

MAKE A PAPIER-MACHE PENGUIN

YOU WILL NEED:

Twisty Balloons
Paper Towels
Craft Glue
Thread
Bamboo Toothpicks
Cardboard from a cereal box
Acrylic or Watercolour Paint
Spray Varnish



NOTE: Twisty balloons are the long, skinny balloons often used to make balloon animals. They come in assorted bags and you can purchase them at craft shops or party supply stores.

METHOD:



1. To make a penguin shape, blow the balloon up but not all the way. Make sure that there is a small portion at the tip of the balloon without air. Pinch this into shape to form the penguin's beak.



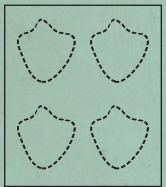
2. Tie some thread around the top air-filled portion of the balloon. This will manipulate the air distribution and form a distinction between the head and the body of the penguin. Tighten the thread and when it satisfactorily defines the head from the body, secure it with a piece of tape.



3. Tear the paper towels into strips and soak them in a 50/50 glue and water mix (equal parts of water and glue). Use smaller torn pieces for the head and beak, and larger torn pieces for the body area. Do this until the balloon is completely covered and has at least 5 layers.



4. Let it dry overnight. Do not hang outside or put in oven. This will change the size of the balloon. Once dry, mark the leg positions on the bottom of the penguin and puncture holes to put toothpicks in.
5. Insert the toothpicks. Put glue around the toothpicks and use small pieces of paper to build up the legs. Let them dry.

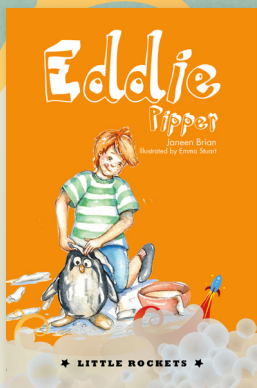


6. Using the cereal box, draw two pairs of penguin feet. Cut them out and glue both pairs together. This will make the cardboard durable. Attach them to the toothpick legs and apply glue and strips of paper. Build up the feet with several layers. Let it dry.



7. With the leftover cereal box, draw and cut out a tail (a long, half oval shape). Position it on the back of the penguin with tape. Apply glue and strips of paper on the tail and underneath. Let it dry.

8. Pencil eyes, fins and any other pattern you wish onto the penguin. Apply paint and once dry, spray the penguin with varnish.



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