



VOICE BOOMER

Create a voice booming megaphone to amplify your voice!

You will need: Scissors, Non-toxic Glue, Thick Paper

Directions

Please ask an adult to help with this activity.

STEP 1: Print out your voice boomer megaphone. STEP 2: Cut out the template along the dashed line. STEP 3: Roll into a cone shape joining the two sides at the overlap area with glue or tape.



Make some real noise! Roll and place a piece of 24"x36" posterboard into the end of the voice boomer to be heard around the block!

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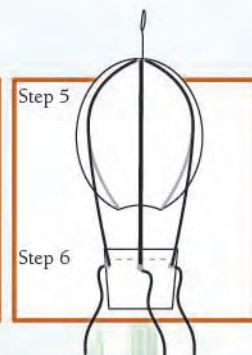
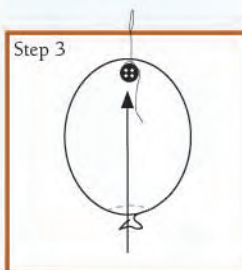
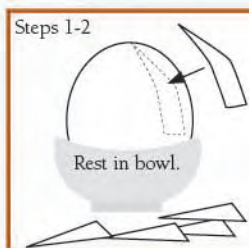
HOT AIR BALLOON

Craft a hot air balloon like the one in *OZ The Great and Powerful*!

Have an adult help you with this activity!

YOU WILL NEED

12-inch balloon	Scissors	1/4-inch hole punch
Large bowl	Sandpaper	Pom-pom trim
Newspaper	Craft paint	String
Non-Toxic Glue	Paintbrush	Small button
Half-water/ half-white-glue mixture	1/4-inch ribbon	
	Paper cup	



DIRECTIONS

TO MAKE THE BALLOON

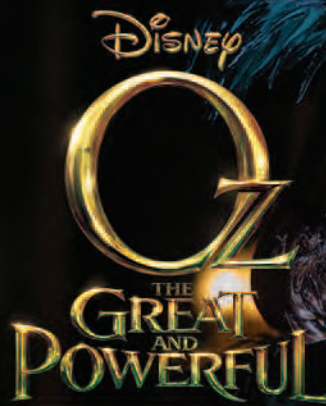
1. Blow up a balloon and place it in a large bowl for stability.
2. Cut newspaper into long, skinny triangles. Dip newspaper strips into glue mixture and papier-mache 3 layers of newspaper onto balloon covering the top and bottom. Let dry.
3. Slowly deflate the balloon by cutting a small hole at the bottom. Cut out a smooth edge at the bottom hole with scissors. Lightly sand the papier-mache smooth.
4. Section the papier-mache balloon into 8 equal lengthwise parts with 1/4-inch tape, rest in bowl and paint each section with different colors of craft paint. Let dry. Turn upside down and repeat for the bottom side.
5. Remove tape. Attach 1/4-inch ribbon over tape lines with non-toxic glue. Glue two long pieces of ribbon in an X over top of balloon, leave long ends hanging down to hold basket.

TO MAKE THE BASKET

6. Mark a paper cup 2 3/4 inches from the bottom, all the way around the cup. Cut off the top of the cup with scissors. Paint the cup with craft paint to match the balloon. Make four equidistant marks around top of cup, and then use a hole punch to make a ribbon hole at each mark. Add pom-pom trim around outside of cup with non-toxic glue.
7. Tie string to a small button, then thread through top center of balloon for hanging. Hang balloon before attaching the basket. To attach basket, thread four hanging ends of ribbon through each hole on the basket, from the inside out, then pull and slide ribbons until basket is level and tie each into a knot.

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LANCE BURTON'S SECRETS OF MAGIC

*** If your children are interested in magic, how can you help them get started?**

LANCE: A magic set for Christmas or Birthdays is how many of us got started. A very inexpensive way to get started in Magic is a trip to the library. There are many very good books for beginners in Magic.

*** Any specially helpful resources? What movies or DVDs or books (including Oz the Great and Powerful) should kids watch to get interested in magic?**

LANCE: I certainly hope 'Oz the Great and Powerful' inspires a new generation of kids to get involved in Magic as a hobby! When I was growing up I saw 'The Great Houdini' starring Tony Curtis. It was the life story of Harry Houdini the great American Magician. That movie helped inspire me to pursue Magic. I am currently shooting a movie called 'Billy Topit Master Magician'. I hope it will help inspire kids to get involved with Magic too!

*** Are there 3 or 5 easy things for parents to do to help kids who want to practice magic?**

LANCE: Be prepared to drive! Drive your child to local Magic Shows, to the library, to the local Magic Shop. Check with Magicians in your area and see if there is a local Magic Club. The International Brotherhood of Magicians have local chapters in most all major cities. You can do a simple search on the web to find the club nearest you.

*** Which trick(s) would you recommend an aspiring magician try to master first?**

LANCE: Most books or DVDs for beginners are full of simple tricks that do not require difficult sleight of hand or expensive props. Start with simple, easy to do tricks.

COLOR DIVINATION TRICK

Although this is one of the first tricks I performed for my friends and family when I was a youngster, it is one that I will perform from time to time and find that it works well for audiences of all ages. It's really quite simple to do, and the only requirement is an ordinary box of wax crayons.

THE TRICK The magician stands with his back to the audience as he instructs one of them to open a box of crayons, remove one and note its color. He holds his hands behind his back and has the audience member place the crayon into one of his upturned palms. Holding the crayons behind his back, he turns to face the audience and explain that you actually intend to divide the crayon's color by the sense of touch. As you say this, scrape the thumbnail of the hand holding the crayon across its waxed end, thereby forcing a small amount of wax to lodge under the nail. Transfer the crayon to the other hand and bring out the one with the colored wax under the nail. Touch it to your forehead.

THE SECRET As your hand travels past your face secretly catch a glimpse of the color. As soon as you glimpse the color, close your eyes and pretend to be in deep thought as if you were really trying to divine the color. All that remains is for you to name the color and bring forth the crayon for verification.

IMPORTANT POINTS The most important aspect of this trick is its performance. When attempting to divine the crayon's color, you must act as though you really have the ability to do so. If you believe that you can divine the color, so will your audience.

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