



## POMPOM GARLAND

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## welcome

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

This string of happiness is wonderful to have around your home, especially at Christmas! It's an easy way to inject all the love of handmade into the special spaces of your home.

## what we're making

We're making your PomPom Garland using Australian cotton for the string, and chunky Australian merino wool for the pompoms - the individual pieces of yarn that are twisted together in this yarn means your pompoms will turn out full and lovely.

We'll use a Clover pompom maker to make your pompoms and we'll easily (and securely) attach each of your 6 pompoms to your string, which is crocheted.

## sizes

The finished size of each pompom is approximately 5cm (2.0in) in diameter, and the complete length of your garland is 2.1m (2.3yds).

## if you need help

If you've got any questions while you're making your PomPom Garland 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 your PomPom Garland you will need:

- 1 x 100g (3.5oz) of Homelea Bliss yarn in your favourite colour - (Homelea Bliss is a plied, chunky merino wool that is approximately 70ply or super chunky size).
- 5g of undyed 8ply / DK weight Australian cotton
- 5mm (H) bamboo crochet hook
- yellow Clover pompom maker
- scissors
- tape measure (optional)
- the desire to make something beautiful

## how to make a different size

You can make larger pompoms 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

You can add more (or less) pompoms to your garland, and to make your garland longer, simply crochet a longer string.



## 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 make pompoms*

We'll start off by making 6 pompoms, so you'll need to repeat the pompom making steps below 6 times.

## *prepare your yarn*

### *turn your skein into a ball*

The first thing you'll need to do is turn your chunky skein of Homelea Bliss into a ball.

The easiest way to do this is to:

- open up the skein
- lie the skein flat and in a circle in front of you
- untie or cut the loops that are holding the yarn together
- find the end
- carefully unwind some of the yarn
- wrap the end around your fingers a couple of times
- slip the yarn off your fingers, fold it in two and then wind the yarn around this to start creating a ball
- keep carefully unwinding the skein and wrapping it around the ball until you're finished.

### *prepare your pompom ties*

From your ball of yarn, cut off 2 lengths, each 50cm (19.7in) long. Separate each of these into 3 strands - we're going to use one of these as a tie to hold your pompom together.



## 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:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> layer - aim for 6 wraps
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> layer - aim for 5 wraps
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> layer - aim for 6 wraps
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> layer - aim for 5 wraps
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Garland 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.





# *crochet your string*

## *make a slip knot*

We're going to start by making a slip knot. There are lots of different ways to do these, and each one works fine.

The important thing to remember is that the end attached to the ball needs to make the loop bigger and smaller.

For this pattern the non-ball end of your slip stitch needs to be at least 30cm (11.8in) long.

## *place the slip knot on the crochet hook*

The slip knot goes onto your crochet hook, and this makes the first stitch.

The size of the slip knot is important for determining the size and consistency of the stitches in your crocheting. Your slip knot should be able to move freely up and down your crochet hook.

With practice, you will discover the right size for your crocheting - don't be afraid to try different sizes.

## *how to hold the crochet hook and yarn*

There are different ways to hold the crochet hook and yarn, and the best way to do it is to do what feels best for you - the important thing is that you can control the hook. Experiment with different ways until you find something that works for you.

I'm right-handed, and I hold the hook in my right hand and the yarn in my left hand. If you're left-handed, it's the other way around.

## *make the chain stitches*

To crochet your string:

- make a chain stitch:
  - wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front, and
  - pull the yarn through the loop on the hook.
- At the end of a chain stitch, you will only have one loop on your hook.
- make another 220 chain stitches, or the number required so your chain is 2.1m long

## *secure your last stitch*

- leaving a 15cm (5.9in) tail, cut the yarn

- pull the end through loop on your crochet hook
- pull it to close and secure the stitch

### tie a loop

- cut the yarn, leaving a 30cm (11.8in) tail

Do the following for each end of your string:

- fold the end in half
- tie a knot around the end of the crocheting to create a hanging loop
- trim off the little end that's left close to the knot



## *tie on your pompoms*

### fold your string

First, we need to work out where to tie your pompoms. To do this lie your chain out on the table and fold it so that there are 7 lengths sitting side by side. Each length should be about 30cm (11.8in).

### attach pompoms

We'll attach your pompoms onto the string at each point where there is a fold.

Do the following for each pompom:

- find the chain stitch closest to the fold
- put your crochet hook under one of the loops in the chain stitch
- wrap one of the ends of the pompom tie around your crochet hook and pull it out of the chain stitch loop
- tie a secure knot using the pompom tie around the chain.
- trim the pompom ties close to the outside of the pompom

Yay! You've finished your PomPom Garland! Now it's time to enjoy your string of happiness.



## thank you

It's been an absolute pleasure to help you make your PomPom Garland - 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](http://homelealass.com/feedback).

With love, Lynda.

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