Terrific Tassels!

Tassels are really easy and fun to make and look great added to key-rings, as decorations or used to make a wrapped present extra special. Follow our instructions to make your own!

You will Need:

- String, yarn or thick thread
- A small piece of cardboard
- Scissors
- Ruler (optional)

Step 1.

Cut a rectangle of cardboard about 4 cm wide and as long as you want your tassel to be. So, if you want a 10 cm long tassel cut a rectangle of cardboard 4 x 10 cm.

Step 2.

Place the end of your yarn (or thread or string) at one of the narrow ends of the rectangle and then begin winding around the length of the cardboard.

Step 3.

When you've got lots of wraps (the more times you wrap the fuller your tassel will be) cut the yarn, ending at the same edge you started.

Step 4.

Cut a small length of yarn and slide it under one half of the wraps, tie it tightly around the yarn wraps at one end. Knot the two loose ends together to make a hanging loop for your tassel.

Step 5.

Carefully cut the loops of yarn at the opposite end of the cardboard.

Step 6.

Cut a longer length of yarn and wrap it around the tassel about 2 cm down from the end you tied off previously. Tightly knot the ends of this bit of yarn so it holds the tassel together and doesn't come undone.

Step 7.

Give your tassel a haircut to tidy it up! Make lots of tassels and use them to decorate things. What else could you use to make tassels? Strips of fabric? Ribbon?