

How-To Make Pom Pom Earrings

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Materials for the pom pom:

- Yarn
- Fork
- Scissors

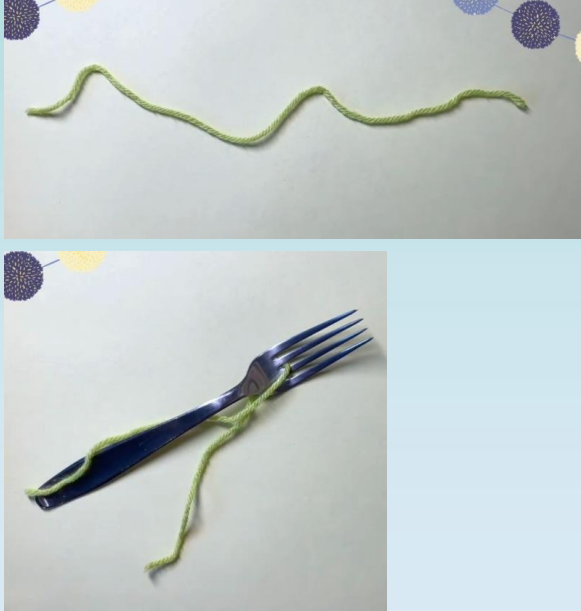
Materials for the earrings:

- Jump rings (x2)
- Eye pins [45mm-50 mm] (x2)
- Earring hooks (x2)
- Pliers [jewelry or smooth needle nose] (x2)

Optional materials for decoration:

- Felt
- Googly eyes
- Yarn in different colors

Steps for the pom poms:

<p>1. Cut a piece of yarn, about 6", and place it in between the middle prongs of the fork. You'll use this yarn piece later.</p>	
<p>2. Take the end of the yarn from the</p>	

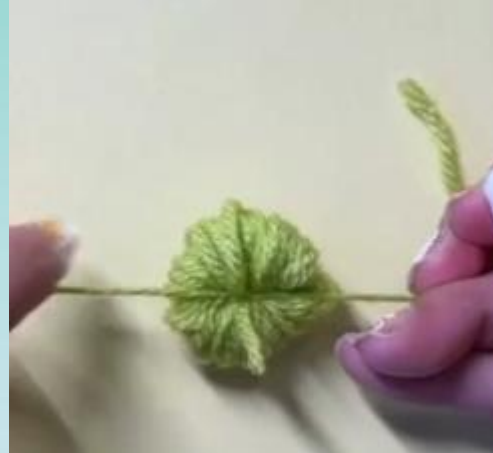
skein and start wrapping around the fork about 40-50 times. Snip off the yarn after wrapping.



3. Use the piece of yarn from step 1 and tie a loose knot around the wrapped bundle of yarn. Slip it gently off the fork.



4. Now tighten the knot as much as you can. Flip the bundle over and tie another tight knot. Make one more knot to secure it.



5. Grab scissors and cut the loops of the bundle. This will form the ends of the pom poms.



6. Trim the pom pom until it is the desired shape. Fluff it up and roll it between your hands to shape it as well. *Helpful cleaning hint: Place a sheet of paper underneath to catch the trimmings.*



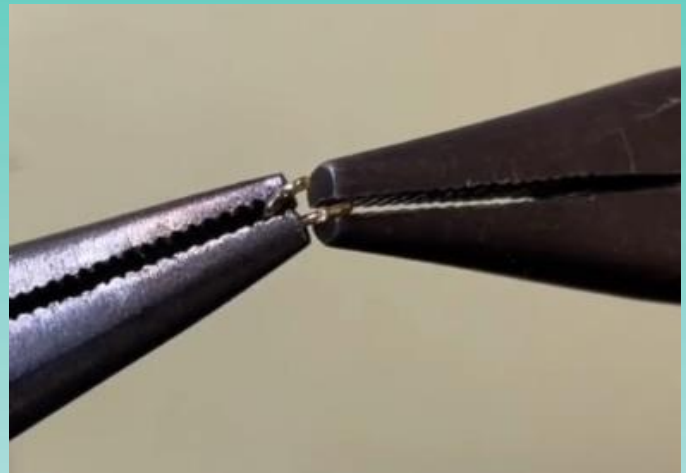
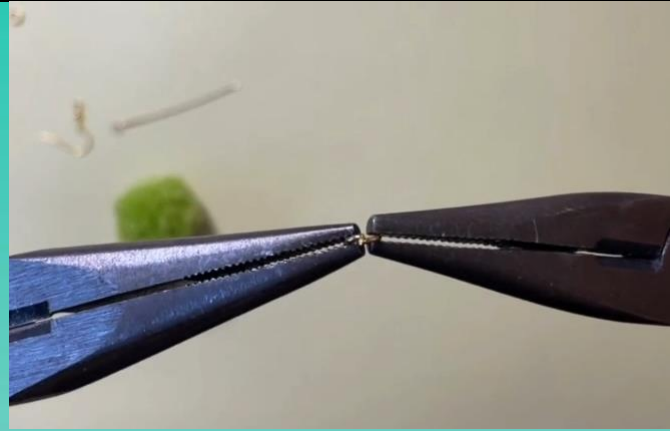
7. Repeat steps 1-6 to make another pom pom.



Steps for the earrings:

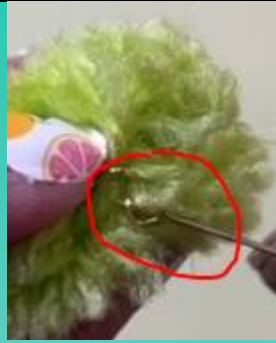
1. Open the jump ring: Clamp a plier on one side of the ring and clamp another on the other side, making sure the

gap of the ring is at the top and centered; twist the pliers in opposite directions (one toward you and one away from you) to open the ring.



2. Attach the eye pin to the pom pom: Take your pom pom and find the piece of yarn you used to tie it in the middle. Slip the open jump ring around the yarn. Hook the eye pin to an open end of the jump ring. Use pliers to pinch the jump ring closed.





3. Attach the earring hook:
Clamp a plier at the top of the eye pin (it should be straight end of it) and twist it down to create a curve. Slip the earring hook around the newly created curve. Use pliers to pinch the curve closed so that the earring hook does not slip out.





4. Repeat steps 1-3 with another pom pom to complete your set of earrings.



Earring Variations!

Felt and Hot Glue:

Use felt to add embellishments to your pom poms. Hot glue works well to attach the felt. Example of Grogu-themed earrings (add pointy ears to the pom pom).



Googly Eyes:

Use googly eyes to transform your earrings into whimsical creatures. The example shows Soot Sprites from the movie *Totoro*.



Multicolor:

Use different color yarn to create fun multicolor earrings. In the example, red and yellow yarn were wrapped around the fork at the same time.



Pins:

If you don't want to make earrings, you can attach a pin back to the pom pom with hot glue to create pins instead. See example for Minnie and Mickey pins.

