Pom-pom hair ties

Standard · US terms



Finished size
Tie about 2½ in (6.5 cm) across, over an elastic about 2 in (5 cm) across; pom-poms about 1¼ in (3 cm) across, on a cord that hangs about 1½ in (4 cm)

Skill
Easy
One round over an elastic, a slip stitch cord and pom-poms

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: mulberry, main	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pink, stripe	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: two round hair elastics about 1/8 in (4 mm) thick and 2 in (5 cm) across for Standard, or 1½ in (4 cm) across for Mini, a piece of stiff card about 4 in (10 cm) long and 1½ in (4 cm) wide, for winding the pom-poms and a yarn needle, sharp scissors and a tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Mini	2 in (5 cm) across, 1½ in (4 cm) across	about 47 yd (43 m)
Standard (this file)	**2½ in (6.5 cm) across, 2 in (5 cm) across**	**about 48 yd (44 m)**

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
Rnd	round
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

It need not be exact: the elastic sets the size of the tie, and the stitches of round 1 fill it all the way round. Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- To begin, make a slip knot, put the loop on the hook and hold the elastic in front of the yarn. Put the hook through the middle of the elastic from front to back, catch the yarn behind it and pull it back through the middle and through the loop on the hook: the yarn is joined.
- Round 1 is worked over the elastic: for each sc put the hook through the middle of it, so that the elastic lies inside the stitches. Push the stitches along it as you work, so that they all fit. The stitches lie close, so that the cover can stretch with the elastic.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. The first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- In the cord the one row of sl sts is worked back along the chain, under the one loop of each ch that lies on top. Work it loosely.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- A pom-pom takes about 6½ yd (6 m): about 225 in (572 cm) for the 70 winds and 14 in (36 cm) for the tie. The estimate counts the ties as tails.
- Small parts come off in small hands and mouths: keep the ties from children under three.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

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Cover: make 2

Yarn A, mulberry.

The ring is the hair elastic.

☐ **Foundation**	Join A to the ring with a sl st.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 46 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(46 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cord: make 2

Yarn A, mulberry.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 25.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(24 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in both ends of each cover along the inside of the stitches. Both ends of a cord are at the same end of it: weave them in along the cord.

2. Pom-pom: wind B 70 times round the width of the card, not too tightly and not all in one place, and cut it. Cut 14 in (36 cm) of B for the tie. Slide the winding off the card, lay it across the middle of the tie and tie this round the middle of the winding, as tightly as you can, with a double knot. Cut all the loops at both sides. The two long ends of the tie stay on. Make a second pom-pom with B, and two with C that are tied with C: four in all.

3. Trim: shake out each pom-pom and roll it between the hands. Hold it by the two long ends, cut only the strands that stand out, turn it a little, and cut again, until it is a ball about 1¼ in (3 cm) across. Do not cut the two long ends.

4. Cord: fold one cord in half. Lay it under a covered elastic beside the joining sl st, the fold inside the ring and the two ends outside it. Bring the fold up over the cover to the outside, put the two ends through it and pull them until the fold lies close: the cord holds the cover in a knot, and its two ends hang side by side.

5. Pom-poms on: each is sewn on with the two long ends of its own tie. Take a pom-pom in B and part its strands so that you see the tie in its middle. Put one end of a cord against it there. Thread one long end and sew it twice through the last stitch at that end of the cord and the middle of the pom-pom. Thread the other long end and do the same from the other side. Tie the two long ends together with a double knot, close to the cord, and cut them as long as the strands. Sew a pom-pom in C to the other end of the cord in the same way, with its own long ends. Do the same on the second tie.

Finishing

- All the ends are woven in as you put it together.

In all: 4 pieces; 140 stitches (46 in each cover, 24 in each cord).

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