

Macrame Hot Air Balloon

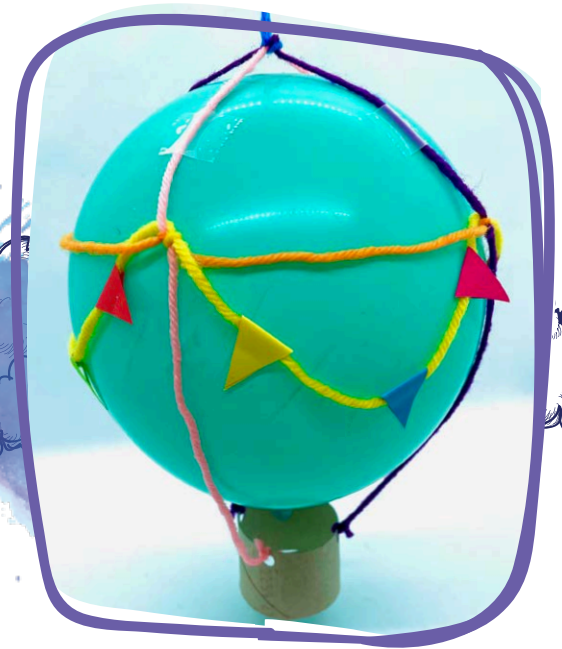
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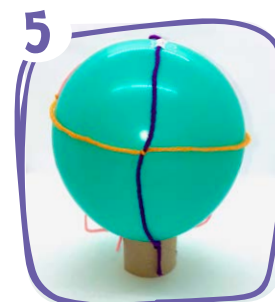
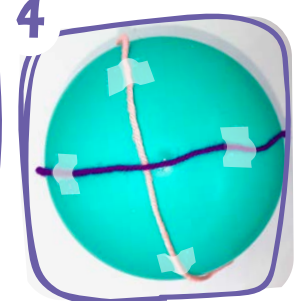
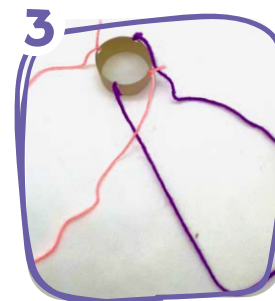
+ Balloon & empty toilet roll

Check out step-by-step photos below.

1. **Blow up your balloon and knot the end** to secure – Don't make your balloon too big as it might **POP!**
2. **Cut a 4cm piece of your toilet roll to make your basket**
Carefully use your plastic needle to poke 4 holes opposite each other – you may need to push hard!
3. **Cut 2 pieces of wool about 60cm long.** Knot the end of one piece of wool to the inside of a hole. Then use your needle to thread back through the outside of the hole opposite and knot inside to create a large loop. Repeat with the 2nd piece of wool and other two holes.
4. **Lay the wool loops over the top of your balloon in a cross shape.** Then secure with tape just down from where the wool meets as the cross at the top needs to be left loose.
5. **Wrap a new piece of wool around the top balloon** about one third of the way down, tie a knot, then secure with tape. You can balance the balloon on top of the toilet roll to make it more stable.
6. **Thread your plastic needle with a long piece of wool** that is at least twice the width of the balloon. Tie a knot with one end of the wool at one of the points where the wool from steps 4 and 5 cross. Now thread under the next cross, letting the wool droop slightly and tie another knot to secure around the cross. Continue around the rest of your balloon. This is where your bunting will go.
7. **Tie a new length of wool through the point where your wool crosses** at the top of the balloon to create a loop to hang up and display.
8. **Use your template to cut out miniature bunting from scrap coloured paper.** Fold in half, glue one half then fold tight over the droopy wool you tied for your bunting.



Step-by-step



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