

# Make a pom-pom ladybird

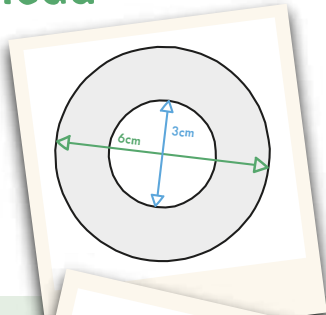


## You will need...

- Cardboard (an old cereal box works well)
- Ruler
- Compass and pencil for drawing circles
- Scissors
- Black yarn
- Red 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 or cord for legs and antennae

## First make the head

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

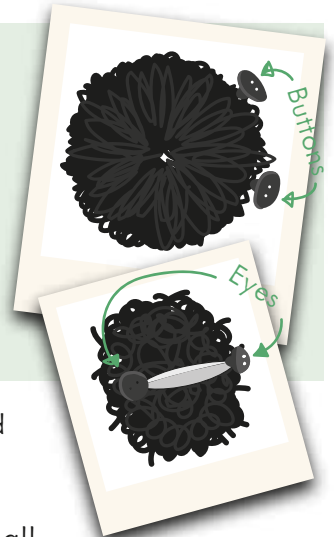


- 2 Put both rings together and wrap black yarn around the rings, gradually building up in layers as neatly as you can.



- 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.

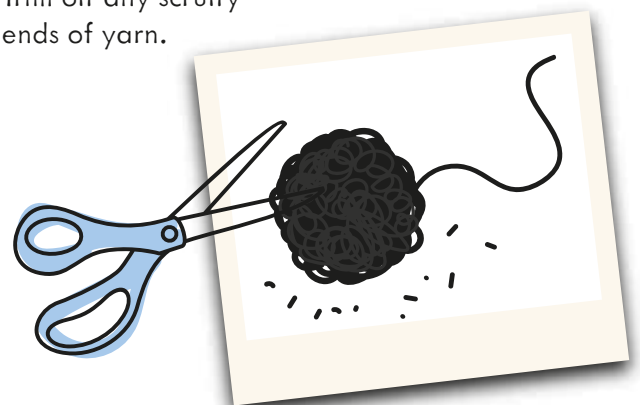
- 4 On the final layer of yarn, just as the hole is getting really small, thread two buttons or beads onto the outside edge of your rings a little way apart, for the eyes.



- 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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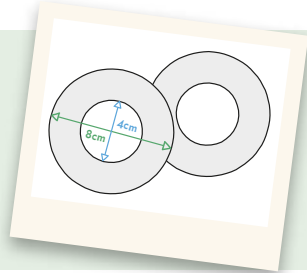
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## Next make the spotty body

- 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 one quarter section of the rings. Build up two layers.

- 3 Fill in around the rest of the rings with two layers of red yarn.

- 4 Now add to layers of black yarn into two small sections opposite the larger black section.



- 5 Build up the larger black section with another two layers of black yarn then complete by finishing off all the way round with red yarn, going around the rings to try and build up evenly all round.



- 6 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.

- 7 Tie a strong piece of cord around between the two cardboard rings and tie it as tightly as possible. The ends of this can form its middle legs.



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

- 9 Carefully cut off the cardboard rings.

- 10 Trim off any scruffy ends of yarn.

- 11 Thread two pieces of cord through the ladybird's pom-pom body to make front and back legs.

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

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

