

HOW TO MAKE A PIÑATA

Piñatas are found at almost every Mexican celebration. Piñatas were traditionally in the shape of a six-pointed star and were filled with fruit, candy, and small toys.

Today they are designed in all types of shapes, including animals, plants, and flowers. At fiestas, the piñatas are hung in the air and children are blindfolded and take turns swinging at the piñatas. Eventually, the piñata is hit hard enough and it breaks releasing the sweets and toys that it contains. Try making your own piñata at home. Make sure you ask an adult for help.

What you will need

- 2 cups flour
- 3 cups water
- 1 balloon
- Newspaper
- Paint, crayons, or markers
- Colored crepe paper
- String

Lets get started...

1. Blow up a large balloon and tie the end
2. Mix the flour and water together until it makes a smooth paste
3. Cut the newspaper into long 1 inch thick strips and dip into the flour/water mixture
4. Carefully place the strips on the balloon until it is covered, leaving a hole at the top
5. Set aside and let the balloon dry
6. Place another layer of newspaper dipped in the mixture over the balloon and let dry
7. Repeat with one more layer, making sure you leave the hole at the top
8. When dry, pop and remove the balloon
9. Paint your piñata with different designs and colors
10. If desired, hang colored crepe paper from the sides and bottom
11. Punch 2 small holes in the top near the opening and put a large piece of string through the two holes
12. Fill your piñata (through the hole you left at the top) with sweets, toys, or any other fun surprises.

You should also fill with strips of newspaper or crepe paper so the surprises location

13. Hang your piñata with the string and have fun!

You can be very creative with this project. You can design your piñata into any shape (animal, flower, etc, with your imagination. Use thick, colored paper filled with scrunched up newspaper and glue or tape to add any details to your basic piñata structure.

