

Pompom snowball

Age: 7-9 Group size: 10

Duration: 20 mins x 6



Preparation time: 20 mins

Resources

- Card circles – 2 per pompom
- White wool – 1 metre lengths
- White wool 30cms lengths (one per pompom)
- scissors



Preparation

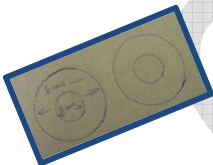
This activity would suit a lunch time club.

The snowball will look much better if some money is spent on glittery wool. The wool used in the pompom illustrated is Sirdar Zanzibar shade 0828, try local wool shops.



Make the card circles; you will need 2 for each snowball.

Layer 2 circles, one measuring 6cms diameter (base of a drinking glass) and the other 2cms (cork). Draw around them both. Cut around the large circle and then cut out the centre circle. Repeat to make a second circle, and sandwich the 2 circles together.



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Activity

Hold the end of a long piece of wool against the top circle. Wind the rest of the wool over the top of the circle and back through the centre hole, covering the end of the thread, do this several times until the end of the thread is held in place. Continue to wind the wool around the circle. It is better to get a routine of weaving in one direction so that the snowball keeps its shape.



When one piece of wool ends, hold it against the card as at the start and then put the new thread on top of it, wind the new wool around both strands several times to hold in place. Continue to wind wool until the centre circle is full.



The next step should be done by an adult. Cut into the rim of the circle until you reach the card sandwich. Push one of the scissor blades between the 2 layers of card and cut around the rim. Tie the shorter piece of wool around the centre between the 2 card layers. You may want to change to string or use different wool as it needs to be strong. Tie the wool tightly, then tear away the card circles, leaving a fluffy pompom.

