

# Paper Mache Planets



## Equipment:

Old newspaper or magazine paper  
Something to cover work surface to catch the mess!  
Balloons  
PVA glue  
White Flour

Paint Palettes  
Paint  
Paint brushes  
Large Bowl and a spoon  
Cups or stands to set the paper mache'd planets on

### Preparation:

1. Get the materials ready ahead of time.
2. First cover work surface/table. It will get messy.
3. Then cut the newspaper or magazines into rectangles to be placed on the balloons later.

### Instructions:

1. first blow up a balloon for each one of the eight planets. Be sure to blow them up to proportional sizes for each planet because that will be the size of the dried paper mache.
2. Next mix the flour "glue". Add the flour to the bowl and add enough water to form a pancake like consistency. Not too runny, but not too thick either.
3. Now you are to start making the planets! Lay the pieces of paper on the balloon first, then start to scoop some of the flour mixture and smooth it onto the paper and balloon. (if you like you can dip the magazine paper in water first to soften it, but it's not necessary)
4. Continue to apply the paper and flour mixture until each balloon is completely covered. Adding extra layers is helpful because some spots will detach as the paper mache dries.
5. Turn your cups over and place your finished planets on top to allow them to dry.

6. Okay here's the fun part, it took about 24 hours for the planets to harden!!
  
7. The next day cut the balloon knots off and patch any holes using paper and school glue. Since this method showcases the print of the magazine used, keep the pieces of paper as small as possible. (Let dry)
  
8. Next is the fun part. Now you can paint the planets!
  
9. The last step is to cut out Saturn's paper ring.