Jumbo Pom Poms with CBTV Live

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(upbeat instrumental music) - Hi everybody. It's Liana, and I am here with Michele Muska from Simplicity. - Hi. Hey everybody. - Hey Michele. Michele's one of our favorite instructors on the site. - Oh thank you. - And we love it when she comes and films with us, so we have her here with us all week teaching how to make Simplicity patterns. - Some really intricate fun things, cosplay, corsets, and gauntlets, and capes. - This woman put some boning into a corset today and then we made her do a live shoot. So we're just working her, working her to the bone. - It's good, I've never done a live Facebook thing before. This is the first time. - I know. Here we are, so we actually have people watching us live right now. We do this every Tuesday and Thursday, for those of you who know, on our Creativebug Facebook channel, so tune in every Tuesday and Thursday at this time. This is 4:00 p.m. for us in San Francisco, 7:00 p.m. for you east-coasters. Other people in the world, I don't know what time it is. - Or in between, whatever. - Maybe you have insomnia, I don't know. But we are here today, and we're actually not going to be sewing with Michele from Simplicity. We're gonna be doing something a little bit different, because it is Super Bowl season. Now, we have a little bit of a secret. - We're not really big football fans, and I actually had to rely on my coworkers to let me in on who actually was gonna be in the Super Bowl. But it was kind of fun, we watched one of the games together, and it was a little bit exciting. I'm really a soccer fan, so football is a little foreign to me, but hey. - I mean, a lot of people in my life, football is very exciting. I always wanna be invited to the party. I love snacks. I mean, - Of course who doesn't love snacks? - who doesn't love the snacks? And I like being in a room full of screaming people. Screaming, happy people. - Right, right. Well hopefully they're happy, if your team wins. I know there could be a downside to that. - So Michele and I got to thinking, what could we do to participate in Super Bowl activities other than eating and bringing snacks, that is more in our crafty domain. I don't know if you guys out there are feeling this way too, maybe, I'm sure there are some die-hard, crafty Super Bowl fans, I know Marly Bird is a big football fan, if you guys know Marly. So you might have your own things, write in with comments, we want to hear what you guys are doing to celebrate the Super Bowl, and we're gonna show you how we're doing it over here by making some pom poms. - So we know the Patriots are one of the teams, and I'm from New England, I'm from Connecticut, so of course I'm gonna be rooting for the Patriots. But there's also the Falcons in Atlanta, and I think they might have been not, like people didn't think they necessarily, maybe were gonna make it to the Super Bowl. - Could they be the underdogs? - So, yeah, yeah, I didn't really wanna call them that but I guess that what you call 'em. So everybody seems pretty excited about that, and they're red and black. So I made a loom-knit hat in black and I made a big pom pom for the top in red and black. - Okay now how long did it take you to make this loom-knit hat? - Maybe two hours, because I did it on our new bulky loom, and you use like a size six or seven so it really goes very quickly. - [Liana] It comes together real fast. - And then I used a combination of worsted weight which is a four, and then the same six for the pom pom, so nice and bulky. - Nice. So just so you know, you do have time to make hats for everybody in your family, and we do have a really cool loom knitting class that you taught on Creativebug. So if you go to Creativebug, and I it's called, I think it's called Loom Knit a Hat. - [Michele] I think it is. Pretty simple. - [Liana] Yeah, so in just a couple of hours, you too can have a hat in the color of your choice. - [Michele] And you can even make a little bitty one for the babies in your family. - Oh it's so

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cute. Where the pom pom - With a giant pom pom. than their head, yeah, - is bigger than the hat. - pretty much. - So now how do you go about making your fancy pom poms? - Well before we do that, I feel like we have to talk about the Patriots colors. I don't want any of the Patriots fans to feel bad. So Patriots, you could actually do a white hat, because red, white and blue, and then you could do a mixture pom pom, or you could do all these three together, but they're also red, blue and silver, so you could do some silver, or I got some sparkly silver here to kind of cover it all. - Very smart. And who is this? - [Michele] This is-- - [Liana] Premier, Premier Yarns. - [Michele] We have Premier, we have Red Heart, we have Spin Ray. - [Liana] Little bit of everything. - We like to spread the love when it comes to yarn. So this is our new pom pom and tassel maker from Boye. It's not out in the stores yet so this is a sneak peek. We don't wanna-- - When's it coming out? - In a couple months, and no one has seen this yet, so this is really exciting. There'll also be an article for the tassels in Simple magazine in April, so all kinds of tassel necklaces that I've made, so that will be really exciting. - And what makes this special? - Well it's color coded so the small ones will go with a two or a three size yarn, like finger weight, lace weight. The pinks are really good for worsted weight, which is like a four. But you can use the bigger ones are okay with the large. - [Liana] That's kind of like an all in one. - [Michele] Right, and the large ones are for the super big, chunky yarn, but you get like 10, and then you can make itty bitty ones here. So you get 10 sizes of pom poms, and then the tassel maker, which you can make little cute tassels like this. - Oh my god, those are cute. - Yeah, with the little tiny pom poms. And you can go from a one and a quarter inches to six and a quarter inches. - Nice, okay, so are you ready to start? - [Michele] So it's like the be all end all. - [Liana] Okay, show us how you do it. - Okay, so you wanna have a tail. I'm gonna put three together, and you're gonna have a little tail. - Like you said, we have a super bulky yarn, mixed with a worsted weight yarn. - Right, and here's like a, right here, and then I'm going to start. Here, do you wanna hold this for me? - Yeah. - [Michele] 'Cause you're gonna make one after me. - [Liana] I am. I'm gonna show you my way, which isn't nearly as good. - [Michele] So we're gonna twist. Oops, you have to like-- - [Liana] Am I helping? - [Michele] No you're not. - [Liana] I'm sorry. (both laughing) - [Michele] Work with me, work with me girl. And then you kind of go from one side, and keep going to the other. Okay? - [Liana] Okay. - [Michele] I hope everybody can see this okay, like this, okay. - [Liana] And remember, you can write in with questions, if you have questions about pom pom making. - [Michele] Questions, or just write in to say hi to us. - We like knowing you're out there everyone. - Right, right. - [Liana] So how many times do you go around? - [Michele] Well- - [Liana] Are you counting? - [Michele] No. - [Liana] 'Cause I'm talking to you? - Yeah, pretty much, but I just like, you know, the key to a really great pom pom is it be really thick, so pretty much I know when this part is really full, and it starts falling off, I need to stop and tie it up and everything. So I think you kind of gauge in that way. I don't think you really have to count. And I think sometimes you just have to try. - [Liana] So it talks to you? - [Michele] Yeah. Yeah, yeah. - It tells you when it's done. - And then you have to practice this, once you do a few, and you're like, oh that wasn't thick enough, that was too thick, then you're gonna say, oh, I just need to wrap it a little bit more. So we'll try it here, see how it goes. Okay, so we're gonna cut that, and then we're gonna cut these pieces of yarn right here. Yeah, don't be scared. - [Liana] It's where the magic happens. - [Michele] And then we're gonna pull this. So see how that's pulling? - [Liana] Yes. - [Michele] So do you know what the key to a really good pom pom is? Liana, this is a test. - Umm. Pixie dust, I don't know, what? - [Michele] That's really tied tight in the middle. - [Liana] I had a feeling you were gonna say that. - [Michele] So you pull this, and you're not gonna tie it off yet, because this is so thick, you're never gonna be able to get a really tight knot. This part is a little tricky, but it's fine. So tie it loosely, hold it, and you can

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put your thumb there, and then-- - [Liana] It's a two-hand project. - [Michele] Yes it is, yeah. It's a little bit of coordination. I actually think I'm gonna use the little scissors. So there is, with the thicker yarn, you wanna start on the top, there's a little groove right here, so that's like a guide to kind of get you right in the middle. And can you see it happen, the magic? - [Liana] I can see it. I actually kind of just like went into the zone, watching you do this. - [Michele] Okay, so you have that all like that, and then you lay it down like that, and you still have your ends. So you pull this really tight, and so since I have a friend here, you wanna put your finger there. - [Liana] I do want to. - [Michele] I mean, you can do it by yourself, but heck, if you have someone with you. So, ready? - [Liana] Yes. - [Michele] Pull it really tight. So you wanna hold onto that, and then you're gonna pull that up. - [Liana] Oh my god, I love it. - [Michele] So you actually though need to trim because what happens when you're doing this at this end, wrapping it, they get a little bit longer. - [Liana] Yeah, that's a sad pom pom. - [Michele] Well, not too sad, come on. - [Liana] It's a little frumpy, let's admit it. - [Michele] Well we'll fix it up, how's that? - [Liana] I swear, we've done a lot of pom poms on Creativebug and I feel like we could do a master cut. So a lot of times our editors have fun where they do cuts of instructors saying the same thing over and over, and I think if I had a master cut of our instructor saying, and I'm just gonna give this pom pom a little haircut. - Haircut. - [Liana] Everybody says that, right? - [Michele] And you can keep cutting and cutting and cutting. But one of the things about this thick yarn, this grande, is that it's a twisted yarn, so I mean, you could just leave it like that. - [Liana] Ooh, I love it. - [Michele] But what I like to do, I made a big mess, is I like to go in and oh, see this, oops, well sometimes they come out. - [Liana] Who knows what that was. - [Michele] Pay no attention to that. So I like to go in and I untwist each piece like this. - And this is a very good activity for a stressful game. - [Michele] Oh yeah, or if you don't know what's really going on, you can like, you know, just pretend like you're busy, which would be me. - We're just being honest here. - Yeah. I'm telling ya. - [Liana] You're like, yay, sports. Go sports ball. - [Michele] Okay, so you keep twisting, and you wanna go to every single one, and it makes it really fuzzy and really cute. - [Liana] Oh I love it. - [Michele] And this one actually has little crazy curls coming out, so isn't that cute? - [Liana] Nice. That is so cute. - [Michele] So when you're done with all that, just keep going. And you could put that on like a white hat if you want. - [Liana] That looks great. - Or, if you made, I don't know if this is really a nice thing to say, but if you made a red hat, you could actually make a blue pom pom, and well. - She's thinking it through. - And a black pom pom. So then in the middle of the game, if you wanna change sides, you can actually switch it out, know what I mean? So if you have a red hat - Oh, you're gonna switch teams? - You can switch teams. - Alright. - Which, I know not everybody would like to do that. - I might do that, depending on how the mood of the room was going. I know. - Right, right, right. So anyways. - Well I love this idea of combining all together. Do you wanna see my kind of inferior way of making pom poms? - Sure. Sounds a little scary. Well, you know, we do need to show everybody how to make a pom pom, 'cause these aren't gonna be ready yet. So in anticipation - I know. - of that coming out, we were gonna take a look at your pom pom effort. - Yeah, 'cause I'm imagining you're in a pinch, let's say you're at the Super Bowl party, and you brought some yarn, and everybody is gonna make their own pom poms, maybe, but not everybody has access to the pom pom maker at the same time, so Anne Weil, who is another instructor on our site, she does a lot of arm knitting classes, and she taught this technique that I thought was so funny, making a pom pom with your iPhone. That's why I have my phone here, I'm not like taking calls during our live broadcast. But here, I'll use the blue one. And this was your suggestion, actually. - [Michele] So take that and put that across the top like this, and then you start to wrap. - Okay, so we have our wrapper all ready to go. Our tie. - Your tie. Can we see that? -

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[Liana] Okay, now all I'm gonna do is just wrap this around like a bajillion times. - [Michele] How many times are you gonna wrap it around? - [Liana] I go like a hundred. - [Michele] Oh my gosh. - [Liana] I know, with the worsted weight yarn. - [Michele] Yeah, that's a lot of work. Maybe that wasn't such a good idea. - [Liana] Yeah, thanks a lot. I'm trying out Michele's idea. I'm not counting though. - No, just do a bunch so we can get the idea. - So I'm just gonna keep going. - [Man] Can you guys say good night to Susan Trainer. - Susan Trainer, good night. - Good night Susan. - She was waiting for you guys to make pom poms before she fell asleep. - Oh, I'm so glad that you're here. - I'm glad you stayed awake long enough to watch. - I know. I wonder where Susan is. - I don't know. - Maybe she's one of those fine folks in the UK, and it's like really late there. - [Man] I have a question from Barbara. - Okay. - [Man] What would the average price of making a pom pom be? - I think it really depends on the yarn. So a lot of times people will use just scrap yarn left over, so basically if you made a project, and you have a little bit left over, it's kind of a freebie, really. - Oh yeah, and if you get one of these super savers too, I can't remember how much these are. Do you remember how much these are? - No, but not a lot, and you can, you know. - [Liana] Got a price tag on it? No. - I have a tendency to splurge for pom poms and I like to use baby Alpaca, and hand dyed merino wool, just because I love the variety of the colors and how soft they are. And we'll show you in a little bit, but I actually make garlands out of them to hang up as decorations for parties. And we hung some up in our office too. - So it's up to you, really, is what it comes down to, how much you wanna spend. 'Cause once you have a pom pom maker, you can use that over and over and over and over, so that's like a one-time-- - It could be just a few cents or it could be a dollar. - I know. That's a one-time investment. Or you could do my version. - Or you could do this, right. - If you're really in a pinch. And actually, so I'm gonna show, so I just wrapped this around, I'm guessing it's a hundred times, it's pretty thick here. And I have my yarn, I already laid down, thanks Michele for the tip, and all I'm gonna do is just tie one knot-- - [Michele] Do you want my finger? - [Liana] I would love your finger. And two. Okay, and then slide it off, - [Michele] Oh my god, is it tight? Too tight? - [Liana] Yeah, it's totally tight. (groaning) - [Michele] Uh oh. - [Liana] I did it right over the buttons. Okay, and I think Siri's gonna say something soon. - [Michele] Well hopefully she doesn't say anything naughty. - [Liana] Oh and I have to show them, this is my favorite part when you're sliding this off 'cause it looks like your phone is wearing a little turban. - [Michele] So cute. - [Liana] Yeah, I love it. - [Michele] Very trendy. You have a very trendy phone. - [Liana] So now it's off, and-- - [Michele] Oh shoot. - [Liana] Did I do it wrong? - [Michele] No, no, go ahead, go ahead. - [Liana] Oh my god, Michele. - [Michele] You have the ties? You're holding on to the ties? - [Liana] I swear we haven't been drinking. - [Michele] No, no, no, no. - [Liana] Not yet. - [Michele] I've been filming classes all day, so I might be a little. - [Liana] A little bit loopy. - [Michele] Yeah. - [Liana] I know, you bring it out in me. - [Michele] I thought that was the other way round. You didn't lose your ties did you? - [Liana] No. I don't think so. - Okay. - [Liana] And if I did, you know what? I'd just safety pin it on. - [Michele] Well, you wanna have your ties so you can trim it. So you can hold on-- - That's right. Well I have a big old floppy pom pom here. - [Michele] You do. But if you trim it up and you put some more yarn around your phone, I think it would have worked. - [Liana] I think so too. I think it did work, Michele. - [Michele] Yes, I think it did work, yes. - You say past, okay clearly your pom pom is superior. But again, if you forgot. - Can I just say, sorry. - I'm gonna work on this one. Do you wanna show us how you make a tassel too using the tassel maker? - Oh sure. Yeah. - [Liana] I don't know if you guys have ever seen a tassel maker. - This is pretty amazing. Okay, so you can flip this little tab over, and we're gonna make a three and a quarter inch tassel. And since I'm from New England, I think I'll use the Patriot colors. - Okay, so let's see. - [Michele] You wanna put them in the

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little, and then you just wrap, and you can wrap as many as you want, but you know, maybe like for a little tassel, you might wanna do 12, and you can actually do the whole thing, and use big fat yarn if you want to. - [Liana] Ooh. - [Michele] I don't think fat yarn is really the right terminology, but, you know. - [Liana] Aren't you a member of the CYC, the Craft Yarn Council? You're gonna get in trouble if you call it - [Michele] I don't know if they're watching, but you know. - [Liana] fat yarn. - [Michele] It's okay. I'm using yarn, so everybody should be really happy. So it's kind of like the pom pom maker, I cut that, and I pull it up, and okay, so make a little tie, and you can make those really super super tiny tassels for like jewelry, earrings, and everything like that, you can use embroidery floss or yarn. And then I'm gonna slide it off like this, and I'm gonna lay it flat, and then I need a piece of yarn to tie around like this for the little bell part. Might need your help just to hold that for me. Just so we can make sure everybody can see that. I go around a few times - Yeah, pom pom and tassel making is really not something for people to do alone, that's what I'm finding. - [Michele] Well, I mean it can be, but, you know, - It's best with a buddy. - [Michele] it's more fun with somebody else. Okay, and I'll tie that off. - [Liana] And we have a little tassel. - [Michele] Then you're going to cut it. And then you can actually, so I like to take this at the end, and then I trim it up like that. - [Liana] Boom. - [Michele] There. - [Liana] We should time you, that was like a one minute - That was pretty quick, right? - Tassel. - [Michele] Yeah, yeah. - [Liana] So that could be like a boutonniere perhaps, for somebody who doesn't want a pom pom. - Yeah, or a big earring, or a necklace. - So I have to show you guys these other things that Michele made. First of all, one of them is this pom pom headband, which I'm gonna go ahead and just put on. - I think she looks really fabulous in it, it matches her outfit. - It's like a Frida Kahlo - Yes it is. Like a Coachella Festival - Pom pom headband. - kind of pom pom. - How did you make this? - Well first I made a whole bunch of pom poms, and then I took a headband, and I just like tied 'em all on. That was it, it was super easy. - You just tied it? You didn't glue it or anything? - [Michele] No, no. - So it's just kind of free form? I love it. - Yeah, yeah. And you can actually move 'em around too, like if you want the different colors in different places. - This is my favorite thing. So anybody - Oh good. - who's feeling kind of feminine, artsy, die hard football fan. - You could do it in colors of your team. - You could do it in the team colors. And then you could also make, talk us through this. - Okay, so I made these pom poms, so this is super soft. This is made with one yarn, this is made with two, and this is made with four different yarns, just to like bring all the colors in. - I love it. - And it's actually a garland, so it's strung, and you can hang it like this, or you can-- - So this would be another good Super Bowl decoration. - Oh you could actually decorate your house with this, that would be super cool. And you could actually go like this too. You know, you could also make a whole bunch of 'em and make a wreath for your front door, 'cause it's February still. That would be okay, right? - You could, we're all about looking for crafting opportunities here at Creativebug and with Simplicity. I think that we've kind of maximized our pom pom opportunity here. - [Michele] I think we have. - I hope we've inspired all of you, and again, check out those Creativebug classes for making hats, and we have lots of pom pom opportunities, including Anne Weil's arm knitting. We have loom knitting, and we have circular knitting. - Circular knitting for a hat. - Any kind of way you wanna make a hat we can do it. So thanks again. We do this every Tuesday and Thursday so like our Facebook page to get notified when we go live, and I will see you next time. (upbeat instrumental music)

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