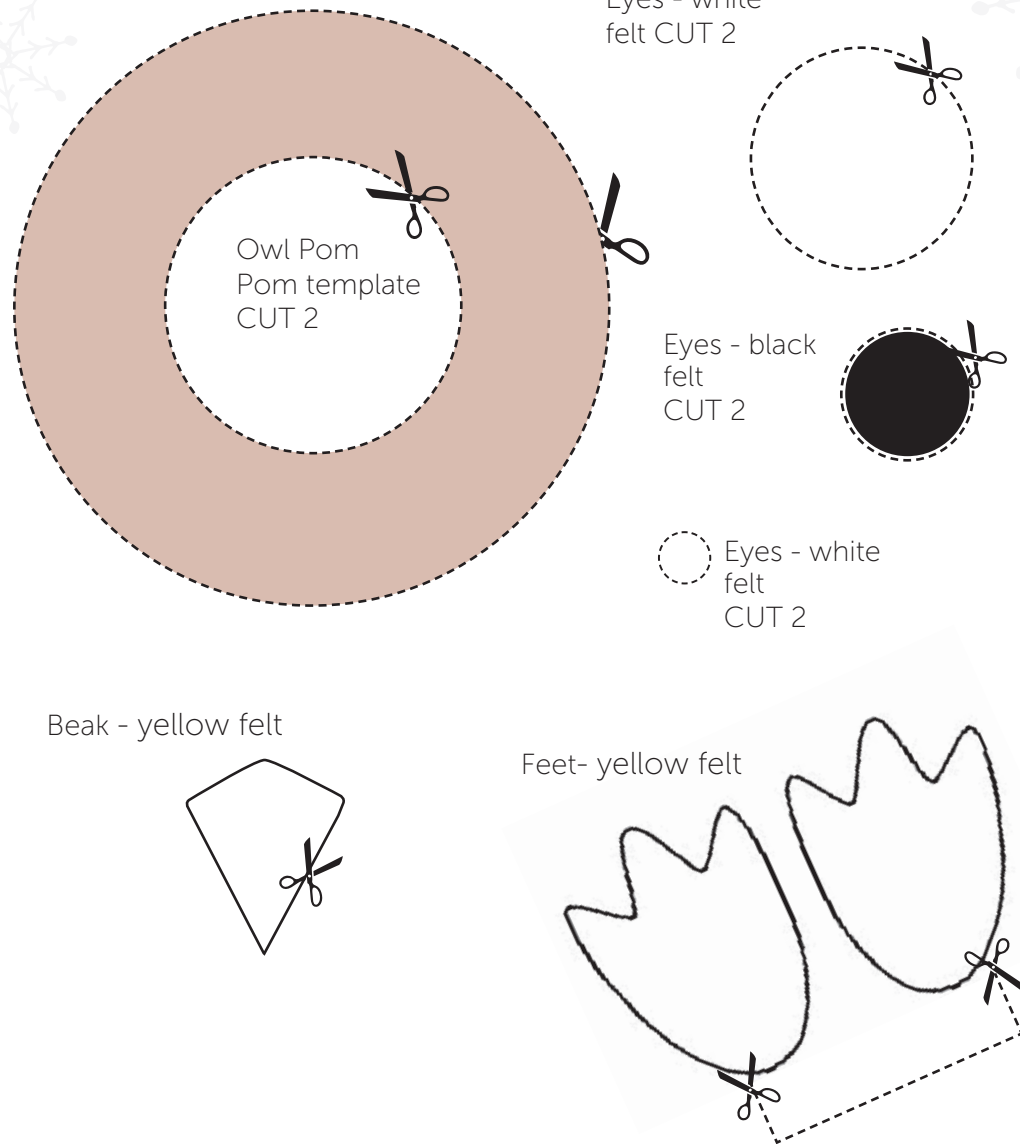


Here are your templates to cut out and make your Pom Pom Owls

After you have cut out your template here, place your template for your owl on stiff cardboard (a cardboard shoe box is perfect) and cut out again.

Yellow felt can be used for the feet and beak. White felt for the large part of the eye, black felt for the inner part, then a tiny bit of white.



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INTRODUCING....

Matilda OUR JUNIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER

Matilda has just turned 9 and she is very happy that her dad works at the Barn Owl Trust. She loves nature and learning about wildlife.

Read Matilda's diary below:

TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2020

"Watching two young Barn Owls return to life in the wild"



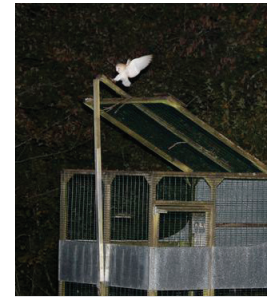
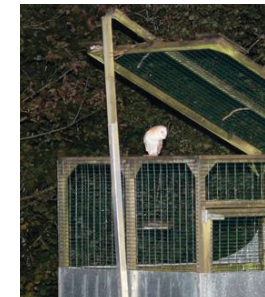
INSIDE THIS ISSUE

1. Make a gorgeous **Pom Pom Owl for Christmas!** Ready to hang on your tree or to give as a gift.
2. **Hand Print Art** - make a Christmas card or picture to frame as a very special gift.
3. **Ways to help Barn Owls**
4. Pom Pom Owl templates

First, we carefully opened up the roof of the mobile release aviary on the Barn Owl Trust nature reserve. Then, we had to be really still and quiet because the owls have a really good sense of hearing.

Finally, one of them came up onto the top of the aviary and did a really weird head movement, trying to get different angles from all the sounds it could hear. When the other one came up, it did the same thing and then it flew off as well.

As we were walking back, we could see one just fluttering around the field. I think they must have been quite excited because they hadn't been in the outside world, or really had a chance to look around, since they had fallen out of the nestbox. Now they might be in one of the nestboxes around the Barn Owl Trust fields.



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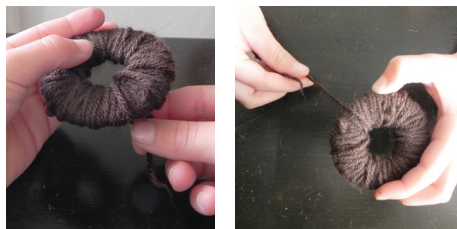
Matilda shows you how to make this cute little Pom Pom Owl



1. Cut out the templates on the back of this flyer. Stick the circle ones onto stiff cardboard.



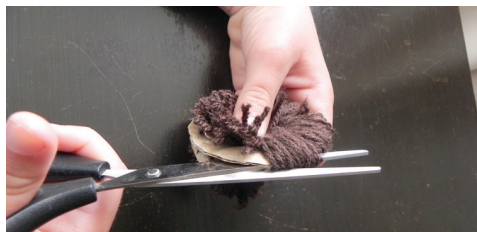
2. Hold your two circle templates together. Wind your wool into smaller manageable balls that will fit through the centre of your circles. Thread the wool through the centre and around the circle until it gets quite thick.



Find the templates for your POM POM OWL overleaf



3. Slide sharp scissors through to carefully cut the wool on the outer edge of the circle templates.



4. Ease the two pieces of card apart slowly as pic below. Using a long length of wool tie it around and knot it tightly. Fluff up your ball.



5. Cut out your feet, eyes and beak and carefully stick in place. Thread some yarn onto the top if you want to hang it on your Christmas tree.

Create Woody and give a special card or present at Christmas

Create Woody a Hand Print Owl. Give as a very special framed picture or a perfect christmas card!

YOU WILL NEED

- * ACRYLIC OR POSTER PAINTS (IN BROWN, GREEN AND YELLOW)
- * GOOD QUALITY THICK PAPER
- * WHITE, YELLOW AND BLACK FELT (OR USE CARD IF YOU PREFER)

NB: YOU CAN USE THE TEMPLATES FOR THE POM POM OWL FOR THE EYES, BEAK AND FRONT OF FEET.

1. First wash and dry your hands.

2. Pour your acrylic paint into a shallow dish or saucer, with a little water and mix well. Place enough to cover all of the palm of your hand.

Press your hand down firmly in your saucer for a few seconds.

Quickly, so as not to drip put your hand print down on your paper. In the centre is best as you can trim later.

When your print has dried, add a branch and some leaves. (you can cut out and use the leaves on this page if you wish).

Cut out your eyes, beak and feet in felt (or paper) and stick in place onto your hand print.



CHRISTMAS CARD
Cut out your print picture. Fold a piece of card in half to make a Christmas card. Personalise with a special message.

Stick your print picture in position. Your super Christmas card is ready to give!

HAPPY
CHRISTMAS
Grandad X



HOW CAN YOU & YOUR FAMILY HELP BARN OWLS & THEIR ENVIRONMENT?

1. If you see a Barn Owl or find their pellets, tell us about it on our **online Barn Owl Survey website: www.barnowlsurvey.org.uk** That helps us to protect the places where they live.
2. Help organic farms and local growers by eating the healthy food they offer. Barn Owls love healthy farmland, where plants grow naturally and there is room for wildlife.
3. If you or anyone you know can make space for nature, then let the grass grow long and tussocky. Natural grasslands are rare and wonderful habitat for many plants and animals, including Barn Owls!