

Holiday from Home

Reach for the skies with our artist Angie

Up up and away..... If you had an hot air balloon where would you go? ... What would you see?

In this session you will create your own model Hot Air Balloon

What you will need

- Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Pen
- Something to make a hole
- PVA and Glue pot
- Yogurt pot for basket
- Cup (to hold the balloon in place)
- Tape
- Balloon
- Kitchen roll
- Coloured tissue paper
- String or wool
- Paper for bunting



Angie's top tips...

For better results try and stick to 2 or 3 colours (tissue, ribbon or wool)

You may need help from an adult for some of the steps

Creating the Balloon

- Step 1: Blow the balloon up and tie a knot in the end
- Step 2: Place the balloon into the cup nozzle down and tape in place. This is to hold the balloon so you have two hands to work with.
- Step 3: At this point, use the string, wool or ribbon to make a loop and attach it to the top of the balloon using glue. This will be used to hang the balloon when finished.

Step 4: Using the scissors carefully cut up the white kitchen into squares ranging from 3cm to 10cm.



Step 5: Working in small areas, paste the glue thinly onto the balloon using the brush

Step 6: Place the tissue paper onto the glue

Step 7: Paint another layer of PVA over the kitchen roll make sure all the edges are pasted down. Try not to crease the kitchen roll. If this is happening put a bit of water in your glue to thin it out.

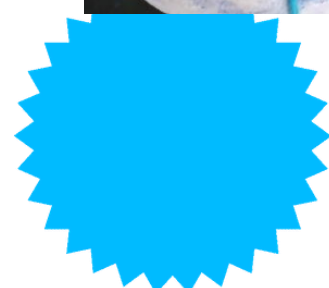
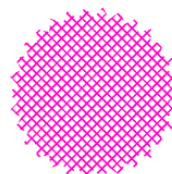
Step 8: Slightly overlapping the kitchen roll until you have completely covered the balloon, leave to dry for 2 or 3 hours



Step 9: Two more layers will be needed over the entire balloon, so repeat steps 5 to 7. The balloon needs at least 3 coats to make it strong enough. An extra layer is recommended round the bottom of the balloon to strengthen further. Leave overnight to dry.

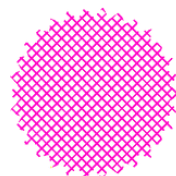
Step 10: If you wish to add any line detail on your balloon, soak some wool/string in PVA and place them on the surface. Make sure any wool/string is firmly attached to the surface. Add a final layer of PVA to secure.

Step 11: Use scissors to cut up the coloured tissue paper into 5cm square (approx). Add the tissue in the same way as the kitchen roll (steps 5 to 7). Be sure to paste the tissue over the string detail and base of the loop to further secure. Be creative... Try creating a stripy or checked pattern.





- Step 12: Once the balloon is covered leave to dry overnight.
- Step 13: When the balloon is completely dry remove from the cup, carefully pop the balloon and remove it from the tissue paper balloon, it will hold its shape.
- Step 14: Neatly trim the bottom of the balloon carefully with scissors.
- Step 15: You can add further detail like bunting... Glue a piece of string/wool/ribbon around the middle of your balloon (you can use plaited string or wool if required). This can be glued in a straight line or can be scalloped. You may need to secure this in place while it dries. Cut small triangle shapes out of coloured paper. Glue the bunting flags (paper triangle shapes) to the balloon at equal interval along the string/wool/ribbon. Leave to dry for a few hours.



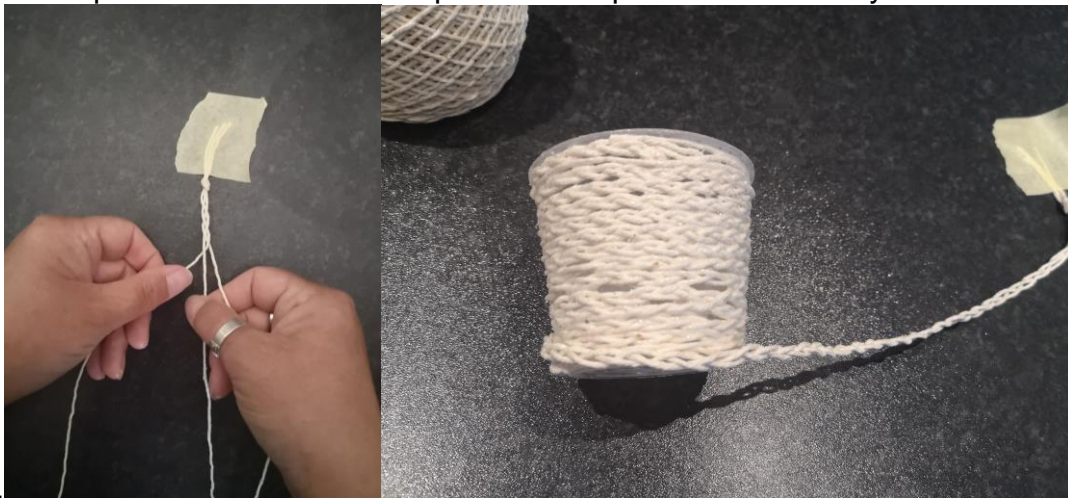
Creating the Basket

If you wish to decorate your basket you have a few options here....

Step 16: If you want a coloured basket to match the balloon place a layer of glue on the yogurt pot and apply the coloured tissue paper. Overlap the tissue to cover and put a final layer of glue over the top, to seal. Leave to dry for a few hours.

Alternately you can cover the basket in ribbon or wool. Coat your yogurt pot in glue and wrap the ribbon or wool tightly around it. You may need to secure the wool or ribbon with tape until the glue is dry. (a few hours)

If you want a woven basket effect and you can plait long pieces of string. Cover your yogurt pot in glue and wrap the plaits tightly around the sides. You may need to use 3 or 4 plaits for this. Secure in place with tape and leave to dry for a few hours.



Step 17: Use a scissors or knife to create 4 holes spaced equally around the rim of the yogurt pot. Be carefully you may need an adult for this.

Step 18: Cut 4 lengths of ribbon or wool into lengths approximately 20cm long. (You can use plaited string or wool if required)

Step 19: Thread each piece of the string/wool/ribbon through each of the holes and secure with a knot on the inside of your yogurt pot. So you should have 4 pieces of string/wool/ ribbon attached to your basket.



Attach the Basket to the Balloon

- Step 20: Use scissors or knife to create 4 holes spaced equally around the rim of the balloon. The holes must be at least 1 cm from the bottom.
- Step 21: Now its time to attach the basket to the balloon. Get one of the string/ribbon/wool that is attached to the yogurt pot. Thread this through one of the holes in the base of the balloon. Secure on the inside of the balloon with a knot.
- Step 22: Finally, thread the other 3 lengths of string/ribbon/wool from the yogurt pot into the corresponding holes in the balloon. Secure them all in the inside of the balloon with a knot.



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