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Homemade Brushes

Type 1

Materials:

scissors

rubber band

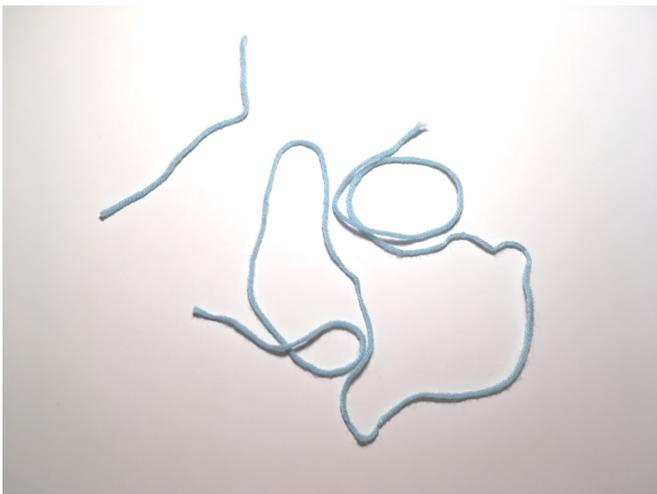
yarn—a couple of feet in length

pencil, or similarly sized object



Step 1

Cut about 3 to 5 inches off of the piece of yarn.



Step 2

Wrap the longer piece of yarn around a ruler, a stack of post it notes, a deck of cards, or your fingers.



Step 3

Slip the shorter piece of string through the loop you just made.



Step 4

Tie the shorter string around the loop.
Tie it tightly and make several knots.



Step 5

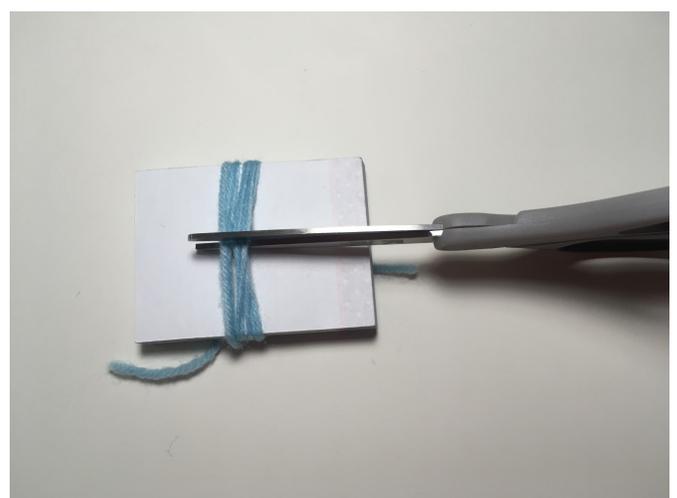
Flip the notepad, deck of cards, etc. over.



Step 6

Cut the loop directly opposite from where it has been tied together.

If you are using your fingers to make the loop, **take the loop off your fingers first!**



Step 7

Arrange the yarn so that all the individual strings lay in the same direction.



Step 8

Lay the yarn alongside the end of the pencil, so that the strings point away from the pencil.



Step 9

Use the rubber band to attach the yarn to the pencil.



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Type 2

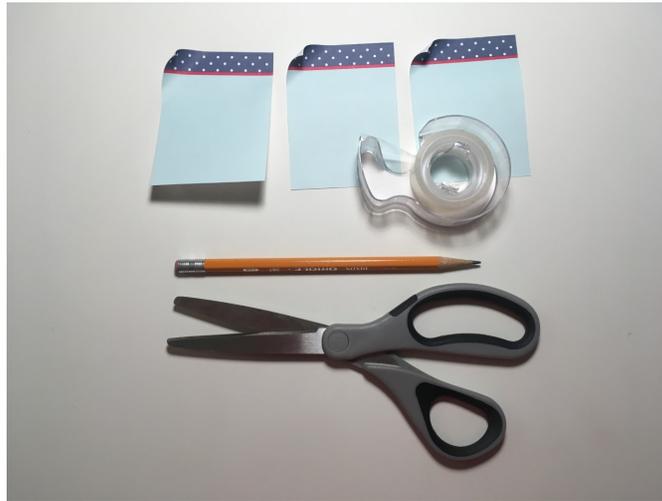
Materials:

scissors

tape

small pieces of paper (a few inches in length and width)

pencil, or similarly sized object



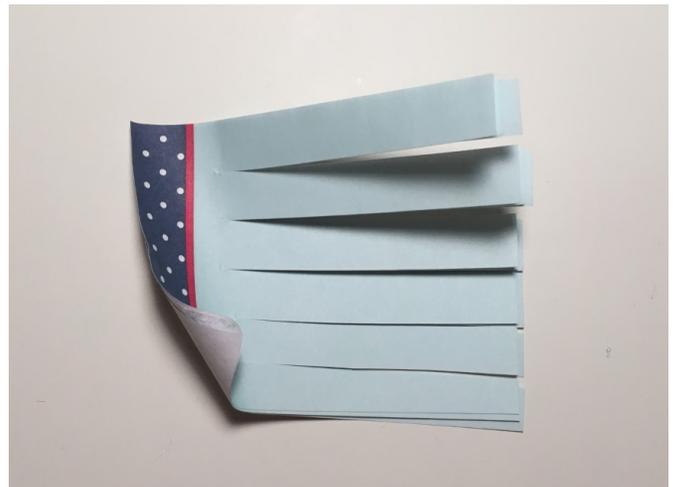
Step 1

Place the pieces of paper on top of one another.
(It helps if they are sticky notes.)



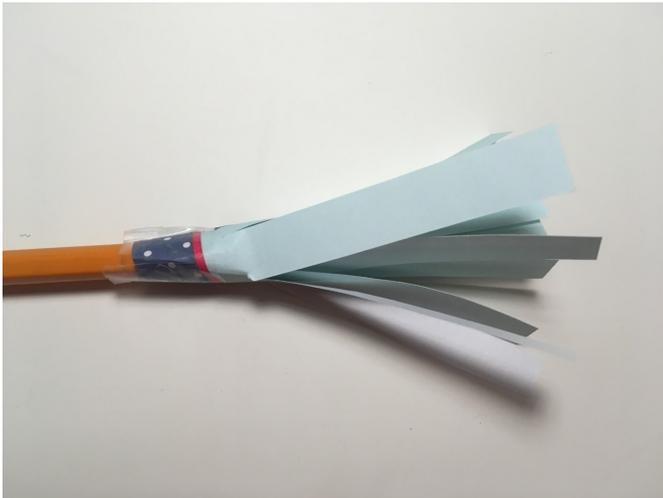
Step 2

Make parallel cuts on the paper to make fringe.
Make sure that you stop before you get to the
opposite end.



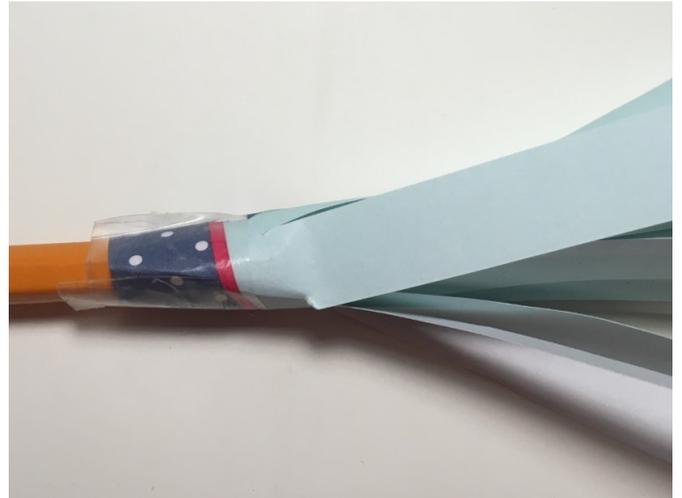
Step 3

Wrap the paper around the end of the pencil.
Use tape to hold it in place if needed.



Step 4

Use more tape to make sure the paper is securely
attached to the pencil.



Homemade Brushes

Type 3

Materials:

scissors

clothespin

small piece of felt or other fabric



Step 1

Fold the fabric in half.



Step 2

Cut parallel lines into the fabric. Be careful not to cut all the way through to the other end.



Step 4

Clip the fabric into the clothespin. Make sure the fringe is facing away from the clothespin.

Fold the fabric in half before clipping it, if you like.

