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POM TRIM TAPE REMOVAL

This is really easy – removing the tape from the poms allows you glue them directly on to the edges of hard finishes (boxes, hard finish ornaments, etc.) or to couch them (sharp needle & thread) on to all the edges that allow the needle to pierce the underneath fabric or finish (pin cushion edges, ornament edges, etc.) Caveat: this method only works with Lady Dot Creates Poms. I can't vouch for any other brands on the market.

1. Cut your required length of poms plus an inch. When you remove the tape, the poms pearl string get longer because they are not constricted by the tape. Pull the poms apart from the tape and you will see a zig zag thread that holds the actual poms to the tape. Using very sharp embroidery scissors, every 5-6 inches, cut that zig zag thread. This is a multifilament fiber so make sure you cut thru all the tiny thin threads in the “zag” or one of those tiny thin threads can keep you from freely pulling that “zag” thread out.



2. Once you have snipped the “zag” thread in all the spots needed, go back to the beginning of your length and find the beginning of that “zag” thread, grab it with needlenose pliers and pull that thread. If you have snipped that “zag” thread all the way thru the trim should bunch up as you pull that thread and then you will feel it release. When you pull that thread out totally, the poms automatically separate from the tape.



Continuing to each separate snip and repeat the process, pulling out all the bits of that "zag" thread. When finished, you will have a string of pom pearls and a string of tape and a pile of zag threads. Toss tape & zag threads and confirm that when you apply the poms it is with right side is up. There is a wrong – right side is the poms – wrong side is the flat side where you can see the thread used in manufacturing to actually create the poms and hold them together – **the side with the thread stitching showing is always the wrong side.**



Just a hint because I will NEVER use poms attached to tape: i sit and strip tape off entire packages at a time so they are ready for me to use whenever i need them. it's good, mindless "my brain is dead and i can't think anymore" work ;)