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This pom pom wreath is so simple and a great make in the run up to Christmas with the young crafters in your life. I've made mine using green yarn but raid your stash and use any left-over wool and spare baubles or trims to create a colourful decoration.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- Metal Frames – The frames shown came from Hobbycraft and cost a few pounds each, but you could recycle some metal coat hangers.
- Wool – This example uses some double-knit acrylic, but any left-over yarn can be used. If you combine colours and weights, then you will be able to create speckled pom poms with a variety of textures.
- Baubles – A few cheap plastic baubles or some recycled decorations.
- Ribbon – A short length to hang your finished wreath.



TOOLS

- Scissors
- Frame for wrapping the wool – a spare tapestry frame or large picture frame works well. It may also be possible to wrap the wool around the legs of a kitchen chair.
- Pom Pom makers – optional if you wish to make individual coloured pom poms.



The fastest way to make a batch of pom poms is to start by winding your wool around a frame. For a double-knit yarn, you need approximately 170 wraps for a decent pom pom. The more turns, or the thicker the wool, the denser the pom pom – it just come down to preference.



Cut some long lengths of either string or yarn and tie these evenly along the length of your wrapped wool. The closer together the ties, the smaller the pom poms. Try and tie the bundles as tightly as possible to stop the pom poms falling apart!



To separate the pom poms cut between each of the ties. Try and cut roughly in the centre to create an even pom pom. Roll them in your hands to fluff them up and trim around the edges to round off the shape. Don't snip the long ties off as you will need these to attach them to the frame.



Take your pom poms and simply tie them onto your frame. Don't worry if they are a little uneven or different sizes, it gives character to the wreath. If you have some spare baubles or trimmings, tie these to the wreath as well to give a little twinkle. Finally tie a length of ribbon to your finished wreath and hang it up.