



Make pompom bees

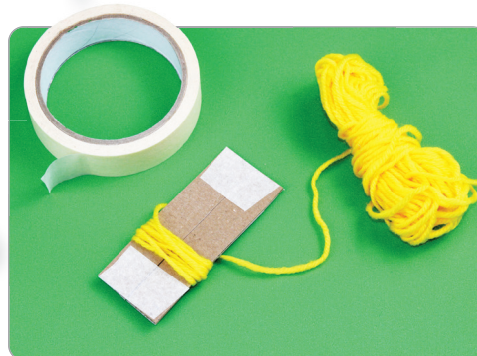
On 20 May, it is World Bee Day, which celebrates the important role bees play on our planet. When bees buzz around to forage they spread pollen, which supports plants, which in turn support animals. There are hundreds of bee species in the UK, of different colours and sizes. Look out for bees and other pollinators in your garden or in parks: how many different bees can you spot? To mark the day and celebrate these awesome insects, you can create these cute pompom bees. They are fun to make and you can fix them onto a stick in a plant pot or a vase of flowers, or hang them up.

What you need

- A pencil
- A ruler
- Thick card
- Scissors
- Masking tape
- Wool
- A small elastic band
- Thin paper
- Glue
- Thin garden sticks or wooden skewers
- White card
- A pen



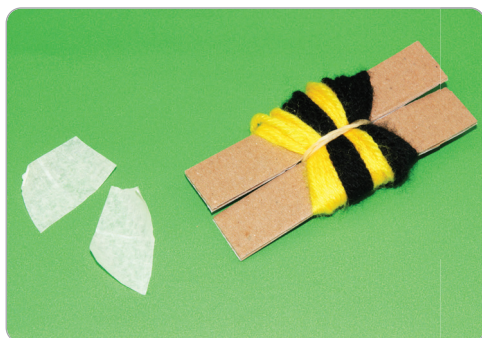
1 Measure, draw and cut two strips of thick card, measuring 10cm x 2cm. This size will make a 6–7 centimetre bee pompom.



2 Place the strips next to each other and stick a piece of tape at both ends. Wrap the wool around the strips 20–25 times, then cut the wool.



3 Wrap more wool around the card using different colours to make stripes; 20–25 loops for each colour uses around two metres of wool.



4 Remove the tape. Wrap an elastic band two or three times through the gap between the strips, so the wool pulls together in the middle.



5 Cut through the top of the loops on one side, using the card strip as a guide. Remove the card strip. Then do the same on the other side.



6 Cut out small circles of card for the eyes, and wings from thin paper, then glue them onto the pompom. Push your bee onto a stick.

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