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Ben Franklin Crafts
POM POM STRAWBERRY

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MATERIALS & TOOLS

- Red Yarn
- Light Pink/Peach yarn
- Green Yarn
- Pom Pom Maker* or Sturdy Cardboard
- Scissors

NOTE: The sample shown was made using Sugar 'n Cream Yarns (Red #77641050, Tangerine #30105523 and Mod Green #30105516)

*Ben Franklin Crafts carries several brands of pom pom making tools.



INSTRUCTIONS



1. **NOTE:** If you are using a Pom Pom Maker tool, skip this step.

Make a DIY tool for pom pom making using sturdy cardboard.

Use a DVD or similar to trace a 4 1/2" circle. Then, trace a smaller 2" circle on the inside, like a donut.

Then cut out the inner circle, creating an open space as shown. Make two of these cardboard pieces.

2. Hold the two cardboard templates together. Wind the red yarn around the cardboard about 50 times. Make sure you wind the yarn neatly going side by side and back and forth.

3. Take the lighter pink yarn and wind around 4 times, then move over a little leaving some space and wind 4 more times. Move over again and wind 4 more times.

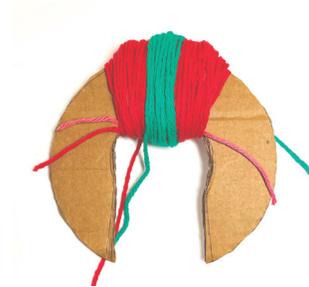
7. Slowly gather up the green yarn between the cardboard. Tie the two ends together, bunching all the yarn together into a pom pom and remove from the cardboard.

8. Take the scissors and trim the yarn down into the strawberry shape.
NOTE: You will be cutting off a lot of yarn to make the full pom pom.

9. Carefully trim the green yarn for the leaves but be careful not to cut the longer tie strands.

You can use this as a decoration as is or add a clip and add it on a bag, backpack or even luggage.

INSTRUCTIONS (Continued)



4. Take the red yarn again and wind 50 more times, covering the light pink yarn.

Repeat this red then light pink pattern two more times.

Lastly, take the green yarn and wind in the center about 15 - 20 times.

Cut the yarn from the skeins.



5. Take a 24" length of the green yarn and fold it in half so it is doubled. This is for tying up the pom pom.

From the opening end, slip the yarn in between the two pieces of the cardboard, stopping where the yarn is wound around the cardboard. Leave equal tails on each side.



6. Wedge the scissors between the cardboard templates and carefully snip the yarn apart at the top, working your way from one end to the other. Hold the yarn to the cardboard.