

Paper Mache Vase & Flowers

Materials for all 4 classes:

- Thin card all colours (I chose a pack of A4 coloured card bold and A4 coloured card pastel)
- A4 Green paper
- A4 White paper (printing paper is fine)
- Scissors
- Big Pva glue (1 litre or 5 litre)
- Glue gun (hot melt glue gun with glue €13.95 www.evanseducational.ie)
- Glue stick (pritt stick)
- Paper plate
- Soft medium paint brush
- Clear tape/masking tape
- Pack of coloured tissue paper (pack of 20 €3.30)
- Crepe paper, all colours (pack of 10 € 3.75)
- White crepe paper (1/2 pack per person)
- Balloon
- Toilet roll holder
- Newspaper
- Old bowl/container
- Thin wire+wire cutters
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Knitting needle/straw or something long thin and round



Paper Mache Vase

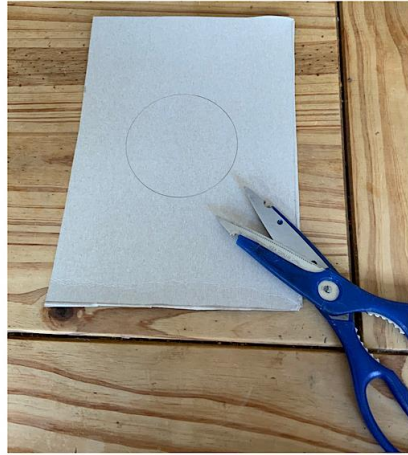
Part 1

Materials

- Balloon
- Piece of card (cereal box or something similar)
- Toilet roll holder
- Masking tape
- Old bowl or container
- Pva glue
- Water
- Newspaper
- Soft painting brush
- White crepe paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Something round for tracing (like a glass)
- Hairdryer



1) Put the glass on top of the piece of card, trace around it with the pencil, then cut out.



2) Place the toilet roll holder in the middle of the card circle and trace around it.



3) To cut out the middle circle, fold your card in two then cut out the semi circle.



4) Tape the ring of cardboard to the top of the toilet roll holder with strips of masking tape.



5) Blow up the balloon.
Tape some strips of masking tape to the toilet roll holder.
Then stick it on to the balloon



6) Rip strips of newspaper rectangles and lay them in a pile. Place the balloon on top of some sheets of newspaper



7) Mix together lots of Pva glue and some water into a container and stir well.
The mixture should be quite thick.
If it's too thin just add more glue.



8) Start dipping the newspaper strips into the glue mixture and place gently on the balloon. Stroke flat.



9)As you put more newspaper on to the balloon it will start to get heavier and fall to its side. That's ok just keep sticking on the strips until the whole balloon is covered.



10) Turn the balloon upside down and start covering the toilet roll holder and cardboard.

Make sure to add a few extra layers of newspaper where the cardboard is stuck on to the balloon.



11) Keep adding newspaper to the vase until everything is covered. There will be quite a lot of glue spillage on to the newspaper underneath the vase, so change them with dry sheets.



12)If you want you can now use the hairdryer to gently dry it.

Be careful not to use hot heat or blow too close to the balloon as it can pop.

Cover the vase with two more layers of newspaper strips.

If it feels very wet you might not always have to dip the strips into the glue, just stick them on dry.

Leave 2-3 days to dry.

