



## Supplies Needed

#40000773 White 3" Pompoms, 4 pc. (1 pk)  
#40000468 White 3mm x 12" Chenille Sticks, 25 pc. (1 pk)  
#34734600 Rainbow Pony Beads, 430 pc. (1 pk)  
# AWD20S1006YD 20-Gauge Silver Wire, 6 yd. (1 pk)  
Paint Stirring Stick (or two pieces of wood 1 1/2" x 1 1/4" W x 1/8" D)  
White Acrylic Paint

## Tools Needed

Wire Cutters  
Needle Nose Pliers  
Scotch Tape  
Sandpaper  
Small Paint Brush  
Hot Glue Gun

## Techniques to Know

Basic Wire Wrapping  
Basic Wood Cutting  
Basic Painting

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Alternating between red transparent and red opaque pony beads, slide a total of thirty-nine pony beads onto the middle of a chenille stick.
2. Repeat step 1 with orange transparent and orange opaque pony beads, sliding a total of thirty-four pony beads onto a chenille stick.
3. Repeat step 1 with yellow transparent and yellow opaque pony beads, sliding a total of thirty pony beads onto a chenille stick.
4. Repeat step 1 with green transparent and green opaque pony beads, sliding a total of twenty-five pony beads onto a chenille stick.
5. Repeat step 1 with blue transparent and blue opaque pony beads, sliding a total of twenty pony beads onto a chenille stick.
6. Repeat step 1 with purple transparent and purple opaque pony beads, sliding a total of sixteen beads onto a chenille stick.
7. Cut six 18" lengths of 20-gauge wire. Slide the middle of an 18" length of wire through the beads, alongside the chenille sticks, of each of the above six

bead strands so the same amount of wire is exposed on each side of the bead strand.

8. Use needle nose pliers to hold the 20-gauge wire near the last bead on one side of each bead strand and wrap the chenille stick, on that side, around the 20-gauge wire a few times. Trim the tail of the chenille stick to approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Use needle nose pliers to push that end of the chenille stick back through the last pony bead on that side of the bead strand. Repeat this step on both sides of each bead strand.

9. Lay out your bead strands, in the reverse order you made them, red first and purple last.

10. Beginning with the purple strand, push the 20-gauge wire on one end of the bead strand, down through a pompom until the beads on that side, touch the top of the pompom. Use needle nose pliers to make a perpendicular bend in the wire that rests underneath the pompom. (This bend will temporarily hold the bead strand onto the pompom.) Repeat this step by pushing the other end of that bead strand into another pompom.

11. Build a rainbow by repeating the previous step with the remaining bead strands, in reverse order, being sure to line the entry point of each new wire lines up with the entry and exit points of the previous wire on each pompom. Be sure all the wires strands on each side of all the bead strands are lined up, pushed down through the pompoms on each side, with wire tails bent perpendicular.

12. Join all the wire ends together and use needle nose pliers to grasp and twist the joined wire ends together so the twist rests underneath the pompom. Once again, bend the joined wire end tails perpendicular so the bent wire ends rest underneath both pompoms. Trim the bent tails of the joined wire ends to approx. 1". Be certain the bent wire tails are hidden underneath the pompoms.

13. Cut two 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths from a paint stirring stick (or use a different wood) and smooth the edges with sandpaper.

14. Paint both sides and the edges of the cut wood pieces. Allow to dry. May need 2-3 coats.

15. Use glue gun to glue the joined ends of perpendicular wires, underneath both pompoms onto the top of each piece of wood.

**SKILL LEVEL:** Beginner/Advanced Beginner

**APPROXIMATE TIME:** 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  Hrs. + drying time