



**Included materials:**

- Plastic egg
- Wool
- Knee-high stocking
- Yellow yarn
- Glue
- Orange felt (beak & feet)
- Googly eyes

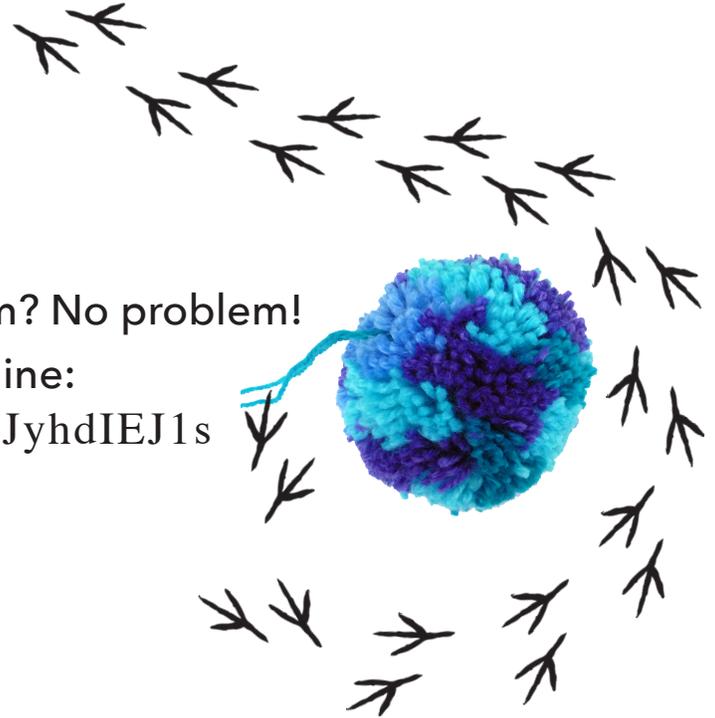
**Other materials you will need:**

- A bowl of warm water, soap and a towel
- Scissors

Regardless of which side of the age old debate you fall on,

**“Which came first, the chicken or the egg?”**

we suggest you make the egg first. Since the egg is wet felted, while your egg is drying you can be making the chick.



Need some extra help making a PomPom? No problem!

Check out this simple YouTube video online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daJyhdIEJ1s>

Chick & the Egg



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 Contact the Merrymeeting Arts Center & the Bowdoinham Public Library.



## Wet Felted Egg

**1** Wrap wool around the plastic egg (make sure to tuck in the corners - like folding a burrito). The more evenly it is wrapped the more consistent the thickness of the egg will be once felted. You may want to tape the egg closed to prevent it from opening up as you felt over it.

**2** Stick the wool-wrapped egg into knee-high.

**3** Lather your hands in soapy hot water.

**4** Dip your egg into the soapy water and remove.

**5** Agitate the wool by rolling the egg in a circular motion between your palms. Felt in this manner for about 15 minutes (dipping and rolling) or until the wool is firmly felted around the egg.

**How do I know when I'm done?** Remove the knee-high and pinch the wool, if little to no fibers are lifted, you are done. If a lot of the fibers come up, continue felting.

When you remove the knee-high, if you notice any cracks or lumps, simply cut off excess wool, re-position it to even out the surface, and begin gently felting again.

**6** When done felting, set in the sun to dry.

**7** Once dry, carefully use sharp scissors cut open about 1/2 way around the center of the egg. Push the plastic egg out to create a hollow home for your chick.

## Pompom Chick

**1** Hold down one end of the yarn with your thumb by pressing into the palm of your hand.



**2** Wrap all of the yarn around your 4 fingers until there is about 6" left. Cut this and set aside.



**3** Carefully slide wrapped yarn from fingers and lay flat. With 6" piece of yarn, wind around middle of the wrapped yarn and tie snugly, leaving a tail.



**4** Cut through the middle of all the loops creating ends.



**5** Hold the pom-pom by the tail and trim all the loose ends to create a more uniform ball.



**6** Glue eyes, beak, and feet onto your pom-pom.

**7** Tuck the chick into your felted egg and voila!, you are done.