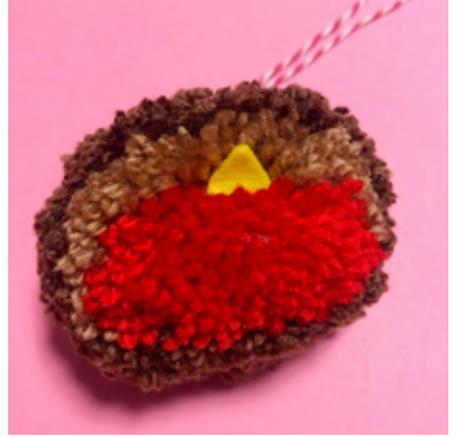
1. Don't pull the yarn too tight when winding. This makes it hard to cut through the yarn later.
2. The more you trim the more defined the colours become.
3. If you have some stray strands of yarn in the wrong place simply pull them out.



Remove from the maker. Trim the pom-pom to define the red breast.



Fold a small piece of yellow felt in half and cut a triangle shaped beak.



Keep the beak folded and add a little glue to the back of the fold. Insert between the red and light brown yarn.



TO MAKE THE EYES: Take a 20cm length of black yarn, fold in half and then tie a knot in the middle. Thread the 4 tails of yarn through the needle.



Sew the eyes through the robin body. Push in between the red and the light brown yarn and pull through. Cut away excess wool. Repeat for 2nd eye



Cut two wing shapes from brown felt (cut a paper template first to get a matching pair.)



Glue the wings in place on either side of the robin



Make a whole family - use the different size makers for different size robins.

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