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What you'll need

- A balloon
- Strips of newspaper (or scrap paper)
- Glue
- 1 level mug of plain flour
- 1 level mug of warm water, plus extra tap water for loosening
- Paint
- Card/old tights
- Strip of paper
- Masking tape
- Pens/coloured paper to add face



Creating Humpty's body

1. Blow up your balloon and tie it with a knot.
2. Tear or cut strips or little squares from your newspaper, comics or magazines Do this before you make the paste so that the paste doesn't set while you're cutting paper.
3. Stir together the flour and warm water in a large mixing bowl until well combined. Add extra tap water a little at a time to loosen. You want a smooth, batter-like paste with no lumps. You can sift the flour first for a super smooth finish.
4. Cover your work area in more old newspaper. Dip the paper strips in the paste, wipe off the excess on the side of the bowl and stick onto your balloon. Use a paintbrush to smooth down the paper and remove any air bubbles or excess paste. Repeat to cover and leave to dry before adding further layers.

Next steps to make Humpty

5. Paint Humpty whatever colour you think he should be!
6. Make legs and arms for Humpty and attach these with masking tape. You could make them from card or you could stuff a pair of old tights or socks with more newspaper strips.
7. Make Humpty a lovely cravat or belt he can be proud of - decorate a strip of paper and then fasten it with tape.
8. Finally, with pens or paint, give Humpty eyes and a BIG mouth for all the talking he does!

Don't forget to take a photograph of your EGGScellent creation and share it with us through the website!