

papier-mâché pig

This jolly pink pig is made using the classic papier-mâché technique. Painted a fetching shade of pink and finished with a curly pipe cleaner tail, he would make a great gift for a friend or sibling. You could even paint a name on the side to personalize the gift.



YOU WILL NEED:

balloon • newspaper • bowl • white glue • water • brush • egg carton • masking tape (2.5cm/1in wide) • pink paint • black paint • paintbrushes • pipe cleaner • strong/tacky glue



stick paper strips

Tear the newspaper into 2.5 x 6cm/1 x 3in strips. Squeeze some glue into a bowl and add an equal amount of water to thin the glue. Brush a thin layer of the mixture onto an area of the balloon about 10cm/4in square. Start sticking strips of paper to the balloon. Continue applying glue and paper to the balloon until the surface is entirely covered.

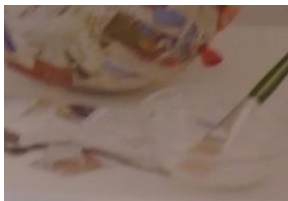
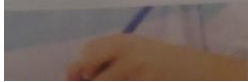


attach legs and snout

Apply about three layers of papier mâché and leave to partially dry. Cut out five cups from the egg carton for the pig's legs and snout. Using masking tape, fix the four legs to the underside of the balloon and the snout to the front, covering the balloon knot. Continue covering the balloon with another two or three layers of papier mâché, so the balloon, legs and snout are completely covered. Leave to dry completely – this will take at least a day and possibly more.

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finishing

Wrap a light brown pipe cleaner around a pencil to form a coil shape. Gently pull on the coil to open it out a little. Pierce a hole in the back of the pig using scissors (you may want to ask an adult to do this). Push one end of the tail into the hole and apply a blob of strong/tacky glue to fix it in position.