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Truffula Tree Pencils

“I am the Lorax, I speak for the trees!” Help the Lorax by saving your old eraser-less pencils from the trash and turn them into fun Truffula trees.

Step 1:

A. Gather your materials. The first thing we need to do is make a pompom for the leaves of your Truffula tree. Grab your tube and fold it in half the long way twice. Now cut a piece of yarn about 6 inches long and lay it down on the tube the long way. This piece will be your pompom's belt

Materials:

Old pencil

Colorful yarn

Ribbon

Hot glue gun (or other glue/tape)

Scissors

Toilet paper tube



B. Now wrap more yarn around the tube and the belt. Wrap as much yarn as you want, the more you wrap the more full your pompom will be. Use too little and it will look limp.



C. Once you have wrapped enough yarn around the tube take the belt and tie it tightly around the yarn.

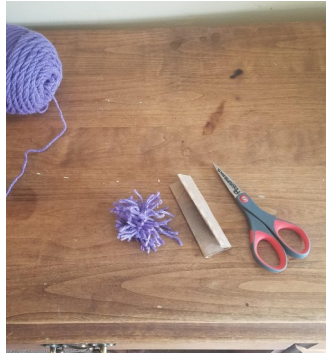




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D. Flip the tube over and cut the yarn in half on the opposite side from belt. Next wrap the belt around the yarn one more time in the same spot and tie it very tight. There is your pompom! If you want you can trim the ends of the pompom to make them all the same length or leave them looking wild.



Step 2:

Next wrap your ribbon around the pencil to make stripes on the trunk of your tree. Have an adult help you glue both ends of the ribbon down. (you can use glue or tape for this part, I prefer to use hot glue)



Step 3:

Finally glue your pompom to the top of your pencil where the eraser would have been. You have a Truffula tree!

