

Fruit Pom Poms



Items needed (quantity per creation)

- Stiff cardboard (recycled boxes work well)
- 4 paper clips
- Thickish wool in red, white and green (or whichever colours required for your chosen fruit)

Instructions

1 - Use the template to cut out 4x larger pieces and 2x inner (smaller pieces) from the stiff cardboard to make your pom-pom maker. Glue the smaller pieces to one side (as shown in pic. This pom-pom maker can be used again.

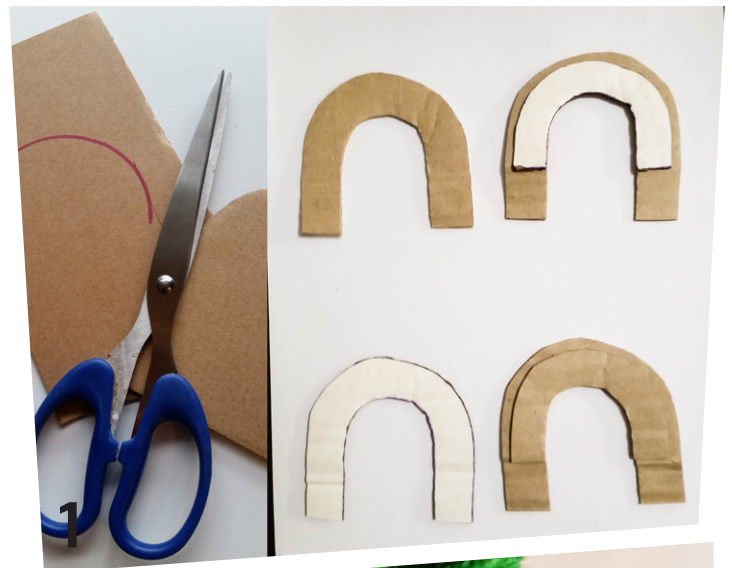
The one with the inner part (right in the pic) and one without (left in the pic) make a pair. Put two together facing each other so the small glued-on inner part is between the larger outer arcs. Each pair makes one half of your pom-pom maker.

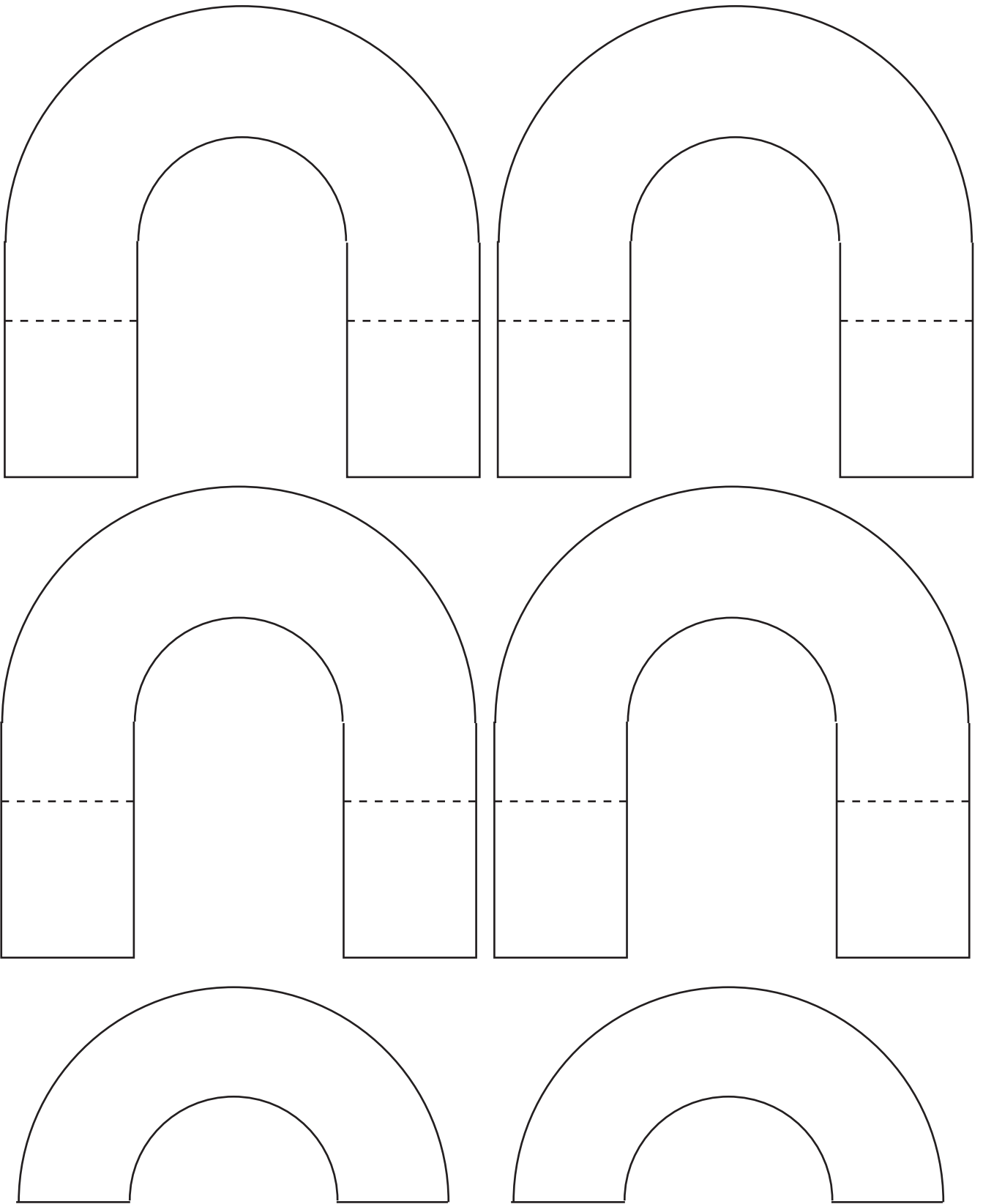
Wrap red wool (double the wool to make wrapping faster) as a base for the pom-pom but add a few wraps of white wool scattered here and there as in the photo to create seeds. Repeat this in random places as you build layers. Don't wrap the wool beyond the fold lines. Add a small bunch of green wool on one end loosely. Make the other half of your pom-pom in the same way and bring them together so the green parts meet at the same end.

2 - Now fold all tabs outward and bring the two parts together to form a whole circle. Clip the tabs together with paper clips. Insert scissors into the gap between the cardboard pieces and cut the wool. As you do, the hidden pattern will be revealed like a blossoming flower which is an exciting part!

3 - Insert a piece of wool between the cardboard pieces, running it all the way around. Pull and tie tightly. Choose a good position for tying it up as you'll use that piece of wool to hang your pom-pom. Now you can pull off the clips and pull out the cardboard pieces

For trimming, hold all the green wool on top together and trim the red part only into a neat ball at first. Now trim the bottom end into a pointy shape to resemble a strawberry. Now flatten the top green wool and trim some strands shorter than others, into a star-like shape. Keep a few strands long in the middle as a stem. Yum!





Watermelon Example

