

# Make a pom-pom bee

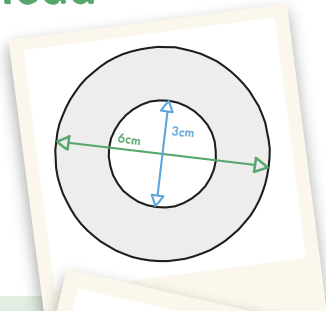


## You will need...

- Cardboard (an old cereal box works well)
- Ruler
- Compass and pencil for drawing circles
- Scissors
- Black yarn
- Yellow yarn
- A darning needle (thick needle with a big eye and a rounded end)
- 2 x buttons or beads for eyes
- Strong thread or thin string
- Pipe cleaners for wings
- Pipe cleaners or twisty ties for antennae

## First make the head

- 1 Mark out and cut out two rings of cardboard – outside diameter 6cm and inside diameter 3cm.

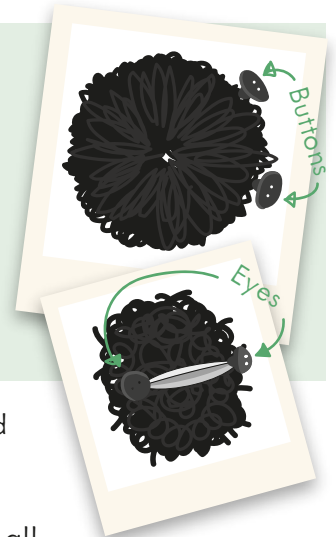


- 2 Put both rings together and wrap black yarn around the rings, gradually building up in layers as neatly as you can.



- 3 You can start by using small balls of the yarn, but as the layers build up your rings will start to look more like a fat doughnut. As the hole in the centre gets smaller, you'll need to cut lengths of yarn and thread them through using the darning needle instead.

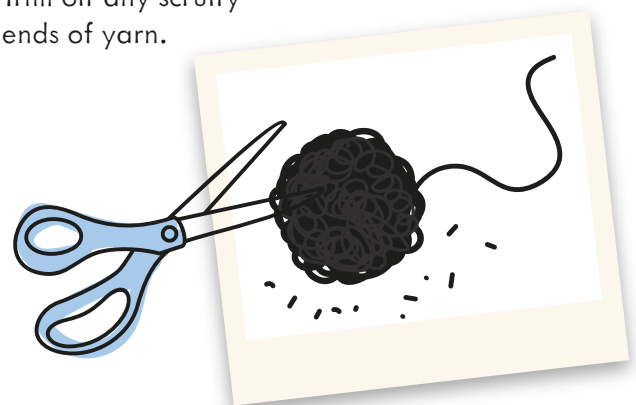
- 4 On the final layer of yarn, just as the hole is getting really small, thread two buttons or beads onto the outside edge of your rings a little way apart, for the eyes.



- 5 For this part you'll need sharp scissors, so get a grown-up to help if needed... Carefully cut all around the edge of your rings, getting the scissors in between the two pieces of cardboard, but being careful not to cut through the loops that are holding the eyes.

- 6 Tie a strong piece of thread around between the two cardboard rings and tie it as tightly as possible. Leave the long ends for now. Carefully cut off the cardboard rings.

- 7 Trim off any scruffy ends of yarn.



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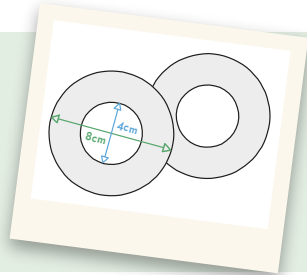
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## Next make the stripy body

- 1 Mark out and cut out two rings of cardboard – outside diameter 8cm and inside diameter 4cm.



- 2 Put both rings together and wrap black yarn around the rings. Build up two layers.



- 3 Switch to the yellow yarn and build up two layers over the top of the black.

- 4 Switch back to black yarn and carry on building up the layers until you can't do any more.

- 5 Here comes the cutting part again, so get a grown-up to help if you need to. Carefully cut all around the edge of your rings, getting the scissors in between the two pieces of cardboard.

- 6 Tie a strong piece of thread around in between the two cardboard rings and tie it as tightly as possible.

- 7 Attach the bee's head. Thread the long ends through the darning needle and stitch this through the centre of the bee's body.



- 8 Carefully cut off the cardboard rings.

- 9 Trim off any scruffy ends of yarn.

- 10 Loop pipe cleaners into wing shapes and poke them into the pom-pom body.

- 11 Bend a twisty tie or pipe cleaner into antenna and poke them through the pom-pom head.

- 12 If you want to hang your bee, thread some yarn or thin elastic through the body using the darning needle.

