

## How to craft a Black-capped Petrel nestling toy

*Based on lessons from Jennifer Wheeler!*

Materials needed: cardboard, scissors, glue, gray yarn, black fun foam or sturdy felt for beak/feet, black beads for eyes.

1. Start by cutting out cardboard donuts of two sizes, two of each size. These will be used to wrap yarn to make the pompoms. The slit in the donut is to allow entry for wrapping yarn.



2. Place the similarly sized cardboard donuts together and wrap yarn (not too tightly) around the donut until well covered.



3. Holding yarn donut in one hand to keep it all together, carefully use scissors to cut yarn between the two pieces of cardboard.



4. Take another long string of yarn and lace it between the two pieces of cardboard to tie off the middle of the pompom. Tie this off a couple times tightly, and leave long tails on the pompom that will be used later as an attachment place for the next pompom.



5. Repeat the prior steps (2-4) to create the second pompom. Align the two pompoms together with their tails.



6. Tightly use the two tails on each pompom to tie the two pompoms tightly together, like a little gray snowman. The large pompom becomes the petrel body and the small pompom becomes the petrel head. This is a good point to use the scissor and trim any extra-long yarn fibers on the pompoms.
7. Cut a beak and set of (3-toed) feet out of the black foam. Pink foam could also be used for the feet and a sharpie marker used to add black markings, but we used black material as this was available.



8. Locate where you think the front of the petrel's face is, stick the beak in there to judge and when satisfied, glue it in at this location. Then find the location of where you think the eyes belong and glue black beads into the head here. Finally, add a dab of glue to the set of feet and set the petrel on top of the feet where you think these belong. Allow for glue to dry.
9. Enjoy your finished product.

