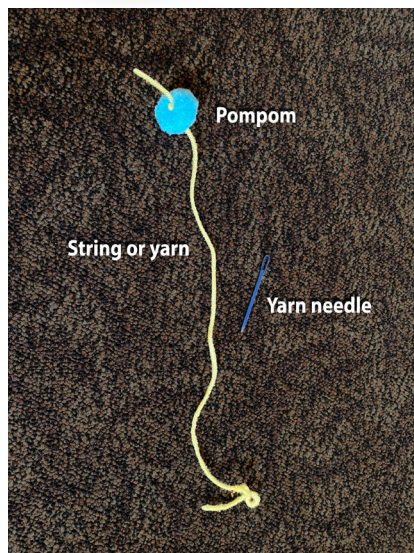## Cup-&-Ball Toy

Cup-and-ball (or "ball in a cup") or "ring and pin" is a traditional children's toy. It is generally a wooden handle to which a small ball is attached by a string and that has one or two cups, or a spike, upon which the player tries to catch the ball. It is popular in Spanish-speaking countries, where it is called by a wide number of names, including *boliche* in Spain. *(Wikipedia)*

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Supplies:

**Large yarn needle
One 10 to 12-inch string or yarn
One large pompom ball
One small cup (styrofoam or paper)
One popsicle stick
One hot glue gun (optional)
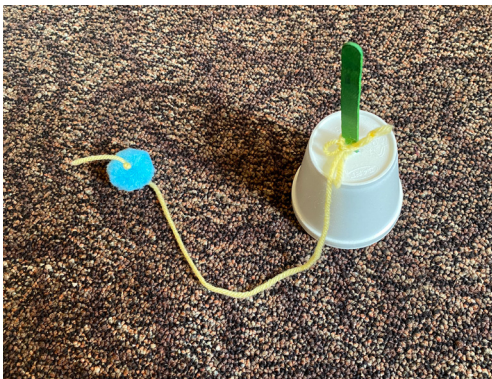Stickers or markers for decorations**

Directions:

1. Adult supervision recommended. Thread the eye of a yarn needle with a 10 to 12-inch piece of string or yarn. Pierce the pompom with the yarn needle and pull the string or yarn through, leaving a short tail on one end. Make a knot on the short end to secure the pompom.

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2. Use the popsicle stick to poke a hole through the bottom of the cup *(Note: you can use the tip of a pen to help make an indented line in cup bottom first. If using a paper cup, you may need to carefully cut a slit in the bottom)*

3. Stick the popsicle stick into the hole you created on the bottom of the cup, and then tie the end of the pompom string to the popsicle stick (close to bottom of the cup)

4. *(Optional):* WITH ADULT SUPERVISON ONLY, use a hot glue gun to secure the popsicle stick and string to the bottom of the cup (make sure to apply glue all around the area -- above and below the string)

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5. Now use stickers or markers to decorate your cup-and-ball toy! See what fun designs you can make!

6. Now you are ready to play with your cup-and-ball toy! Have fun getting the ball into the cup! Have a contest with others to see who can get the ball in the cup the most times in a certain length of time.