

# MAKE A PIÑATA

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**H**ave you ever seen a piñata? A piñata is a container filled with treats. You can make a piñata. Then have your own piñata party!

You will need:

- a large balloon
- 2 feet of string
- strips of newspaper, 1 inch wide
- flour glue
- scissors
- tape
- wrapped treats
- colored tissue paper
- glue

## FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

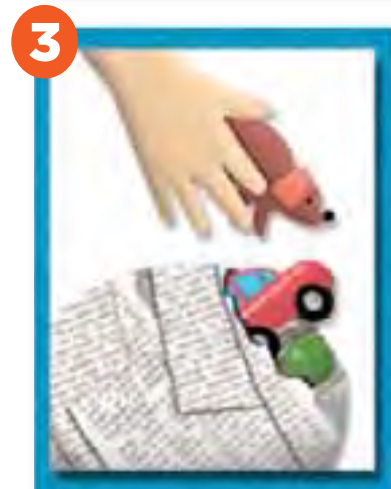
**Step 1.** Make the piñata shape. Blow up a balloon and knot it. Tie a string around the knot. Then hang the balloon by the string.



**Step 2.** Make the piñata shell. Dip newspaper strips into the flour glue. Spread the strips onto the balloon one at a time. Overlap them so the balloon is covered completely. Let the strips dry. Then repeat this step. The balloon should have three layers in all.



**Step 3.** Add treats to the piñata. Make a three-inch-wide hole at the top of the piñata. Pop the balloon. Take it out. Fill the piñata with treats. Then tape the hole closed.



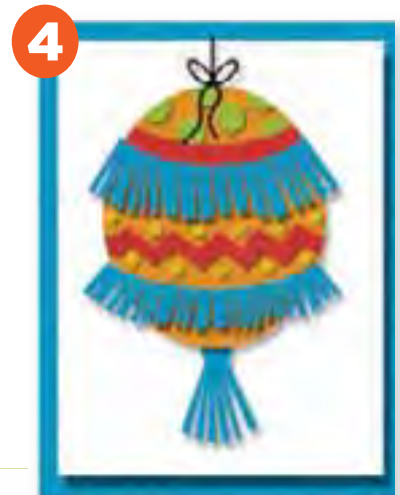
**SAFETY RULES:** Have an adult cut the hole in the piñata. Add treats that are small and light so no one gets hurt.

## Answer Questions

**Step 4.** Decorate the piñata. Use colorful tissue paper. Cut the paper into strips and interesting shapes. Glue or tape the tissue paper onto the piñata. Cover up all the newspaper.

**Step 5.** Have a piñata party. Hang your piñata from the ceiling of an open space. Get a long stick and a blindfold. With the blindfold on, try to break the piñata with the stick. Take turns with your friends. When it breaks, get the treats!

**SAFETY RULES:** Make sure an adult is present at the party. Give the person swinging the stick lots of room.



**Tip**

Skim for clues.

**Directions:**  
**Answer the questions.****1. Why do you need a stick at a piñata party?**

- A to give the piñata its shape
- B to break the piñata
- C so the piñata looks pretty
- D so you can fill the piñata with treats

**2. How do you use the flour glue?**

- A to keep treats inside the piñata
- B to hold the stick safely
- C to layer newspaper strips on the balloon
- D to fix the piñata when it breaks

**3. What are two important safety rules when making and using a piñata?****Writing Prompt**

Write a letter to a family member. Explain why you think a piñata party would be fun to have and how you will help.

