



PAPER MÂCHÉ

SCHOOL YEAR'S EVE BALL

Begin this project a few days before your party so that the glue has enough time to dry. Also, cover your workspace with old newspaper or a plastic tablecloth since this can be a bit messy (but lots of fun). Here's what you'll need to get started:

BALLOON

1 CUP FLOUR

3 CUPS WATER

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SMALL CANDIES AND TRINKETS

ALUMINUM FOIL OR TISSUE PAPER

LIQUID GLUE



1. Blow up a balloon and tie the bottom.
2. Cut newspaper into strips 1-inch wide by 8-10 inches long.
3. In a large bowl make the glue by mixing 1 cup of flour with 3 cups of water. You want it to be a nice, smooth consistency and not too watery. If it's too thin, add a little more flour. If it's too thick, add more water.
4. Dip the strips of newspaper into the glue. Slide your fingers down the strip to remove excess glue.
5. Cover the balloon with a layer of strips (to hold your balloon in place while working, set it in a cup or bowl that is covered with plastic wrap.). Continue dipping the strips into the glue and placing them onto the balloon until it is completely covered with two to three layers. Be sure to leave an opening where the balloon has been tied.
6. When completely covered, let it dry for 48 hours.
7. Once dry, cut a 2-inch flap in the balloon and fill with candy, and trinkets. Close the flap and tape it shut.
8. Now you can start decorating. Cut the aluminum foil or tissue paper into 1-inch squares. Dip the end of the strips into liquid glue and stick onto the balloon. Continue until the entire balloon is covered. Let it dry completely.
9. Hang it by a sturdy string or rope and start your School Year's Eve™ ball drop countdown.
10. Give everyone a turn at bursting the piñata until the treats spill out.