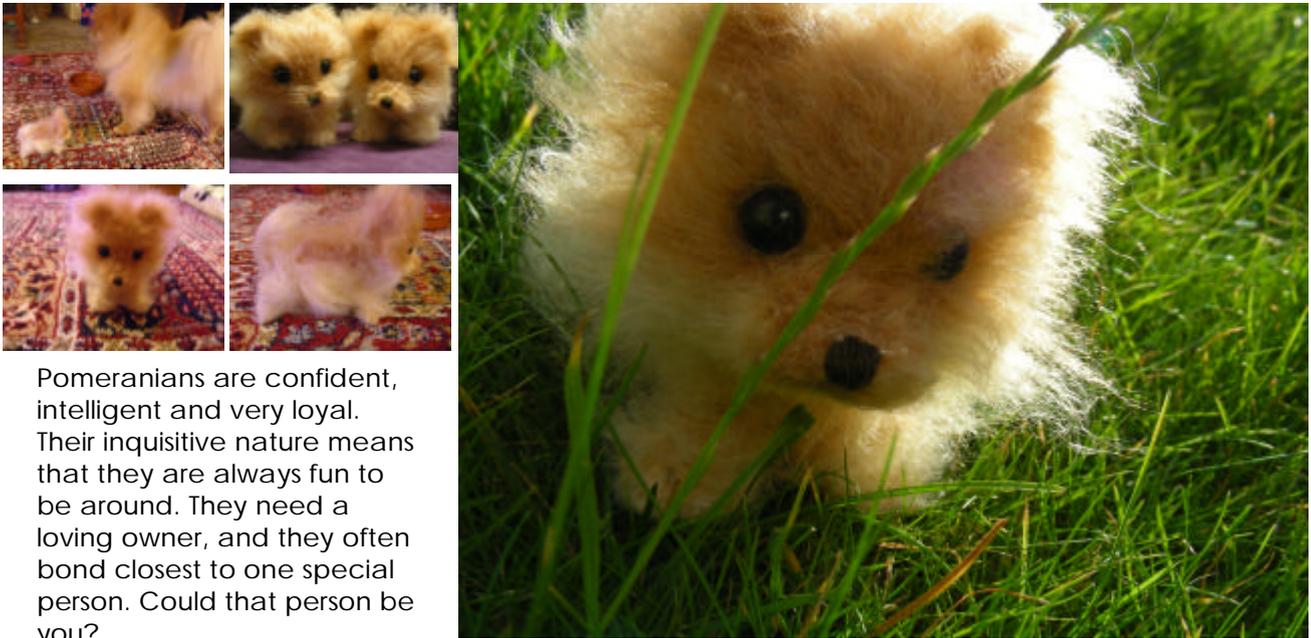




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Pomeranian



Pomeranians are confident, intelligent and very loyal. Their inquisitive nature means that they are always fun to be around. They need a loving owner, and they often bond closest to one special person. Could that person be you?

You will need:

- 25g Paton's Spirit – divided into the darker (**orange**) and lighter (**beige**) shades – there will be more of the lighter shade. (Alternatively use 25g of any brand of dk / light worsted mohair/mohair mix, in solid or two shades.)
- Small scrap of brown or black dk yarn and a yarn needle.
- Two black safety eyes (10mm), alternatively you could use large beads or make some from fimo.
- Around 20cms of pipe cleaner and a small amount of stuffing
- Needle and thread.
- A slicker brush (an ordinary brush or comb won't do the job as effectively).
- A trusty 3.5mm crochet hook.

Head

- The basic idea here is to make a ball shape, with one side beige and the other side orange
- Starting with the **orange**, using the magic circle technique, create a ring of 7 stitches. 1

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Head - By feel - method

Using single crochet - Increase the circle, in a spiral, without using a turning chain. You will need to gently increase so you create a half ball shape. Increasing the number of stitches, over roughly 5 additional rows until you finish with 24 stitches (6 rows including the magic circle).



Head - Exact - method

- At the end of each round use a turning chain to move to the next round.
- Start with the 7 stitches on the turning chain and increase each round evenly by 4 stitches (rounds 2-5) increase the last round (round 6) by just one stitch.
- Change colour and use the **beige** wool to start decreasing the ball shape.
- In round 7, single crochet in each of the 24 stitches in round six, in rounds 8 and 9 decrease by just 1 stitch.
- At this point you need to brush the hair and affix the eyes.



The hair needs to be brushed first, as you can damage the eyes if you do it afterwards



Affix the eyes onto the **orange** part of the ball



Decrease rounds 10-12 by 4 stitches each, and finish of by drawing the stitches together, making sure to add some stuffing before you close.



Don't worry about neatness, just decrease to a close, as it will all be brushed out, later.
Weave in loose ends.



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Brush out hair, being careful of the eyes.



You will need to go backwards and forwards to get all the hair out. Don't be afraid, you have to be quite vigorous about it.

Nose



- In **orange**, Magic circle 8 stitches.
- increase by 1 in round 2
- Do not increase any more, so round 3 and 4 have 9 stitches.
- Brush out the nose.



Stitch the snout onto the head.



Using the brown yarn, and yarn needle, embroider a nose onto the end of the snout, around the same size as the eyes.



Trim the hair to make the pom face. Be brave! It is very forgiving, you can always brush out some more hair, if you make a mistake.



Use Twinkle as a guide, if you don't have your own reference pom.



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Body

- In **orange**, start a magic circle with 7 stitches.
- Round 2: increase by 2 single crochet sts in each st (14 sts).
- Round 3: increase by 1 stitch in the first chain st, 2 in the second st, 1 in the third, 2 in the fourth, 1 in the fifth, and so on (21 sts).
- Round 4: stitch 1 single crochet stitch in each chain st, but 2 sts into every seventh st (24 sts).
- Round 5: stitch one single crochet st in each chain st (24 sts). On your last stitch, chain one and use this as a turning stitch.
- Then single crochet once into each of the next 8 sts. Chain 1, use as a turning stitch and single crochet once into each of the 8 sts. (This should create a rectangle coming off from the circle.)
- Do this for another 7 rows maintaining 8 stitches on each row by using a turning chain.



Rectangle coming off the circle



Once this is complete pick up the other 16 stitches on the original circle with **beige** and crochet 9 rows, maintaining 16 stitches on each row.



This should create a sausage shape with two splits down the middle. Don't worry about these splits we will sew them together later.

• 10th row: continue crocheting the 16 **beige** sts but, instead of turning, pick up the 8 **orange** sts and complete the round.

• Round 1: now reduce these by crocheting together every seventh st with the eighth st (21 sts).

• Round 2: decrease by crocheting together every other 2 stitches (14 sts).

• Round 3: crochet together every st to reduce by half (7 sts), then close sts together.



Sew the two splits together.



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Front Legs (x2)



- In **beige**, chain stitch 7, and join by slip stitching the first and last sts.
- Crochet in the round for 9 rows, maintaining 6 sts in each row.



- You can do this around a pipe cleaner, or insert the pipe cleaner afterwards.

Back Legs (x2)



- In **beige**, chain stitch 8, and join by slip stitching the first and last sts together.
- Single crochet into each chain stitch to make a spiral tube (of 7 stitches on each row) , until you have around 4 rows.

- Now, reduce the number of sts in the round to 5 by skipping 2 sts, distributed evenly throughout the round.
- Do 5 more rows of these 5 sts.

- You should now have 4 legs.
- Tidy these up by trimming excess pipe cleaner, close the ends and weave in any loose ends.

Ears (x2)

- In **orange**, start by chaining 6 and single crocheting into each stitch (This will result in 5 single crochet stitches, as one chain is used as a turning chain).
- Turn (Not using a turning chain and crochet 4 stitches in the next row)
- Turn (Three in the next row)
- Turn (Two in the next row)
- Turn (A single crochet stitch, cast off)



- Weave in loose ends

(Look, I've done it for you!!!)



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Tail

- Chain 9, single crochet into each of the stitches (8 stitches, 9th is the turning chain).

Putting your pom together



Brush each piece with the slicker brush until fluffy. (You will have to brush from many different angles to get the best effect.)



Stitch the ears onto the head, then the head onto the body. Consult Twinkle, to get the right look.



Stitch the legs onto the body, and shape appropriately, followed by the tail, which should curl up onto the back. (don't worry, pom was asleep during this operation!)



Trim the fur on the legs and body to create your own perfect pom, just like Twinkle, above.



Name, cuddle and enjoy your pom!

Remember a dog is for life, not just for Christmas!

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