

A Ticket, a Tasket...You Can Make a Basket



You may not need to carry it on your head, but this papier-mâché basket is a nice way to keep or carry your belongings.

1 Blow up the balloon. Cut the newspaper into 25–30 strips about 12 inches long.



2 Pour 1 cup of the flour into the mixing bowl. Add water a little at a time until you get a thick paste. If you add too much water, add more flour. You don't want your paste to be too watery.

3 Dip each strip of newspaper into the paste mixture. Remove the excess paste from each strip by pulling it through your thumb and finger.

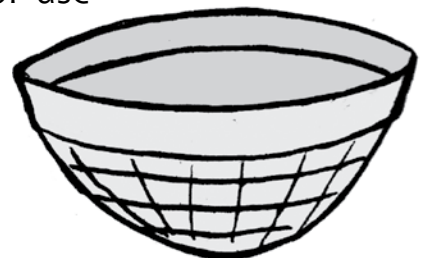


4 Layer the strips over the bottom half of the balloon in a weave fashion, so that it looks like a basket. If you like you can lay a few layers of strips across the top of the balloon to form a handle.



5 Put your balloon-basket in a safe place to dry. It may take several hours or overnight.

6 After the balloon is completely dry, pop the balloon with the safety pin and throw the balloon away. Paint your basket or use markers to color it.



SUPPLIES

- a round balloon
- old newspapers
- scissors
- measuring tape or ruler
- 1-2 cups of flour
- about 1 cup of water
- mixing bowl
- safety pin
- watercolor or tempera paints, or markers