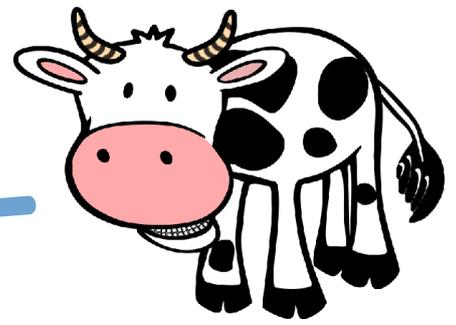


# Craft Papier-mache cow



## Learning Objectives

Children will gain increasing independence and imagination when carrying out activity. Learn about colours and how they mix. Promotes fine motor skills. Maintains attention, concentration and patience.

## Resources

- Blown up balloons
- Egg box (for legs and snout)
- Pipe cleaner
- Black felt tip pen (for snout)
- Paint or black and white tissue paper
- Googly eyes
- Masking tape

## Ingredients

- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 cups cold water
- 2 cups boiling water
- 3 tbsps white sugar
- 3 tbsps Salt

## Instructions

### Making the paste

1. In a large bowl, mix together the flour and 2 cups of cold water.
2. In a large saucepan, boil 2 cups of water. Once you see the water boiling, add the cold water/flour mixture to the saucepan and bring it to a boil again.
3. Remove from heat and add the 3 tbsps of sugar and 3 tbsps of salt.
4. Let the mixture cool down, then transfer to a big bowl and it's ready to use!

### Making the model

1. Tear strips of newspaper no wider than about 2.5cm.
2. Get the children to dip the strips into the paste. Lay the strip onto the balloon, smoothing out any wrinkles.

3. Ask the children to try and overlap the newspaper strips. Use plain white paper for the last layer, as it's easier to paint once it's dry.
4. Once you have added 3-4 layers of newspaper, leave to dry. Once the model is dry, you can pop and remove the balloon from the inside. This will be the body and head of the cow.
5. Separate 5 paper egg carton sections from the egg box (one for each leg and the snout). Use the masking tape to attach them to the body.
6. Paint the model or cover with a thin layer of flour-water glue and tissue paper. Leave to dry.

### Finishing touches

1. To make the tail, make a small hole at the tail end of the cow. Get the children to shape the pipe cleaner and insert into the hole.
2. Get the children to draw the eyes on the cow with a marker pen or glue on plastic googly eyes. Ask them to draw two nostrils on the snout with the marker pen.
3. To make the money slot, carefully cut a slot along the top of the cow's body, large enough to fit any coin.

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