

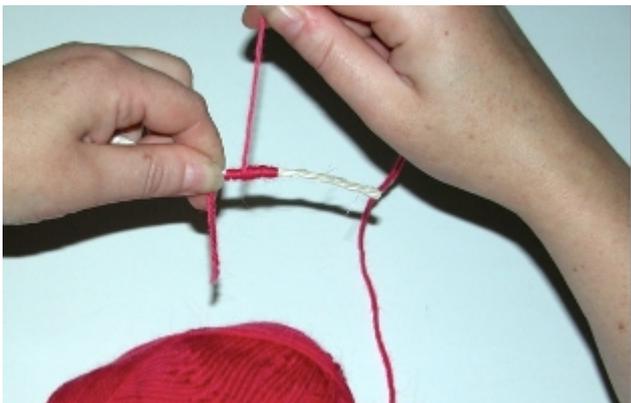


Woolly Wand pattern

You will need approx 10" length of thick sisal string, a colourful assortment of knitting wool (standard double knitting weight is best), a large sewing needle with a big eye and scissors.



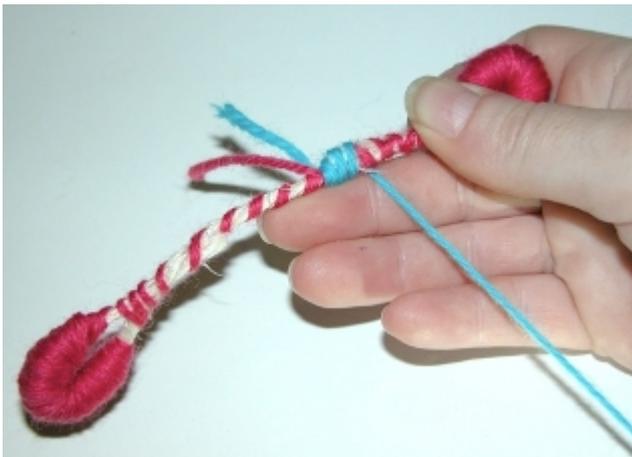
1. Take a long length of wool and begin wrapping the wool around the string about one inch or so from the end, winding down the string about another inch. Then work backwards and forwards to create a thicker effect. Wind the wool evenly and tightly so that it doesn't get caught in the cat's claws and it doesn't unravel.



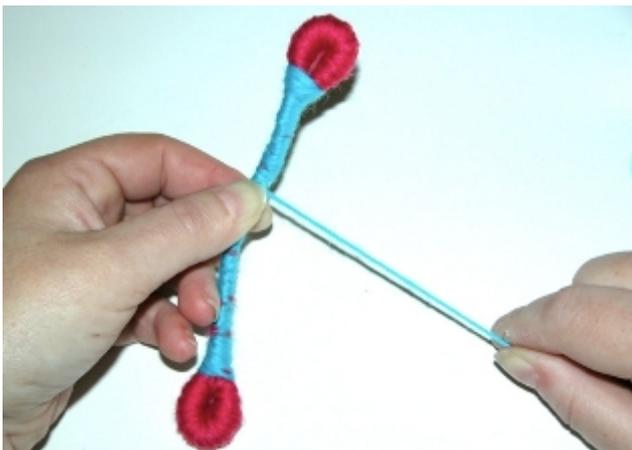
2. Bend the wrapped section in half to form a loop and wind the wool tightly round the base of the loop to secure, covering the loose end of the wool as you go.



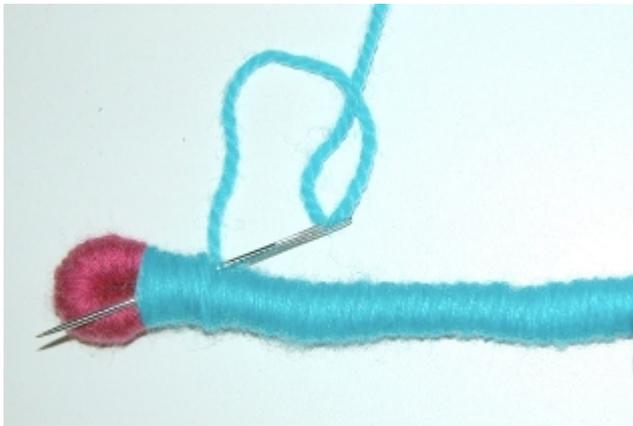
3. Wind the wool down to the other end of the string and make another loop as above remembering to bind the ends of the loop tightly.



4. Now fill in the body of the toy by winding the wool evenly along the length of the string and back again. Repeat until you are happy with the size of the toy. If you want to change colour you can introduce a new length of wool at any stage by cutting the first colour wool and leaving a short length which you can wind the new colour over to cover and secure.



5. When you have finished leave a length of approx 3" of wool, thread this through the needle and draw the loose end under the threads of the wrapped string. Pull tightly to secure and snip off the remaining loose end.



6. There's no right or wrong with regards to the size of the toy, some people make skinny or floppy ones the cats throw around in the air other people make thicker sturdier ones the cats like to chase, claw and chew. They do take a bit of a battering though, especially when dipped in cat nip, so make sure the wool is tightly wound so nothing will unravel.

