

Teapot

Materials:

- Newspaper
- Balloon
- Florist's stem wire
- Masking tape
- White tissue paper
- Wire cutters
- Elmer's Glue All (or similar)
- Paintbrush, glue brush
- Acrylic or poster paints



How to make a Paper Teapot.

1. Blow up a balloon to the size you want to make your teapot. (It's a good idea to temporarily tape the balloon to a mug or vase to keep it steady whilst you work on it). Working from the top of the balloon downwards, glue on torn newspaper strips (about 1" x 3") until the balloon is completely covered down to the mug or vase - leave to dry completely. Once dry,



carefully remove the balloon from the mug and re-tape it upside down then cover it with more paper strips until its completely covered - leave to dry again. Repeat the above process to build up at least four layers, alternating the direction of the strips on each layer.

2. Make the spout by rolling newspaper into a tight tube – fasten it with masking tape, then push a length of florist's stem wire down the centre of the tube, bend into shape adding extra layers around the spout as required. Repeat this to make another wired tube for the handle. Bend the handle to the required shape, (cut off any surplus to get the right length) and thicken with more paper layers if required. Fasten the handle and spout securely with masking tape to opposite sides of the teapot. Thicken the spout where it joins the teapot by gluing some more strips of newspaper around it.



3. Make the lid from a smaller roll of newspaper bent into a circle and taped in position on top of the teapot. Fill in the circle by gluing a small amount of crumpled newspaper inside the circle and make the top flat. Make a knob from a small ball of newspaper and glue it on the centre of the lid. The base of the teapot is made by rolling a tube of newspaper that is bent into a circle and glued to the bottom of the teapot, which should now stand firmly on a flat surface.



4. To give your teapot a strong smooth surface, cover completely with a layer of glued white tissue strips – leave to dry and then paint as required.