

# Lollipops



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## **Introduction**

Fun fabric Lollipops, almost as good as the real thing. These look great hung up in a tree or along the mantelpiece in a garland. Experiment with stripes or spots for a fantastic Christmas display.

## **Materials information**

Seam allowance is 0.75cm, 1/3" throughout.

You will need a sewing machine.

Needles (sewing and tapestry) and thread for some hand stitching.

Fat quarters of woven fabrics such as poplin or quilting cottons.

Ribbons.

Strong cardboard – internal ridged is the best.

Decorative buttons

Decorative hanging string.

Lollipop (candy pop) sticks – the cylindrical kind.

Strong glue.

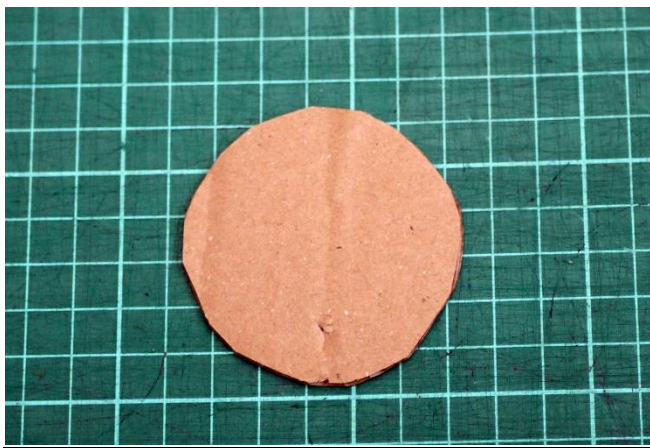
## **Printing instructions**

**This is an unlayered pattern with only one page to print.**

Print at actual size on A4 (letter, 8.5"x 11") paper. This is a PDF pattern so you will need to use Acrobat/Adobe Reader to print.

Measure the scale boxes provided on the printing pages to make sure that the pattern has printed at the correct scale.

## Pattern Instructions



Using the lollipop template, cut 1 circle from a string cardboard.

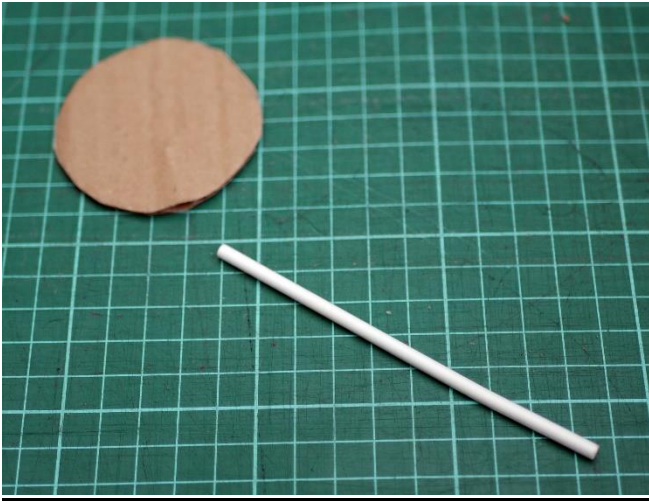


If using an internal ridged type then follow these instructions – if using a thinner cardboard then skip to the tape method.



Find the centre hole and make it slightly wider using a pencil or something similar. Do not push in so hard that the cardboard starts to come apart!

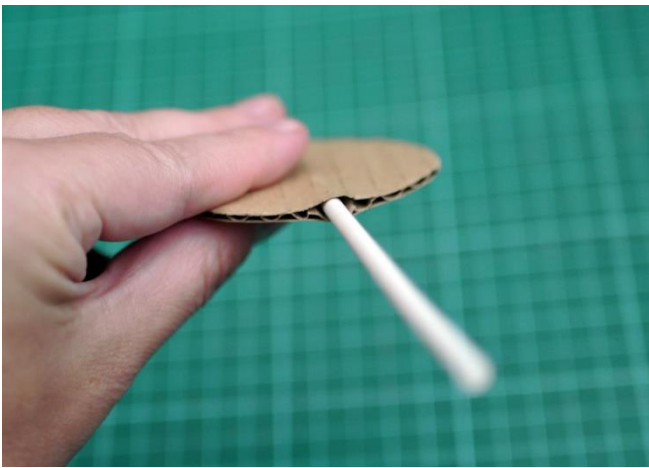




Take the lollipop stick and insert it into the widened hole to check it fits.

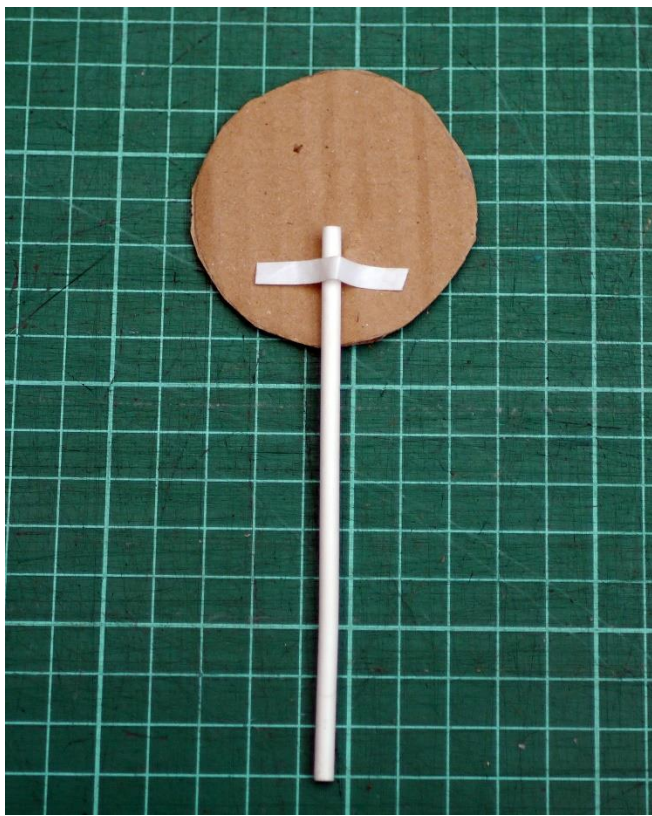


Put some glue inside the hole.



Put the stick back inside the hole. It should go in for about 2-2.5cm (Just under an inch).





### **Tape method**

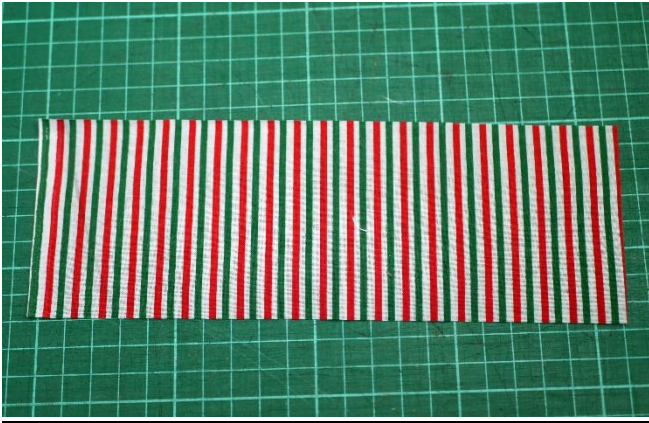
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Place the stick on one side of the cardboard template. It should be around 2-2.5cm (just under an inch) on the cardboard.

Using a strong tape (wider than the one shown), tape the stick to the cardboard.

## Fabric preparation

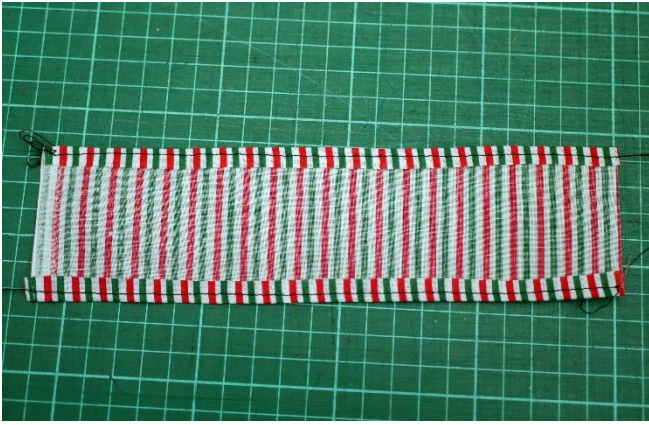
Take the fabric strip.



Place right sides facing downwards.

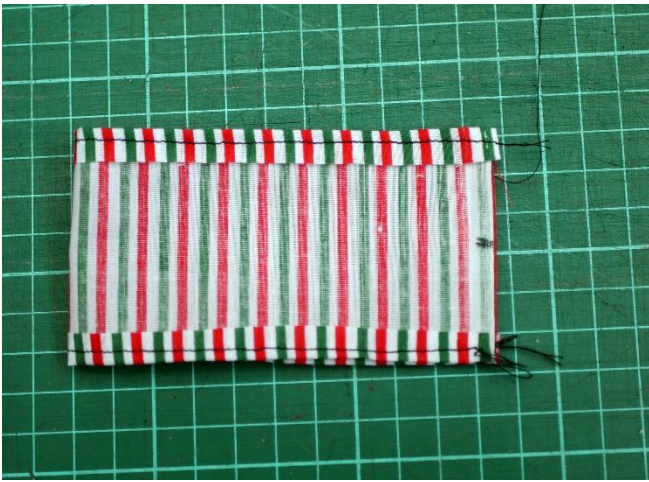
Fold the sides down by 0.75cm (1/3") and sew in place.

I have used a contrast fabric so it shows up – I would



Fold in half, right sides facing.

Mark the centre along the raw edge.



Sew the raw edges together. Leave a gap in the middle where the centre mark is.







Thread a needle with some strong thread for gathering stitches.



Make gathering stitches about 1cm distance from each other. Keep a long thread end for pulling.

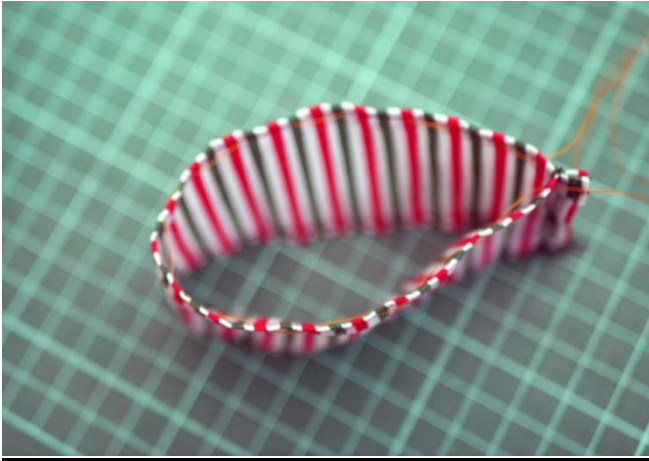


It can be helpful to gather them along like this to make sure the gathers are roughly the same size. And then release once the needle is full.





Continue all the way around.



Check you haven't sewn the sides to each other and that it's still circular.



Repeat on the other side.



Pull the gathering ends evenly and gently to ruch the strip.



Pull until it's fully rucked.



Tie the threads together to stop it coming under. Double knot to secure in place.



Find the lollipop hole opening.



Push the lollipop stick through the opening. Wrong sides facing outwards.





Position the cardboard circle so one of the two circle sides is facing the ruched end.



Pull the lollipop over the cardboard template as shown.



Now start to pull the threads gently to gather the open end into a circle.



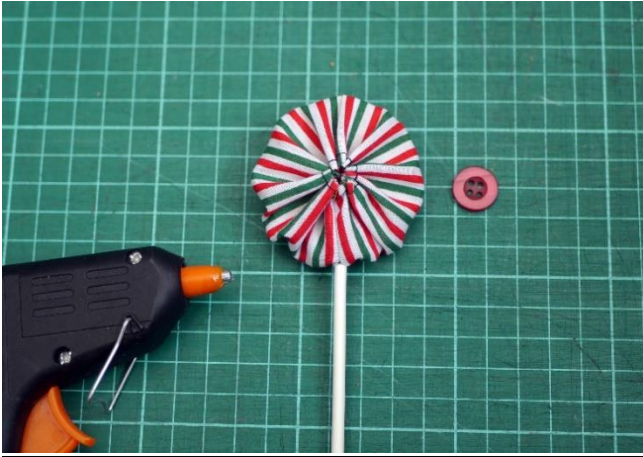
Pull until tight and tie in place.





Double knot and feed the threads inwards to the circle to keep them tidy.

You can leave the front and back ends uncovered if you like or cover them with decorative buttons

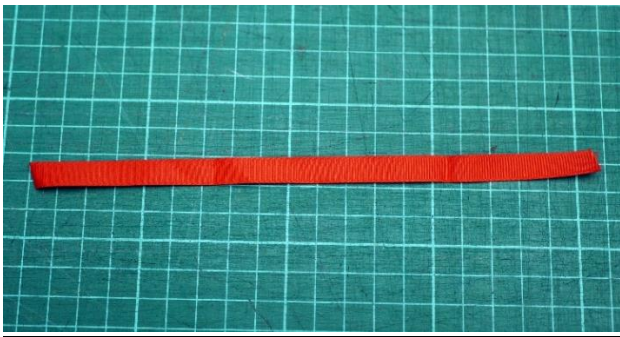


Use a strong glue on the back of the button and place over the centre of the circle.



This can be done on the front and back or both. If doing both, then put the hanging thread in before doing that.

Go to page 14 for those instructions.



Optional ribbon bow decoration.

Place the ribbon face downwards.



Make a loop on one side as shown. Make sure the right sides are facing upwards as shown.



Repeat on the other side. It may take some tweaking to get the two ends the same size.

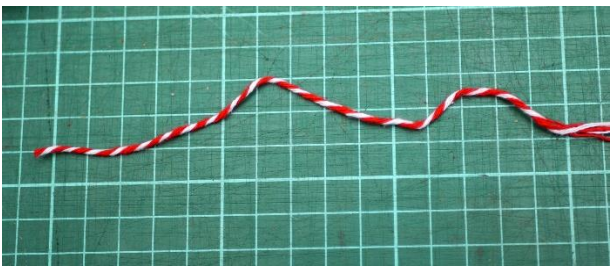


Glue the parts of the ribbon that need to cross over to keep the bow in place.

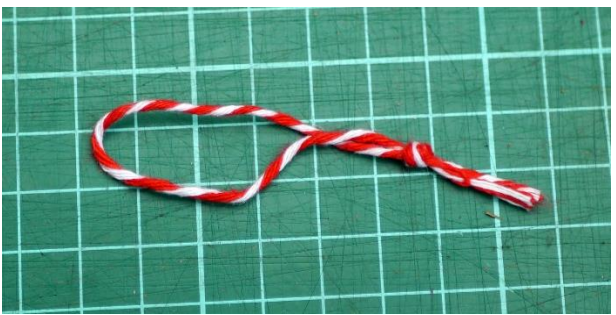




Leave to dry before gluing onto the lollipop stick.



Take the decorative hanging thread and cut to your required length – suggested size is 12cm (4  $\frac{3}{4}$ ”).



Knot the ends.





Thread the string through a large tapestry needle.



Push the needle through the centre hole and position it so the end will come out the top in the middle.



Pull needle through. Make sure it doesn't catch on the centre hole or the pulled threads.



Pull all the way through.

Remove needle.

Finished.











