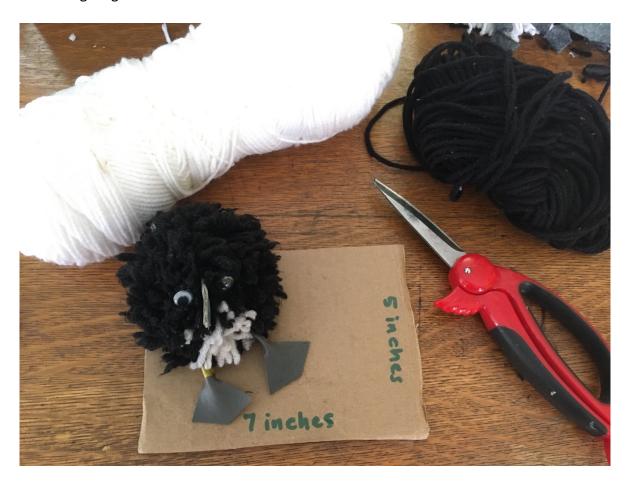# HOW TO MAKE A PUFFY PUFFLING by "Seabird Sue" Schubel

You will need:

- Black yarn
- White yarn
- A piece of cardboard, approximately 5 x 7 inches
- Scissors
- Some gray fabric or even thick paper, for beak and feet
- Eyes – googly, shiny button, or created some other way
- Hot glue gun

Directions:

1. Cut a rectangle of cardboard. The size of the cardboard is not critical, but I used a piece that measured 5 x 7 inches for ease of handling. It could be smaller.

2. Do 160 wraps of yarn around the cardboard, in the shorter (5 inch) direction.

3. Wrap a piece of yarn (approximately 12 inches long) around the bundle of yarn on each side and tie with a square knot on second wrap. Then, slide the tied bundle off from the cardboard.

4. Now, make a smaller bundle with white yarn, using about 65 wraps of yarn around the cardboard, in the shorter (5 inch) direction. Tie on each side, and slide the tied bundle off the cardboard.

5. Using the tie strings, attach the black bundle and white bundle together to become one large bundle.
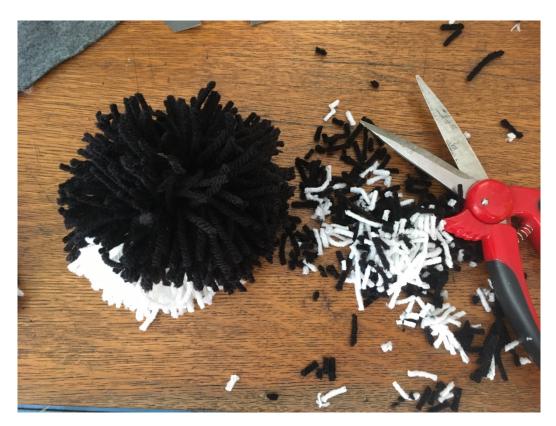

6. Cut all the loops to get a large loose puffball.

7. Time for a Covid-19 haircut! If you prefer a little tighter-looking puffling, you can trim the yarn now.

8. Next, cut two rectangles of gray fabric (felt, vinyl, even heavy paper), and then on each, cut a three-toed webbed-foot, attached to wide band. These will serve as the legs.

9. Cut out two rounded triangles for beaks from the same fabric.

10. Apply hot glue (be careful!) to the inside of the leg, and wrap around several (3 or 4) yarn strands in white section. Remember the head is black and the belly is white.

11. Attach beak to black yarn strands above white belly using hot glue. First one side and then the other.

12. Last thing is to add the eyes! Use googly eyes, or make some eyes from fabric or paper and glue on with hot glue.

And......you can even band your puffin if you like!