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EASY-TO-MAKE...

SNOWMAN PEN TOPPERS

Fun festive decorations for your pencils!

You will need:

- Polystyrene ball
- Felt or card/coloured paper
- Medium-sized pom-pom
- Pipecleaner (plus a small piece of orange pipecleaner)
- Wiggle eyes (optional)

Other things you'll need:

- Glue and scissors
- Black felt-tip
- Drawing pin

How to make it:

1   Cut a strip of felt (or card or coloured paper) approximately 7 x 1.5cm in size. Glue the strip onto the polystyrene ball.

2   Next, cut the pom-pom in half. Glue each half onto the ends of the strip of felt or card to make the snowman's ear-muffs. Set aside to dry.

3   Once dry, decide which side is going to be the snowman's face. Using scissors, poke a hole where you want the nose to be. Then take a small length of orange pipecleaner (approximately 4cm long) and bend it in half. Poke this into the hole you have just made (bent end outwards) to make the carrot nose.

4   Use a black felt-tip to draw eyes and a mouth. Or glue on wiggle eyes if you prefer.

5   Take a pipecleaner and wind it around a pen. Leave about 3-4cm free at the end. Twist this free end into a flat coil which will make it easier to attach the pipecleaner to the polystyrene ball.

6   Glue the flat-colied end of the pipecleaner to the underside of the polystyrene ball and secure with a drawing pin. Allow to dry.

7   Once dry, the pen topper can be threaded onto a pen or pencil to add a festive twist to your stationery at Christmas time. Tip: you can create a fun bouncy effect if you pull out some of the twist in the pipecleaner at the polystyrene ball end (see the red pen topper in the photo).