

Make Your Own Alien!

You can make your own alien using papier mache! You'll need some materials:

Newspaper

Masking Tape

Colorful construction paper

Ping-pong balls and googly eyes

Hot glue

Pipe cleaners

Papier mache glue mixture:

To make the special glue for your papier mache project, mix one part water with two parts flour. Mix well to stir out any lumps or clumpy flour. The glue shouldn't be too thick. It should be like soup.



Once you have your materials and have made your special glue, you can begin constructing an alien!

1. Shape the newspaper into balls and shapes for the body, head, arms, and legs of your alien. These shapes can be abstract or geometrical. It's up to you! Once you have balled up your newspaper, cover your paper body parts with masking tape.
2. Rip the colorful construction paper into pieces. Dip each of the small pieces of construction paper into the special glue. Don't get the paper too wet! It should be wet enough to be sticky but not dripping.
3. Cover the body parts with the glue-covered construction paper.
4. Let all of the pieces dry overnight. Put the wet pieces next to a fan to speed up drying.
5. Once your pieces are dry, cut holes in the body piece and fit the head, arms, and legs into the holes. Use the masking tape to secure them in place and cover up the masking tape with more construction paper covered in glue.
6. Use your hot glue to attach the googly eyes in the center of two (or more!) ping-pong balls to serve as your alien's eyes. Hot glue these eyes to the head of your alien. You can use pipe cleaners for antennae. Let the alien dry completely.
7. Now that you have created an alien, give it a name, decide what planet it is from (you can invent this planet!), and imagine what its family is like. What is life like on your alien's planet? Write your own story about a day in the life of your new alien.