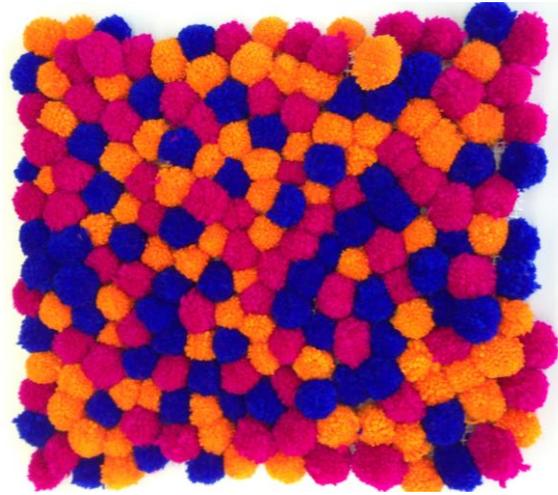


## HOME: CARPET MADE FROM WOOLEN POMPONS



### MATERIALS REQUIRED

Wool of different colours, cardboard, 2 circular objects of different sizes, non-slip rug pad, scissors, thread, and a darning needle (suitable for wool).

### DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

Medium.

### APPROXIMATE TIME REQUIRED

The time required varies a lot depending on the size of the carpet you want to do, the number of pompons you want to add (density), the number of persons collaborating in the elaboration, manual abilities, etc. The example of the photo was made by a group of 7 people with mental illness and low manual skills working 5 hours per week during 3 weeks

### LEARNING GOALS

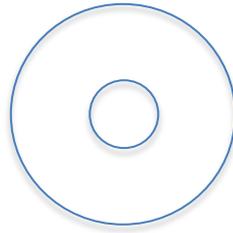
Learn how to make woolen pompons and join them to create a colourful carpet.

### ABILITIES DEVELOPED

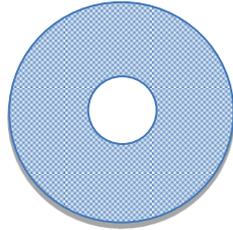
Attention, determination, fine handling, accuracy, hand-eye dexterity, memory, creativity, team working.

### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Firstly, create the template you are going to use for making the pompons. You will need two different circular objects to create your template. A good example is: using a roll of masking tape for the internal circle and a glass for the external one.



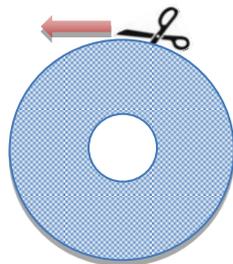
2. Repeat this step in order to get two templates. Cut the two circles, the external and the internal. You will have something like this:



3. Put the two templates together. Take the wool and start winding around the cardboard loops. The more wool you wind, the closely-woven they will look. When putting the wool through the central circle becomes hard, it's the time to close the pompon.

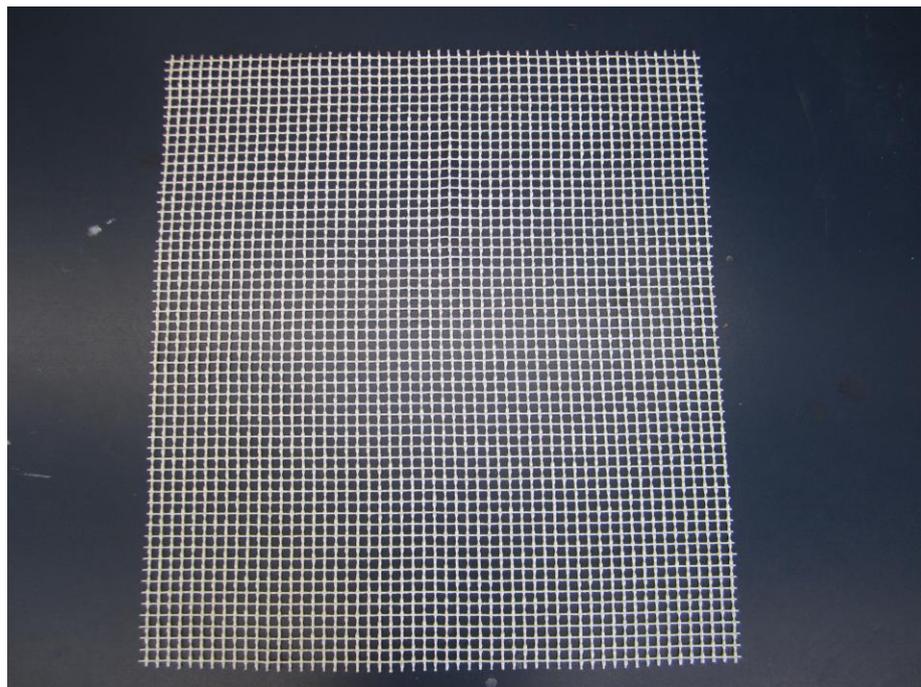


4. Separate the wool until you are able to see the cardboard. Look for the space between the two loops and start cutting with a pair of scissors. Cut through all the circle, but remember to do it always between the two loops.



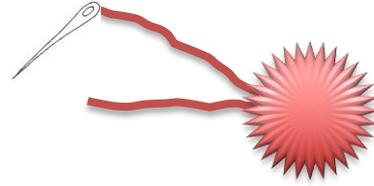
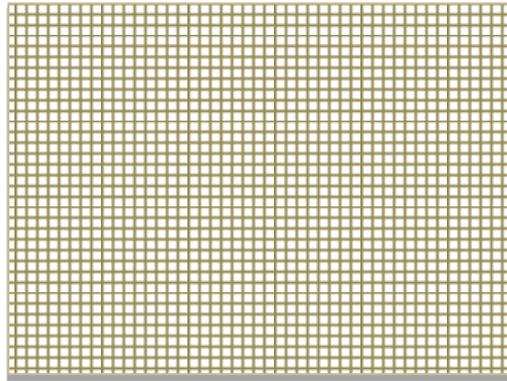


5. When you have already cutted through all the contourn, put a piece of wool between the two cardboard pieces and wrap all arround them with it. Make a knot to safe it and avoid it from undoing. Take off the templates. Your first pompon is ready.
6. Repeat this process until you have enough pompons.
7. The last step is to attach all the pompons to the rug pad (which should be from a non-slip material). Cut the rug pad with your desired measurements, for example, 100 cm x 60 cm.





8. Thread the remaining wool (the one which you have knotted the pompon with) on the darning needle. Place it through one rug pad hole. Do this same move with the other ending.



9. Make a knot with the two endings (the rug pad should be in between them). Like this your pompon is perfectly attached. Cut the remaining wool.

10. Repeat this with all the pompons until your carpet is covered.

#### TIPS

The more closely-woven the pompons are, the nicer the final result will look. Remember this when you sew them to the rug pad as well, try to put them very close to each other to avoid gaps. The rug pad must not be seen.

You can use wools of different colours or only different shades of the same colour, you will get an amazing effect!

