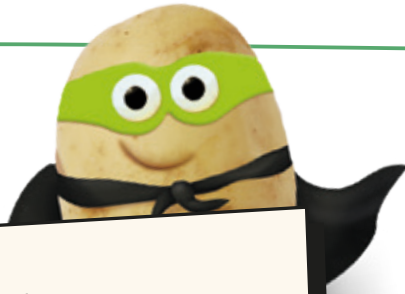


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You will need...

- Cardboard (an old cereal box works well)
- Ruler
- Compass and pencil for drawing circles
- Scissors
- Coloured yarn (we used green for the back and different colours for each tummy section)
- A darning needle (thick needle with a big eye and a rounded end)

- Strong thread or thin string
- 10 x 30cm Pipe cleaners
- Double-sided sticky tape

1 pair cardboard circle rings:

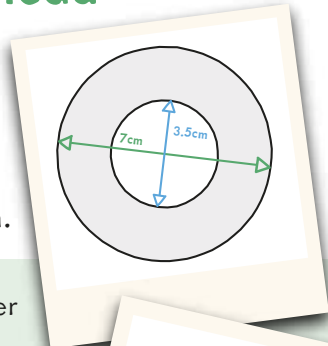
- 7cm diameter outside
- 3.5cm diameter inside

3 pairs x cardboard circle rings:

- 6cm diameter outside
- 2.75cm diameter inside

First make the head

- 1 Mark out and cut out two rings of cardboard – outside diameter 7cm and inside diameter 3.5cm.

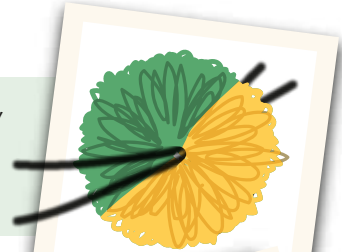


- 2 Put both rings together and wrap green yarn halfway around the rings. On the other half use another colour. Gradually build up in layers as neatly as you can.



- 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.

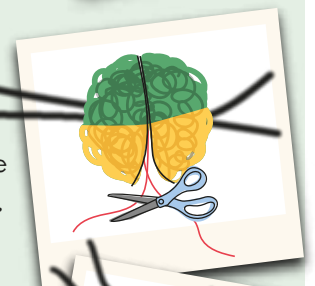
- 4 When the hole is really small slide two pipe cleaners through it.



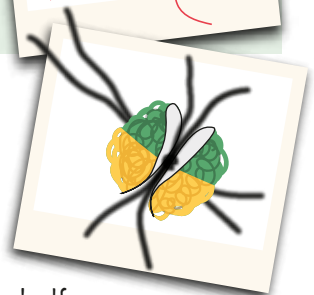
- 5 For this part you'll need sharp scissors, so get a grown-up to help if needed... Carefully cut all around the edge of your rings, getting the scissors in between the two pieces of cardboard.



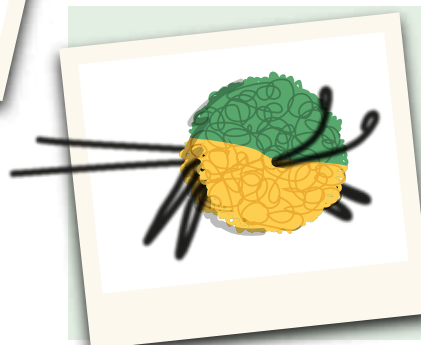
- 6 Tie a strong piece of thread around in between the two cardboard rings and tie it as tightly as possible. Trim off the ends.



- 7 Wrap two pipe cleaners around over the top of the thread and twist into a single knot, leaving the ends sticking out to each side. Bend each one over in half, tuck the sharp end into the centre of the pom-pom and twist to make a leg. There will be two pairs of legs on each section. Carefully cut off the cardboard rings.



- 8 Leave around 6cm of pipe cleaner stuck out at one end for antennae and bend the ends over so they aren't sharp.

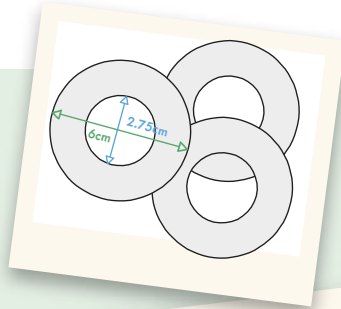


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Next make the three body sections

- 1 Mark out and cut out three pairs of cardboard rings – outside diameter 6cm and inside diameter 2.75cm.

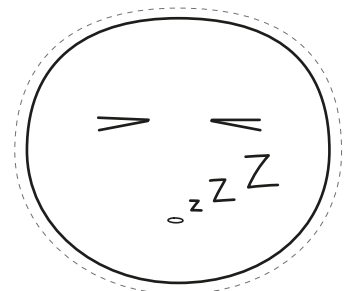
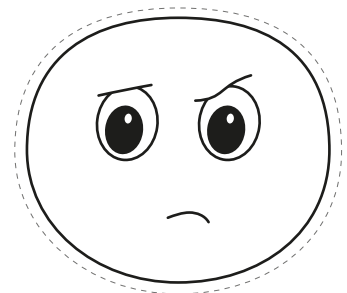
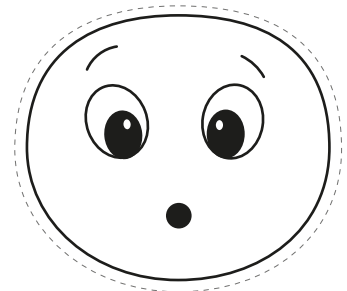
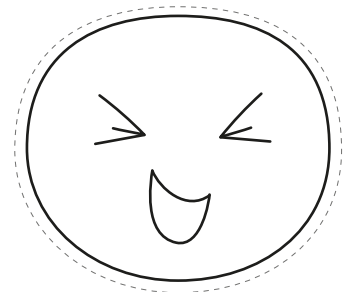
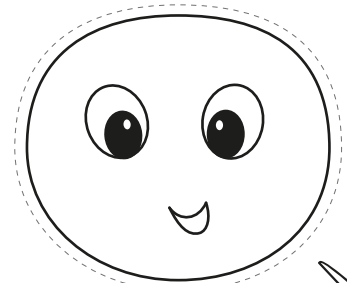
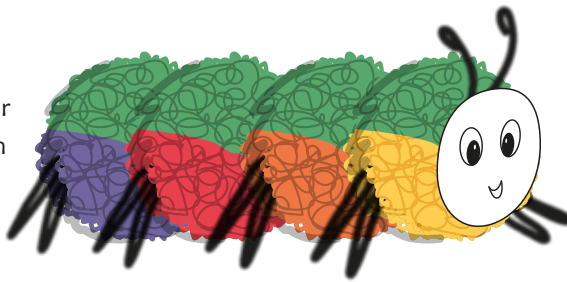


- 2 Repeat steps 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Sliding each new pom-pom onto the pipe cleaners so they fit together quite tightly. When the last one is on, bend over the two ends of pipe cleaner and twist them to make the back legs.



- 3 Trim off any scruffy ends of yarn.

- 4 Choose a face for your caterpillar and stick it on with double-sided tape.



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