

## Pom Pom Keychains

**Let's create!** Transform some yarn and an old keychain into a brand new pom pom keychain, perfect for a quick upgrade to an old keychain, or as a gift! In the video, Kelsey makes a simple pom pom, but once you learn the basics, you can create tons of different shapes! What will you make?



### How-to video

<https://youtu.be/T-K8NrVjc-o>

### Materials:

- Yarn
- Scissors
- An old keychain hoop

### Steps:

1. **Cut a length of yarn.** This will be used to tie-up your pom pom bundle, so cut about a foot of yarn and place horizontally in front of you on your workspace.
2. **Start wrapping.** Now you begin making your pom pom! Begin wrapping your yarn around 3-4 fingers depending on how big your hands are. The bigger the surface you wrap, the larger the pom pom can be. Wrap one layer of yarn, and then work your way back to your starting point with the next layer, being careful and keeping your wrapping even and tidy. The more you wrap, the larger your pom pom can be, and the more you can trim down. Try starting out wrapping 100 times and decide from there if you want more layers.
3. **Carefully remove the bundle.** Once you're done wrapping, carefully remove the bundle and place on top of your length of yarn, keeping the bundle oriented the same way it was on your hand.



4. **Tie bundle with length of yarn.** Make sure to tie your length of yarn really tight around the bundle! Try out a square knot: hold the length and tie the first knot placing the right side over the left side, feeding it under and pulling tight, then do it again but placing the left side over the right this time. Pull tight, and you'll have made a square knot.
5. **Cut one side of the length of yarn.** One side will become part of your pom pom, and one side will be attached to your keychain hoop. Cut down one side to match the length of the pom pom loops.
6. **Cut through loops.** Tuck the long side of your length of yarn in between your fingers to keep it safe, and hold up your pom pom bundle vertically. Begin to cut through the loops of yarn. It'll look like a koosh ball when you've cut through them all! Grab a trusted adult if you need help with scissors and cutting.
7. **Trim and shape.** Trim trim trim! The more you trim your pom pom, the fluffier it gets! In the video, Kelsey trimmed her pom pom into the shape of a ball, but you can try trimming yours into different shapes.
8. **Attach to keychain hoop.** Once your pom pom is the shape and size you want, use a square knot again to attach the pom pom to the keychain hoop.
9. **Voila!** You did it! What else will you create?

**Going Further:** You can use the techniques to create a basic pom pom to go even further and create works of yarn art! Create different shapes, combine shapes, alternate yarn colors within the same pom pom to create limitless types of pom poms. Your imagination is the limit!

**Caregiver Tip:**

Try asking your learner some open-ended questions to get the sharing started!

What was your favorite part of the process?

What was the most challenging part of the process?

What is your favorite part of your finished pom pom?

What would you do differently the next time?