

How to Make a Pom-Pom Flower Bouquet: A Step-by-Step Guide for Activity Directors

Part 1: Making Pom-Poms

Materials Needed:

- Yarn (various colors)
- Scissors
- Cardboard or a pom-pom maker

Instructions:

1. **Cut a Small Cardboard Circle**: If you're not using a pom-pom maker, cut a circle out of cardboard, approximately 3-4 inches in diameter. Cut a small circle in the middle and a slit from the outside to the inner circle.
2. **Wrap the Yarn**: Hold the end of the yarn against the cardboard circle and begin wrapping the yarn around it. The more yarn you wrap, the denser the pom-pom will be.
3. **Cut the Yarn**: Once you've wrapped enough yarn, cut the end and carefully slide the scissors between the cardboard and the yarn. Cut through the yarn all the way around.
4. **Tie It Off**: Cut a separate piece of yarn and tie it tightly around the middle of the cut yarn. This will form your pom-pom, so make sure it's secure.
5. **Remove and Trim**: Take the pom-pom off the cardboard circle and trim any uneven strands to make it round.

Part 2: Making the Flower Bouquet

Materials Needed:

- Pom-Poms (various sizes and colors)
- Wooden skewers or dowels
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Optional: Green felt for leaves
- Optional: Vase or jar for display

Instructions:

1. **Prepare Stems**: Take a wooden skewer or dowel and optionally wrap it in green yarn or paint it green for a more stem-like appearance.

2. ****Glue Pom-Poms****: Use a hot glue gun to carefully attach a pom-pom to the tip of each skewer. Hold in place until the glue cools and hardens.

3. ****Add Leaves****: Cut leaf shapes from green felt and hot glue them to the skewers, if desired.

4. ****Arrange the Bouquet****: Once all your "flowers" are ready, arrange them in a vase or jar. Use tissue paper or real leaves to fill out the arrangement, if needed.

5. ****Voila!****: Your pom-pom flower bouquet is complete and ready for display!

****Pro Tip****: This activity can be spread out over a week or two. One session could be for making the pom-poms, and another for assembling the flowers.