

TEMPLATES FOR

PAPER MACHE PROJECTS



3 Paper Mache Projects

In this FREE downloadable you will find 3 paper mache projects you can do for yourself or get your whole family involved. These 3 projects are so much fun, you will want to make them over and over again.

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The 3 projects we will be doing are:

Project #1

Giant Letters - you will be making your initials in large letters using cardboard, plastic cups, masking tape, and paint

Project #2

Bird houses made with small balloons, knife, string, drawing tool, and paint

Project #3

Bracelets - the possibilities are endless for this project. You will need crumpled paper, cardboard, and paint

All 3 of these projects can be very simple or you can make them as complex as you wish. The more embellishments you put on a project, the more treasured it will be!

So let's get started. On the next pages you will find the detailed instructions of each of these project.

Go and HAVE FUN!!!

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PS Images of the project are in my article 3 Easy Paper Mache Sculpture Idea

Giant Letters

What you need for this project:

- Cardboard - you will need 2 pieces approximately 12" x 12" for each letter you are going to create.
- Paper or plastic cups (these are going to be used to keep the two letters apart - use at least 6 for each letter, You may want to use more if you make bigger letters.
- Newspaper strips
- Paper Mache Glue (see my article on paper mache for how to make this)
- Tape to hold the pieces together before applying the paper mache
- Paint for painting the project when you are finished
- Sealant to preserve your hard work!

Directions

- Take 1 piece of cardboard and draw a very large letter - try and make the letter fit the piece of cardboard so it will be very large.
- Cut out your letter and trace it on the second piece of cardboard, then cut the second piece of cardboard so you have 2 identical letters.
- Place one letter down flat on the table and place the plastic cups close to the corners and middle of the letter.
- Tape down the cups
- Place the second letter over top the cups and first letter and try to line them up (you might want to flip the project so it will be easier to see.
- Tape down the cups to the second letter so you have one giant 3D letter.
- Prepare large strips of newspaper in the glue.
- Start wrapping your letter all around the outsides with the paper mache strips until it is completely covered then set aside to dry (usually overnight)
- Bring out the paint and start decorating your letter. When the paint is dry apply the sealant.

Hanging Birds Nest

What you need for this project:

- Balloon that is blown up to the size of your birds nest. You don't want it to be too large - we are talking Robins and not Herons here.
- Newspaper strips
- Paper Mache Glue (see my article on paper mache for how to make this)
- Knife to cut a hole for the entrance and also a hole at the top to hang the nest.
- Tape to hold the pieces together before applying the paper mache
- Paint for painting the project when you are finished
- Sealant to preserve your hard work!

Directions

- Blow up your balloon to the size you wish to use.
- Prepare large strips of newspaper in the glue.
- Start wrapping the balloon all around the outsides with the paper mache strips until it is completely covered then set aside to dry (usually overnight)
- When the project is dry, Draw the entrance (an oval at the front of the nest) and cut it out with a knife. Also Cut a small hole at the top to hang the nest.
- Bring out the paint and start decorating your nest
- Draw anything you wish on the outside and paint it as well.
- If you wish you can decorate the inside of the nest with a bird, etc.
- . When the paint is dry apply the sealant.

Paper Mache Bracelets

What you need for this project:

- Cardboard or crumpled paper to fit around a wrist.
- Newspaper strips
- Glue
- Tape to hold the pieces together before applying the paper mache
- Paint for painting the project when you are finished
- Sealant to preserve your hard work!

Don't forget to refer back to my article 3 Easy Paper Mache Sculpture Ideas for images

Directions

- Twist the crumpled paper around your wrist, make sure it is very loose as you will want to slide the finished project on and off.
- Prepare large strips of newspaper in the glue.
- For this project you can add bumps and other shapes on the outside of the bracelet to make it more interesting
- Start wrapping the bracelet all around the outsides with the paper mache strips until it is completely covered then set aside to dry (usually overnight)
- When the project is dry, Draw the entrance (an oval at the front of the nest) and cut it out with a knife. Also Cut a small hole at the top to hang the nest.
- Bring out the paint and start decorating your nest
- Draw anything you wish on the outside and paint it as well.
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