

Paper Mache vases



To make: Blow up a balloon. Tear or cut strips or little squares from your newspaper, craft paper or other paper. Do this first before you make the glue so that the glue doesn't set while you're cutting paper (see note below regarding glue).

Dip the paper strips in the paste, wipe off the excess on the side of the bowl and stick onto your project. Use a paintbrush to smooth down the paper and remove any air bubbles or excess paste. Once the first layer is dry, apply a second layer of paper strips and let it dry completely. Repeat this process until you get the desired look, but you should, ideally, have at least three layers of paper strips.

Let dry. If not using white paper you will need to paint whatever colour you would like the outside to be. Pop the balloon and remove. Put an old jar inside and fill with water and flowers.

NOTE: To **make a glue** paste, simply pour some white PVA **glue** or wood **glue** into a mixing bowl and dilute with just enough water so the **glue** gets a bit less sticky and can soak more easily into the **paper**. Stir thoroughly until the **glue** and water are mixed together.