

# CRAFT-TO-GO

## Yarn Pumpkin



### Materials:

- 1 Balloon
- 21 pieces of orange yarn
- White glue
- 1 Pipe cleaner
- Green paper
- Plastic fork
- Small bowl
- Optional: Gloves



### STEP ONE

Blow up balloon about halfway. The bigger the balloon, the more yarn you'll need. The smaller the balloon, the more egg-like the shape will be.



### STEP TWO

Pour white glue into a small bowl. It takes about one full bottle of glue per pumpkin.

### STEP THREE

Tie one of the pieces of yarn to the end of the balloon. Hang balloon on a kitchen cabinet handle or somewhere up off of the ground/table. It is easier to manipulate the balloon when it's not lying on a flat surface.



### STEP FOUR

Dunk one of the pieces of yarn into the bowl of glue, and swirl it around with a plastic fork to get it completely covered with glue.

Hold the end piece of the yarn with your fingers, then gently run it between the tines of the fork to remove the excess glue.



## STEP FIVE

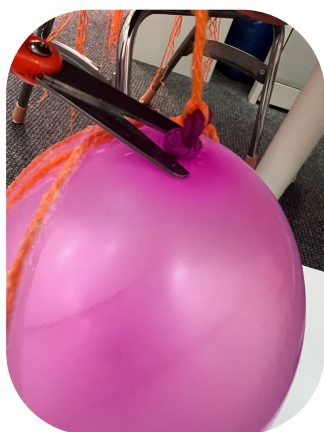
Take the glue covered yarn strand and press the end down either at the top or bottom of the balloon and wind it around the balloon.

Make sure to press down the ends of the yarn to secure them when they're in place. Repeat with the remaining pieces of yarn in an overlapping pattern.

## STEP SIX

When all of the yarn is wrapped around the balloon, hang the balloon somewhere to dry for a full 24 hours.

Place down a towel or tarp beneath the balloon while drying to catch any dripping glue.



## STEP SEVEN

When dry, press your fingers down under the yarn to detach the yarn from the balloon- around the entire surface of the balloon.

## STEP EIGHT

Make a very small hole in the balloon close to where the knot is so that air leaks from the balloon slowly, and pull the deflated balloon out through one of the openings in the yarn.

## STEP NINE

Make the pipe cleaner stem by cutting the pipe cleaner in half & wrapping the pipe cleaner around your baby finger. Tuck the stem piece into the yarn or glue it onto the yarn if it won't stay in place.

## STEP TEN

To make leaves for the pumpkin, cut out leaf shapes with the green paper, and glue them to the pumpkin near the stem.



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Make a simple yarn pumpkin to start  
decorating for the fall season!  
This craft is intended to take with you and  
make.