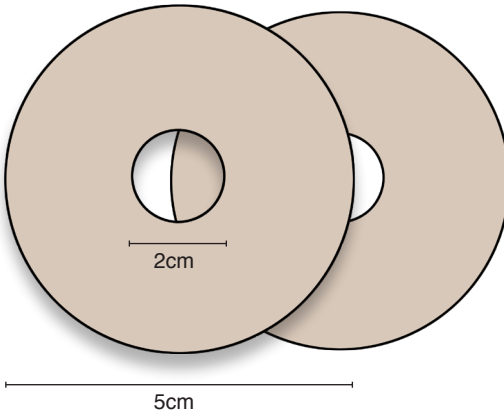


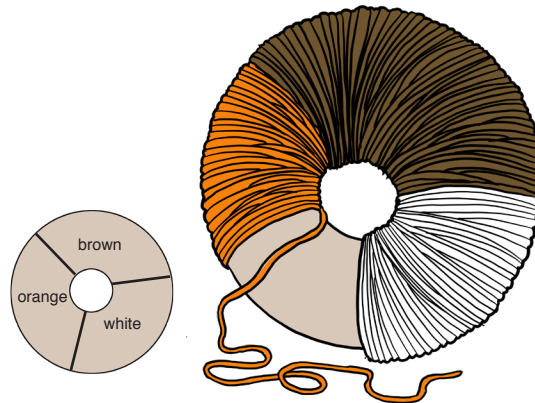
You will need

- cardboard
- wool in three colours: brown, orange, white
- scissors, pencil, compasses (to draw circles)

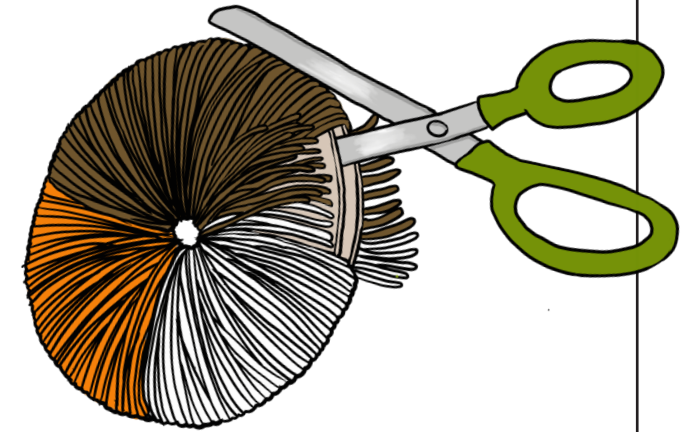


Cut two circles of cardboard about 5cm diameter (or any size you wish). Cut a round hole about 2cm at the centre of each disk. You now have two doughnut-shaped rings. Sandwich the two disks together as one.

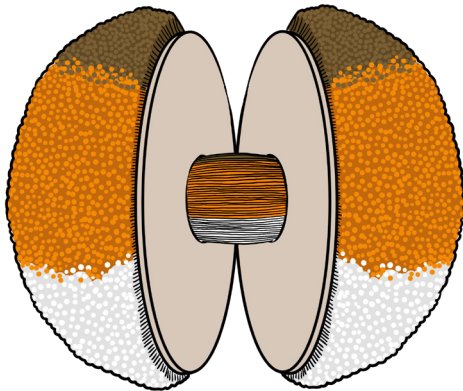
Pompom Robin



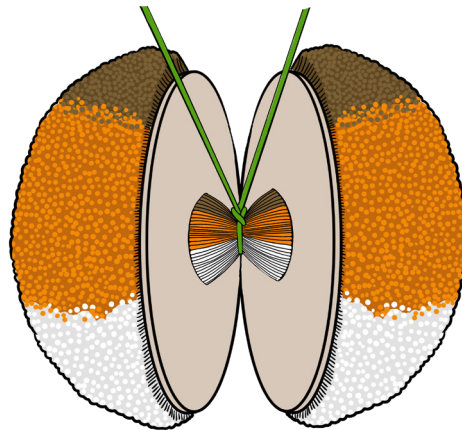
With a pencil divide the (combined) rings into thirds, these are your colour guide. Starting with any colour, wind wool thickly around the rings, feeding through the holes every time and working your way around the rings until the section is covered in several layers of wool. Repeat with the other colours until all the cardboard is well covered.



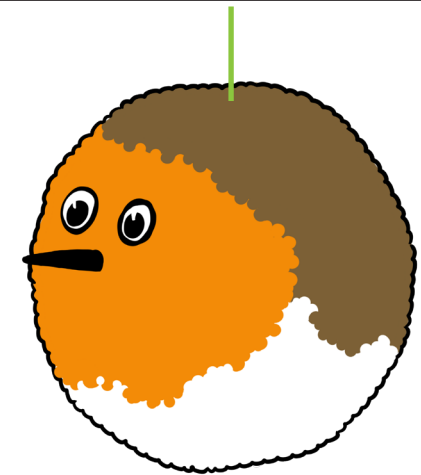
Insert the point of the scissors between the two disks and cut around, keeping the scissors between the disks all the time. If you can't cut through all the wool at one go, do it a few layers at a time.



Carefully prise the disks slightly open to reveal the woollen strands passing through the ring holes.



Slip a length of wool around the middle and tie a knot to keep the strands in place. Knot it firmly and prise away (or tear off) the disks completely. Fluff out the pompom into a neat woollen ball. Trim any bits sticking out.



On the orange part stick a pair of eyes (make your own or buy googly-eyes from a haberdashery or hobby shop) and stick a cardboard beak (or end bit of a toothpick) coloured black. You can add cardboard feet and tail if you like.