



SNOWMAN PINATA!

Description: How to make and decorate a snowman piñata!

Materials:

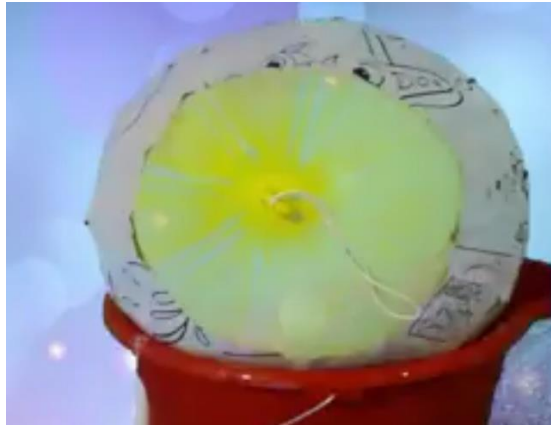
- Bucket
- Paper strips (coloring book pages or newspaper)
- Punching balloons (2)
- School glue
- Water
- Bowl or container to mix glue and water
- Paint
- Cotton balls
- 6" Corrugated cardboard circle
- Wire clothes hanger
- Hot glue
- Optional: Jingle bells, foam or construction paper, scarf, hat, etc.

Safety Rating: Adult supervision recommended

Instructions:

1. Line a table with a large garbage bag and set up your bucket.
2. Tear or cut your paper into strips.
3. Mix glue and water 50/50 in your bowl or container.

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4. Blow up your punching balloons, one slightly larger than
5. Run paper strips through glue mixture and remove
excess glue
between fingers.
6. Cover the entire larger balloon with wet paper strips. This
is called a wet layer.
7. Immediately cover entire balloon with dry paper strips.
This is called
a dry layer.
8. Follow immediately with a wet layer.
9. Repeat with second smaller balloon (wet layer/dry
layer/wet layer).
- This balloon needs only the top covered with paper strips.



10. Let dry overnight.
11. Pop the smaller balloon inside your snowman's head.
12. Poke a hole through the top middle of the head.
13. Cut a 6" corrugated cardboard circle. Poke a hole in the
middle of the circle.
14. Poke the top of a wire clothes hanger through the hole.
Cut hanger and
wrap the ends around the circle.



15. Poke the top of the hanger through the snowman's head, and hot glue the cardboard circle into place.
16. Tape the head onto the body with painters or masking tape.
17. Add 3 wet layers of paper strips all the way around the seam.
18. Let dry overnight.
19. Paint a base color (if there are any voids on the piñata after decoration, they won't show).
20. Let dry for at least an hour.
21. Dip cotton balls in 50/50 glue/water mixture and stick onto the piñata.
22. Cover entire piñata with cotton balls.
23. Let dry overnight.
24. Decorate by hot gluing jingle bells, foam, construction paper, etc. onto piñata.
25. Add a scarf or hat!
26. Display as art or stuff the piñata!

Tips: A. Coloring pages work best because they usually have a heavier paper weight, and the ink is designed not to run. They're also easier to rip out and cut/tear into strips.

B. If you're using a very inexpensive school glue, add 75% glue and 25% water to the glue/water mixture.

C. The reasons I use glue and water rather than the traditional flour mixture? Easier, quicker, also inexpensive, lasts a long time, and it does not attract bugs! Yes, the flour mix can draw insects to your piñata... glue never will!

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