

Mess Around at Home:



Make Paper Mache Dino Eggs

You can have so much messy dinosaur fun making these Paper Mache Dinosaur Eggs, and they are so easy to make! Your dinosaur loving kids will really enjoy making them, and the fun doesn't stop there.

Just watch their beaming faces when they crack the dinosaur eggs open to hatch the dinosaurs!



You will need:

- Newspaper
- Flour
- Water
- Mixing bowl
- Balloons
- Small plastic dinosaurs
- Paint
- Paintbrushes



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1. Tear the newspaper into strips about 2 centimetres wide.
2. Make your paper mache paste in the mixing bowl by mixing 1 cup of flour with 2 cups of water – you want your paste to have the gooey consistency of school glue.
3. Put a plastic dinosaur inside one of the balloons
4. Blow up the balloon with the dinosaur inside and tie a knot in the end.
5. Dip a strip of newspaper into the bowl of paper mache paste – here's where the messy fun really begins!
6. Hold the strip of gooey newspaper over the top of the bowl and run your fingers down it to remove any of the excess paste. Such messy sticky fun!
7. Place this newspaper strip onto the inflated balloon and smooth it flat with your fingers.
8. Continue covering the balloon with strips of gooey newspaper until the balloon is completely covered – do several layers to make your egg extra sturdy. (Don't cover the knotted end though!)
9. If you run out of paper mache paste just mix up some more following step 2 above.

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10. Hang the balloon up somewhere warm to dry using the knotted end of the balloon.
11. When the balloon is completely dry (which may take a day or so) you are ready to paint it – even more messy fun – yay!
12. Take your paintbrush and cover the balloon with paint. Go wild and use your imagination using as many colours as you like.
13. Hang your balloon up somewhere warm again for the paint to dry.
14. When the paint is dry use a needle to pop the balloon. And that's it!

Your first dinosaur egg is finished! If you want to – you can now crack the egg open to hatch your dinosaur!

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