

How to make a Piñata

You need to gather the following items:

1. 1 balloon - as large as you want.
2. 1 old news paper torn in odd pieces - 2 inches square.
3. 1 cup of flour - or more as you need extra paste.
4. 1/2 cup of water - more or less to paste consistency to flour
5. 6 feet of yarn - or strong cord to tie the Piñata.
6. 1 or 2 or 3 streamers of crepe paper to decorate it.
7. 1 small bottle of Elmer's glue to glue the crepe paper.
8. Masking tape.
9. Pencil.

You need to do the following:

- Inflate the balloon - make a knot to keep in the air.
- Tie the balloon with a string to hang it up.
- Make your paste with the flour and the water until you have the consistency of Elmer's glue.
- Start dipping the newspaper pieces into the paste and cover the balloon with two layers.
- Let the layer dry for a day.

Next day if the paper feels dry when you touch it, then:

- Wrap the balloon with the yarn to give it strength to hold when swinging it.
- Put another two layers of newspapers dipped in paste.
- Let it dry for another day.

The decoration:

- The crepe paper streamers have to be cut up with a fringe, curl up with the help of the pencil, starting from the uncut side, cut up to handle them right.
- Start from the bottom and layer them overlapping.
- Make cones with newspaper and attach them to the balloon with masking tape,
- Decorate the cones with the crepe paper, adding strings to the tips.

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