

Blue Peter

Shelley piñata



You will need:

- ✓ a balloon
- ✓ newspaper
- ✓ PVA glue
- ✓ water
- ✓ a bowl
- ✓ thick string
- ✓ a small pencil
- ✓ thick cardboard
- ✓ scissors
- ✓ a pin
- ✓ sticky tape
- ✓ acrylic paint: green, yellow, black & red
- ✓ an assortment of small containers or packaging from your recycling bin

Introduction

This goodie-filled piñata is perfect for summer parties! You can fill it with whatever you want or with origami stars and butterflies.

Instructions

1. Blow up a balloon to the desired size.
2. Squirt PVA glue into a bowl. Mix this together with a little water.
3. Rip up newspaper into strips.
4. Dip a strip of newspaper into the glue.
5. Wipe off any excess glue from the newspaper. Place this on the balloon and smooth it down.
6. Cover most of balloon. Leave a small area uncovered. You'll use this to fill Shelley with sweets later.
7. Allow the papier mâché to dry.
8. Repeat step 6 to add a second layer of paper mache to the balloon. Leave this to dry.
9. Pop the balloon (ask an adult to help with this).
10. Fill the papier mâché ball with sweets and other goodies.
11. Take a long piece of string, attach one end to a short pencil stump using a knot and sticky tape.
12. Push the pencil through the top of your papier mâché ball. One inside the ball the pencil will fall flat and hold up your piñata.
13. Cut hexagon shapes out of thick cardboard. Attach these hexagons to the top of your piñata to create a tortoise shell effect.
14. For Shelley's legs and head attach any recycled materials of the right size and shape to the body using sticky tape
15. Cover the entire frame in another layer of paper mâché. Allow to dry.
16. Paint Shelley using different shades of green acrylic paint.