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Materials

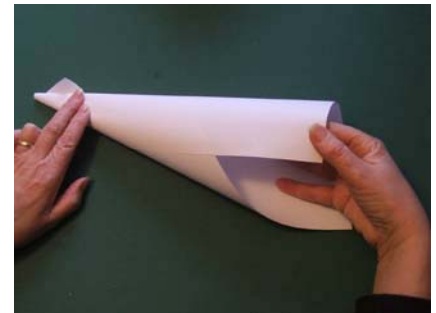
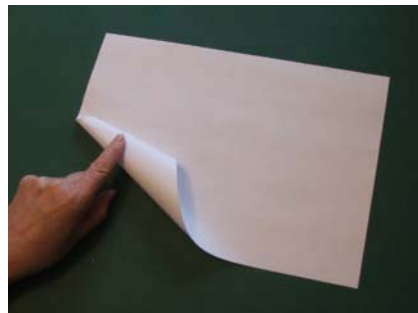
- Newspaper
- 7 Sheets of thin white card (A4 or Letter size)
- Coloured tissue papers
- Masking tape
- Elmer's Glue All or similar
- White and Coloured Acrylic or Poster paints
- Ruler and Pencil
- Balloon
- Felt tip pen
- Glue brush
- Paint brush
- Scissors



1. Use a ruler to hold the paper down firmly when tearing strips about 1 inch (3cms) wide. Tear along the grain of the paper, and the paper tears more easily. Then tear the strips into 3 inch lengths.

2. A balloon is fastened to a glass vase, with a few tabs of tape to keep it steady. Starting at the top centre, glue strips on, working around and down, overlapping slightly, down to the top of the vase.

3. Carefully remove the tabs of tape and turn the balloon over. Re tape it and begin again gluing on the strips, working around and down, overlapping slightly, until the balloon is covered.



4. When completely covered, leave to dry then repeat steps 2 and 3 until the balloon has had four layers and feels firm. Paint over with a thin coat of white paint to cover the printing.

5. To make a cone, use a sheet of A4 (letter) size, thin white card. Roll the card diagonally from a corner.

6. When the cone is the correct shape and size, tape it securely at the top, and down the long edge.

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7. Trim the open end of the cone straight and make a total of 7 cones.



8. Cut a small hole in the balloon shape, fill with sweets, then re-seal with tape. Check that you also have enough wrapped sweets to put in the cones, when they are taped to the balloon.



9. Draw a line 1.5cms from the open end of the cone and draw some short lines to the edge. Cut on these short lines and open out the tabs as shown above.



10. Glue or tape the tabs of the cone on to the balloon shape as shown. Carefully position the seven cones around the balloon.



11. To decorate the cones. Cut strips of tissue about 3 inches (7cms) wide. Fold strips lengthwise, snip through the two layers, from the open edges to within 2cms of the fold to make a fringe.



12. Glue the tissue fringes along the fold and wrap around the cone, as shown, from the pointed end, spiralling upwards, one length of tissue at a time until the cone is covered.



The Piñata Game

During the party, the piñata is hung from the ceiling or some convenient place, and someone volunteers to be blindfolded and is given a stick, they are then guided to a place just beneath the piñata.

By waving the stick in the air they try to break the piñata so that all the sweets fall out. However, to make that more difficult, there is a long string fastened to the piñata, and some of the guests pull on the string so that the piñata is pulled out of the way of the stick.

After two or three hits, another guest will have a try, until someone eventually has a direct hit, and breaks the piñata. Then everyone scrambles for the sweets that spill out of the cones and the body of the piñata!