



POMPOM BAG & KEY CLIP

instructions v1.0

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welcome

Hello and welcome to the PomPom Bag & Key Clip instructions! I'm so glad you've decided to make one of these beauties - they're lots of fun and easy to do.

These little balls of happiness are wonderful to clip to your handbag, clutch or keys, and they always make me smile when I see them.

They make wonderful gifts - there's nothing better than receiving a gorgeous gift that has been made by someone special.

what we're making

We're making your PomPom Bag & Key Clip using chunky merino wool - the individual pieces of yarn that are twisted together in this yarn means your pompom will turn out full and lovely.

We'll use a Clover pompom maker to make your pompom making easy, and at the end we'll attach your pompom to a gorgeous clip.

sizes

The finished pompom is approximately 5cm (2in) in diameter, and the complete length of the pompom and clip is 7cm (2.8in).

if you need help

If you've got any questions while you're making your PomPom Bag & Key Clip simply post your question on my [Facebook Page](#) - I'll respond as soon as I can. If you can add photos or videos, I'll be able to give you the best help possible.

the fine print

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before we start

what you'll need

To make each PomPom Bag & Key Clip you will need:

- 1 x 15g or 3m (0.5oz or 5.5yd) of Homelea Bliss yarn in your favourite colour - (Homelea Bliss is a plied, chunky merino wool that is approximately 70ply or super chunky size).
- clip
- yellow Clover pompom maker
- scissors
- tape measure (optional)
- the desire to make something beautiful

how to make a different size

You can make larger pompom clips by using larger pompom makers. Below are the number of layers and the amount of Homelea Bliss yarn I recommend for each of the Clover pompom makers:

- yellow - 3 layers and 10g
- green - 4 layers and 25g
- blue - 5 layers and 40g
- teal - 6 layers and 90g



how to make a lovely pompom

- **the yarn** - Homelea Bliss is ideal for making perfect pompoms because it's made up of lots of individual pieces of yarn that are twisted together in lots of 3. When you fluff and trim your pompom these individual pieces come apart and fluff up to fill any gaps and make a full pompom
- **the pompom maker** - I've made pompoms the "old fashioned way" with 2 pieces of cardboard, and also with plastic donuts, but I can never get my pompom looking round and full! I've fallen head over heels in love with the Clover pompom makers because they're perfectly proportioned, easy to use and I can make my pompom without having to cut individual lengths of yarn.
- **the scissors** - the perfect pompom requires lots of trimming and this requires scissors that are sharp, the right size and easy to hold.
- **nice and tight** - it's important to get as much yarn as possible into your pompom as this makes it lovely and full. The way to do this is to wind your yarn as tightly as possible around your pompom maker.
- **fluff and trim** - it sounds a little odd to "fluff" your pompom, but it's important! This separates the individual pieces of yarn and fluffs them up to create a full and lovely pompom. "Fluff and trim" over and over again to create the fullest pompom possible.
- **take your time** - the perfect pompom isn't created in one sitting, it's one of those things that is worth looking at with fresh eyes. When you think you're finished, or you're just getting frustrated, put your pompom down and come back to it later - you'll be glad you did.

let's start making pompoms

prepare your yarn

With your Homelea Bliss yarn:

- cut off 50cm (19.7in) from one end and separate it into 3 strands - we're going to use one of these as a tie to hold your pompom together.
- with the remaining yarn, cut it in half - one half will be one side of your pompom, and the other half will be the other side.

wind the first side

- unclip both arms on one side of your pompom maker.
- using one of the long cut lengths of yarn, wrap it tightly around both arms, keeping the yarn side by side on the inside of the curve:
 - 1st layer - aim for 6 wraps
 - 2nd layer - aim for 5 wraps
 - 3rd layer - aim for 4 wraps

If your number of wraps vary don't worry, these are a guide only. The important thing is to use up most of your yarn evenly.

- fold the arms back into position and cut off the excess yarn.



wind the second side

- unclip both arms on the other side of your pompom maker.
- using one of the long cut lengths of yarn, wrap it tightly around both arms, keeping the yarn side by side on the inside of the curve:
 - 1st layer - aim for 6 wraps
 - 2nd layer - aim for 5 wraps
 - 3rd layer - aim for 4 wraps

If your number of wraps vary don't worry, these are a guide only. The important thing is to use up most of your yarn evenly.

- fold the arms back into position and cut off the excess yarn.

cut and tie

- using your scissors, cut along the V groove between the arms. Do this all around your pompom maker.
- with the 50cm length that you've separated into 3, tie the pompom together by wrapping the tie around the V groove.
- pull the yarn tight (so your pompom doesn't fall apart) and securely tie a knot.



trim and unclip

- before unclipping your pompom maker, trim your pompom so it's even around the outside edge.
- on one side of your pompom maker, individually unclip each arm. Do the same thing on the other side.
- pull the 2 white sections of your pompom maker apart.
- put your pompom maker back together so it's ready to make another one.

fluff and trim

This is a very important step and it involves lots and lots of trimming. I've discovered that the scissors in the PomPom Bag & Key Kit are ideal for trimming pompoms!

Repeat the following over and over again until you're happy with your pompom (being careful not to trim your ties of course):

- with your fingers, massage your pompom to fluff out the individual pieces of yarn and to straighten out any twisted pieces.
- gradually trim your pompom to make it look more even – starting with the larger, more obvious parts and then moving onto the smaller irregularities.



clip time

When you're happy with your pompom this is what to do:

- thread one of the ties through the "non-clip end" of your clip.
- tie a knot twice, making sure it's nice and close to the centre of your pompom, and that it's secure.
- trim off the ends of your tie close to the outside of your pompom.

Yay! You've finished your PomPom Bag & Key Clip! Now it's time to enjoy your little ball of happiness.



thank you

It's been an absolute pleasure to help you make your PomPom Bag & Key Clip - I hope you've enjoyed it.

I'd love to see what you've made so please share a photo on my [Facebook Page](#).

I desire for all my patterns and instructions to be easy to make. I'd appreciate it if you took a couple of moments to leave me some feedback at homelealass.com/feedback.

With love, Lynda.

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