

Knit Cap Christmas Ornaments



I recently learned how to make these and thought they were so cute, so I decided to write up some instructions so that others can make them. They go together pretty fast and use basically yarn and either toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls. So, gather up your supplies and let's get started.



Supplies:

- Yarn in whatever Christmas colors you prefer (I used red, green, yellow, sparkly red, and red-green-white variegated)
- Jumbo cotton balls
- Toilet paper rolls, or paper towel rolls
- Scissors
- Rulers – I used a 6" for marking the paper rolls, and a 6"x12" for wrapping the yarn
- Pen or pencil, to mark the paper rolls for cutting
- Box cutter, for cutting the paper rolls

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Prepare the paper rolls:



Use your ruler to mark the paper rolls with your pen or pencil. Mark every $\frac{3}{4}$ ". You'll get 5 rings out of a toilet paper roll and 14 rings out of a paper towel roll.



Then cut with the box cutter. I found the box cutter easier to use than cutting with scissors and it resulted in the rings not being as crushed.

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Prepare the yarn:

You will need forty 12" lengths of yarn for each "Cap". The easiest way to measure these is to grab your 6"x12" ruler, and wrap the yarn around it 40 times, then cut it off. If you don't have a ruler that size, find something that is flat and 6" across (a box, a book, a piece of cardboard or plastic) and wrap 40 times around that and then cut. That will give you the 40 pieces of yarn 12" long.



Then cut an extra piece of yarn about 18" and set aside for later to tie the cap and to form the ornament hanger.



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Wrapping the yarn:

Take one piece of yarn and fold it in half. Holding the paper ring in your left hand, stick the fold of the yarn through the ring as shown in the photo. Then take the loose ends of the yarn and thread them through the loop. Pull the yarn to tighten it around the paper ring.



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As you add & tie pieces of yard, tighten and push them together so that the paper ring is completely covered with yarn, and a nice row of knots forms along the tied edge of the yarn.



It should look like this when you've added all 40 of the yarn pieces.



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Turning the cap:

Grab all the loose ends of yarn, kinda twist them and shove them through the ring as shown in the photos. At this point, that nice row of knots will be along the bottom of your cap.



Tie the hat:

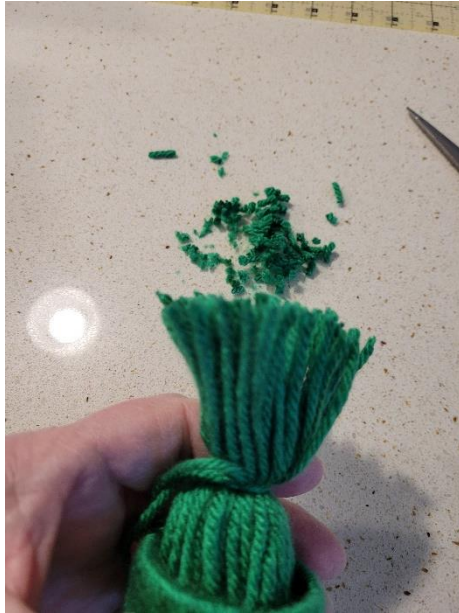
Work all the yarn so that it comes thru evenly and lays straight. Just make sure that all the yarns came thru smoothly. Now take that longer piece of yarn you previously cut, lay it under your loose ends of yarn on your cap as shown and tie it tightly in a knot.



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Hair cut & Finishing:

Now it's time to give your little cap a hair cut. Keep the longer 18" yarn that you tied it with out of the way and trim loose ends of yarn as shown. Cut it as long or short as you like. I think the "hair" is cuter when it's a little shorter. It sticks up better, like a pom pom on top of your cap.



Tie the end of the long yarn pieces in a simple knot and then stuff a jumbo cotton ball in the bottom of the hat.



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You're done!! How cute is that??

