

Pom-Pom Caterpillars

Wiggle into some fun with these adorable Pom-Pom Caterpillars! They're squishy, colorful, and super easy to make—perfect for little hands and big imaginations. This craft is great for kids who love nature and want to create their very own fuzzy, friendly caterpillar pals. Let's bring these cute critters to life, one pom-pom at a time!



Materials List:

- **Colorful pom-poms** (small, medium, or large—mix and match for the perfect caterpillar!)
- **Kid-friendly glue** (to stick those pom-poms together)
- **Googly eyes** (for adding a touch of personality)
- **Pipe cleaners** (for creating tiny wiggly antennae)
- **Craft sticks** (to help hold your caterpillar, if you want it to crawl!)
- **Scissors** (grown-up supervision recommended for cutting pipe cleaners)
- **Markers** (for adding any extra details like a little smile!)

Instructions: Let's Get Crafting!

1. **Pick Your Colors:** Choose the colors of pom-poms for your caterpillar. You can make it all one color or go for a rainbow caterpillar—totally up to you!
2. **Line Up the Pom-Poms:** Arrange the pom-poms in a line on your table to plan out how long you want your caterpillar to be. This is a great time to decide which pom-pom will be the head.
3. **Glue 'Em Together:** Start gluing the pom-poms together, one at a time. Begin with the head and add each pom-pom behind it. Hold them together for a few seconds to make sure they stick.
4. **Add the Face:** Stick on two googly eyes to the head pom-pom and use a marker to draw a little smile. Your caterpillar is starting to look friendly!
5. **Antennae Time:** Cut a small piece of pipe cleaner and bend it into a “V” shape. Glue it onto the head for cute wiggly antennae. Hold it in place until it sticks.
6. **Optional: Make It Crawl:** Glue your caterpillar onto a craft stick so it can “crawl” around, or leave it as a freestanding fuzzy friend!
7. **Let It Dry:** Give your caterpillar a few minutes to dry before you start playing with it.
8. **Caterpillar Parade!** Once it's dry, let your caterpillars have a little parade! How many different colors can you make?

Craft Bonus: Add Some Flair!

- **Glittery Caterpillars:** Add a little sparkle by brushing the tops of the pom-poms with glue and sprinkling on some glitter. A glittery caterpillar is ready to shine!
- **Fuzzy Friends:** Use smaller pom-poms to add “feet” underneath your caterpillar. It'll look like it's ready to wiggle its way across the table!
- **Caterpillar Crew:** Make a whole family of caterpillars—one for each color! Give them names and come up with fun stories for their adventures.