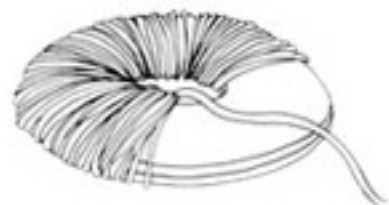




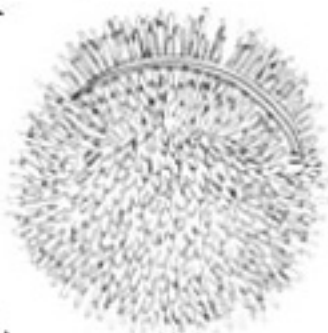
POM POM MOUSE

Squeak! squeak! squeak! The tailor of Gloucester sits the mice on his dresser free and in return they finish sewing his coat while he is ill. Here's how to make your own friendly pom pom mouse!

You will need: A compass, stiff card, scissors, white wool, pink wool, pink felt scraps, black felt scraps, brown thread.



1. Using the compasses, draw two circles on stiff card each measuring 9cm (3.5 inches) across. Then draw a smaller circle 3cm (1 inch) wide inside each big circle. Cut out the circles, both inner and outer, to make rings.
2. Stack one ring on top of the other wind wool around them until, they are thickly covered and the hole in the centre gets smaller. Use several lengths of wool instead of one long piece.
3. Cut through the wool, between the two rings. Slip a piece of wool between the rings. Tie it tightly, then slide off the rings.
4. Make a smaller pom pom in the same way, using rings 6cm, (2.4 inches) across with centres 2cm, (3/4 inch) wide. Glue the smaller pom pom on top of the large pom pom for the mouse's head.



5. Draw the mouse's feet on pink felt. Cut out the feet and glue them to the bottom of the mouse. Tie a longer piece of pink wool to one of the strands of white wool to make the tail.
6. Cut out a small circle of pink felt and sew on a few strands of brown thread at either side to make whiskers. Glue it to the head for the nose. Glue on two tiny circles of black felt eyes. Cut out two small semi-circles of pink felt and glue them to the top of the head to make the mouse's ears.



Top tips:

If you don't have compasses tie a piece of string to pencil. Hold the end of the string taut and arc the pencil round to draw a circle.

Try making a furry Peter Rabbit from brown wool or a fuzzy Tom Kitten from grey wool.