



# Scouting AT HOME Badgework



## Easter Egg Piñata



### You will need ....

- Large balloons
- Wallpaper paste or PVA glue/water mixture
- Newspaper
- Tissue paper (white and coloured)
- Petroleum jelly
- Felt pens
- Paint
- Glue
- Paper
- Card (white)
- String
- Sticky tape
- Knife (adults only)
- Eye hook (as for picture hanging)
- Wrapped sweets

### Want you do ...

- Inflate the balloon and tie up the neck. ...
- Coat the balloon with a thin layer of petroleum jelly - this prevents the papier mâché - from sticking to the balloon as it dries.

- Immerse torn strips of newspaper in wallpaper paste or a mixture of one part PVA glue to two parts water. Cover the balloon with the strips of newspaper, several layers thick, right up to the knotted balloon-neck. When the paper is almost dry, tuck the knot down inside the stiffening paper and use additional papier mâché to cover it and make a perfect egg shape.
- To give a smooth top layer, cover the whole egg with tissue paper and allow to dry completely.
- On paper, work out your design for the-decoration. Design something that will work if the egg is seen from any angle, especially from below.
- Once the papier mâché egg is dry your parent should cut a small hole or flap in the balloon's side, to pop the balloon and make a vent for the sweets to go in.
- Put in the wrapped sweets! Seal the hole or flap, using white card if necessary. The aim is to make the aperture invisible after decoration.
- Mark your design on the egg with felt pens, in preparation for the next phase.

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Fairly  
clean



Not too  
messy



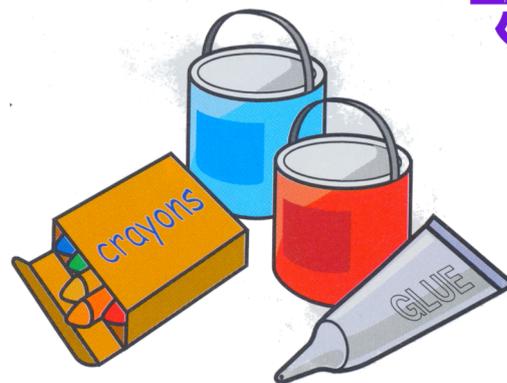
Quite  
messy



Highly  
messy



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## Want you do (continued) ...

- Take torn pieces of coloured tissue paper and scrunch them up-into small balls, then stick the tissue balls to the egg, following your design. The aim is to cover the surface of the egg with coloured tissue balls.
- When complete, take an eye-hook and carefully screw it into the top (pointed end) of the piñata. This allows it to be hung up.
- To make the piñata 'stick' or beater, take a few sheets of a broadsheet newspaper and roll them up tightly, secured with sticky tape. The stick needs to be strong and thick enough to bash a hole in the piñata, but not first time! Paint and decorate to match your piñata.
- Hang the piñata s up with the string, ready for Easter! As a healthier alternative to sweets you could fill your piñata with dried fruit mixes, but make sure that there is a very clean surface for the contents of the piñata to fall on!

- The piñata was traditional in Spanish speaking countries, particularly Mexico, but it's now a feature of parties all over the world.
- The person hitting it is often blindfolded to make it all the more difficult!
- Take this opportunity to learn how Easter is celebrated in other countries



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