

Make a bat for Halloween

As the bat season draws to a close are you wondering what to do with your time? Well here is one suggestion
Make yourself a bat or three

Start by making a pom pom

1. Cut two cardboard circles (I traced round an egg cup) and make a small hole in the centre. For a 5cm outer circle cut a 2cm radius centre.

2. Cut wool into manageable lengths (about 6 feet) Hold one end on the outside of the ring and feed the other end through the hole, round the back and through the front again. Repeat this, working your way around the ring until all the cardboard is covered. As you use additional lengths, you don't need to tie them together, just make sure the ends are on the outside, not in the middle. If it makes it easier for you, try using a large darning needle to feed the wool through or hook through with a crochet hook.

3. Now the tricky bit. Once your rings are fairly full of wool, cut the wool around the edges (i.e. the scissor blade should eventually pass between the two pieces of cardboard as you are cutting.) You won't be able to cut it all in one go so just do a few layers at a time.

4. Pass a length of wool between the two pieces of cardboard, around all the strands of wool, and tie it firmly together. (Easier said than done as the wool likes to jump out of your hand). Now you can remove the



cardboard rings (cut them if necessary). Trim any lengths of wool which are uneven to give your pom poms a tidy look.

5. Cut wings from black paper or fab foam. Using the paper template on this page

6. Stitch the pom pom to the wings (You can use double sided tape but they last less well.

I used goggle eyes for the eyes (I got mine from Hobbycraft) but you could making paper eyes

