

## **HOMEMADE PINATA**

### ***What you need:***

1 balloon  
Cup or mug to stand the balloon in  
Lots of strips of newspaper cut into roughly 1" x 8" strips

2 cups flour  
2 cups water  
1 tablespoon salt

Paint  
Crepe paper  
PVA glue

Newspaper to cover your work area.

### ***Directions:***

Inflate the balloon & tie a knot. Place in the mug to keep it steady.

Mix the flour, water and salt to a reasonably smooth paste, the smoother the better. I recommend making this in a bowl or tub with a lid so you can keep it from drying out while you wait for the paper mache to dry.

Put your first layer of paper mache onto the balloon leaving the knotted end free and just big enough to push your sweets through when it's done.  
Dip your paper into the glue and run the paper through your fingers to remove excess paste before placing onto the balloon.

Allow the balloon to dry before adding another layer. Repeat until you have 4 layers of paper mache covering the balloon.

If you want to add colour then paint the balloon.

Crepe paper makes a lovely finish. Decorate with strips of crepe paper cut up into frills and layer over the balloon with pva glue.

Pop the balloon and remove.

Punch two holes into the top of the balloon to thread with ribbon or string to tie up the pinata.

Fill with goodies and sweets.

Hang up your pinata and hit (the pinata, not people).

