

HOW TO MAKE A MINI BASEBALL PIÑATA

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Empty container
- Spoon/whisk/stirring stick
- 1 cup of water
- 1 cup of flour
- Small balloon
- Newspaper strips (2 inches wide)
- Red and white tissue paper (any color works)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Any candy you have on hand
- Piece of ribbon or thin rope
- Optional: Traditional Mexican sweets like Duvalin, Vero Mango, Pulparindo, and Mazapán



STEP 1:

In an empty container, combine water and flour and mix until they thicken into a paste. Blow up the balloon and tie a knot at end. Place on top of towel.



STEP 2:

Dip the newspaper strips into the paste and remove the excess paste before placing it onto the balloon.

Tip: Make sure to leave the top end of the balloon exposed.

Let dry completely before adding a second and third layer.

Tie a piece of ribbon around the knot of the balloon and hang outside to dry.



STEP 3:

As the balloon shell dries, cut 50 strips of white tissue paper. The strips should be 12 inches in length and 2 inches in width. Grab 3 strips of tissue paper and cut 3/4 of the way up to create fringe. *Tip: It is easier to cut fringe if you fold your bundle in half.* Use the edge of your scissors to curve the ends of the fringe.



STEP 4:

Now it's time to create your baseball seams. Repeat the steps above but with your red tissue paper. Only cut 20 strips. After you curve the red fringe, cut 1 inch squares. This should be for the red fringe only.



STEP 5:

When the balloon shell is dry and hard, pierce a hole in the balloon to deflate it. Reach in to remove the balloon and shake out any dried paste. *Tip: If the edge around the opening is rough, use scissors to cut and make smooth.*



STEP 6:

Place a very thin line of glue onto the top of the tissue paper fringe. Wrap the fringe around the base of the piñata, with the fringe facing downwards. Overlap the fringe as each layer is wrapped. Continue wrapping until the entire shell is covered.



STEP 7:

Place the red tissue paper pieces on top of the white fringe to resemble the stitches of a baseball.



STEP 8:

At the piñata opening use your scissors to puncture two small holes where the baseball seams end (you can also use a hole puncher). Fill piñata with your favorite candy. *Tip: Use Mexican candy for a more traditional piñata.* Then thread your rope or ribbon through the holes and cover the opening with masking tape. Cover with more tissue paper.



FINAL STEP:

Hang piñata from a tree, grab your baseball bat and swing for the fences!

