



FRESHLY TRIMMED

Jess Gladwish shares five new ways with pom poms



STRAWBERRY POM POM



HOOP EARRINGS



MELON POM POM



BAG CHARM



HOW TO MAKE POM POM ACCESSORIES

MATERIALS

- Pink, green, white and black DK yarn (supplied inside your kit)
- Small pom pom maker (supplied inside your kit)
- One pair of hoop earrings

Always wondered how to make those next-level plump pom poms with fancy colour effects and shapes? We're here to unravel those crafty mysteries.

You'll need sharp scissors and this issue's pom pom kit to create one of these makes, and when you run out of yarn, get creative with your own stash. Once you've got the basic technique down, have fun experimenting with stripes and speckles in all different shades.

Fruit pom poms
Strawberry

- 01 Wrap the **green yarn** five times around the hinged end of one half of the pom pom maker.
- 02 Wrap the pink yarn 100 times around the same half of the pom pom maker, covering the green

yarn. Occasionally wrap in some black yarn – up to five times in total. To **create a cone** shape, wrap thicker towards the green end. Repeat this step on the other half of the pom pom maker.

- 03 Close the pom pom maker and **cut all the way** around with a pair of small, sharp scissors.
- 04 Cut a 30cm (11 $\frac{7}{8}$ ") length of green yarn and fold it in half. Tie it around the middle of the pom pom, **knitting it tightly** at the green end. Remove the pom pom maker and trim the ties so they're left slightly longer than the green pom pom strands.
- 05 Trim the pink area to create a **cone shape**, avoiding cutting any of the green yarn. If it doesn't look right straightaway, just keep trimming. Finish by cutting the

green yarn to resemble leaf shapes, referring to the image as a guide.

Watermelon

- 06 Wind the pink yarn 90 times **around one half** of the pom pom maker, leaving a 1mm gap either side while occasionally adding in black yarn – six wraps maximum.
- 07 Wrap white yarn 30 times onto the same half of the pom pom maker, **filling in** the 1mm gaps.
- 08 Move onto the other half of the pom pom maker and wrap the **green yarn** around 120 times.
- 09 Close the pom pom maker and **cut all the way** around with small, sharp scissors.
- 10 Cut a 30cm (11 $\frac{7}{8}$ ") length of green yarn and fold it in half. Tie this **around the middle** of the pom pom and knot tightly on the green

side. Finish by trimming the pom pom, making sure the pink side is flat and the green side is rounded.

Hoop earrings

- 11 Divide **all four** of the yarn colours into two, and set half of them aside for Step 17.
- 12 Cut a **30cm (11 $\frac{7}{8}$ ")** length of pink yarn and set aside.
- 13 Wrap the black yarn around the middle of **one half** of the pom pom maker 15 times.
- 14 On the same half of the pom pom maker, wrap the pink yarn around 50 times then wrap the **white yarn** around 25 times. Finish this side by wrapping the green yarn around 30 times.
- 15 On the second half of the pom pom maker, wrap the green yarn around 50 times. Next, wrap the

remaining white 15 times with gaps between each wrap – this will create a **speckle effect**. Finish this side with 50 turns of the pink yarn, then close the pom pom maker around one of the hoop earrings.

16 Cut around the pom pom maker. Fold the 30cm (11 $\frac{7}{8}$ ") length of pink yarn cut at Step 12 in half and secure **around the pom pom**. Remove the pom pom maker and trim the pom pom into a neat sphere shape.

17 Repeat Steps 11-16 for the **second hoop** earring.

Bag charm

- 18 Divide the green, black and white yarns into two. Wind one half of the **green yarn** around one half of the pom pom maker – 100 turns – while winding in the occasional

turn of black and white yarn. This will create the speckles in the pom pom. Repeat on the other side of the pom pom maker.

- 19 Close the pom pom maker and cut around the pom pom with sharp scissors. Cut two 30cm (11 $\frac{7}{8}$ ") lengths of pink yarn and fold each one in half to strengthen. Tie one around the pom pom, and tie the second around **the opposite side** of the pom pom. Undo the pom pom maker and trim, being careful not to cut the pink ties.
- 20 To make the tassel, cut another 30cm (11 $\frac{7}{8}$ ") length of pink yarn, fold it in half and set aside to use as a tie. **Wrap the pink yarn** 50 times around your outstretched fingers to create a loop. Cut the excess pink yarn, slide the loop off your fingers and fix together using the tie.



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21 Cut **through the loop** on the opposite side of the tie. Knot together one end of the ties on the pom pom and the tie from the tassel. Once knotted, trim the ties and tassel to your desired length.

Cherries

- 22** Wrap the white yarn six times **around the centre** of one half of the pom pom maker.
- 23** Cut the pink yarn into four equal lengths. Wind one length of pink yarn **50 times** around the centre of the pom pom maker – don't cover the whole half as these pom poms need to be smaller. Repeat this step on the opposite side of the pom pom maker with another of the pink yarn lengths.
- 24** Close the pom pom maker and cut all the way around with sharp

scissors. Cut a 60cm (23 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") length of green yarn and use one end of it to tie around the pom pom once, making sure it's at the opposite side to the area of white yarn. Then turn the pom pom **upside down** and tie towards the opposite side, double knotting.

- 25** Trim the pom pom into a small sphere and cut the shorter parts of the tie off. Repeat Steps 22-23 to **create a second pom pom**. Once done, close and cut around the other end of the green yarn to tie around the second pom pom. Leave 14cm (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") between the two pom poms once the second is tied.
- 26** Trim the second pom pom, then **tie a knot** in the middle of the length of green yarn to complete the cherry stalks.

MEET THE MAKER JESS GLADWISH



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