



3D Hot Air Balloons

Y6 Transition Activity



Flossy Teacake is both a 2D and 3D artist based in the Peak District. Her work is based on the village of Derbyshire where she grew up and also adopted the nickname 'Flossy Teacake'.





Here she talks about the work she creates:

“I use many different construction methods including hand-built ceramics, screen-printed fabrics, and machine and hand embroidery”

“The scenes I create show my passion for surface manipulation, through exploring colour, pattern and texture, whilst emphasising my obsession with collecting and gathering treasures. I have purposely manipulated scale and proportion, removing a conventional sense of reality.”



You will need to collect a range of different papers. Some examples you could use include:

- wrapping paper
- envelopes
- old books, magazines or old photos
- print outs of patterns you like

If you struggle to find paper large enough you could collage some papers together or alternatively create your own patterns using paints, watercolours or coloured pencils



Hot Air Balloons

Using a range of different papers, you will create a hot air balloon in the style of Flossy Teacake's work.



How to make your Hot Air Balloon...

Either print out a copy of the template opposite or use a large circle to draw around.

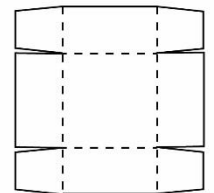
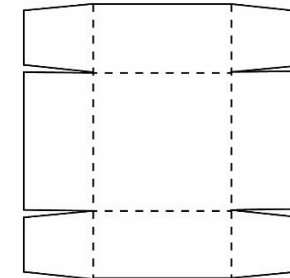
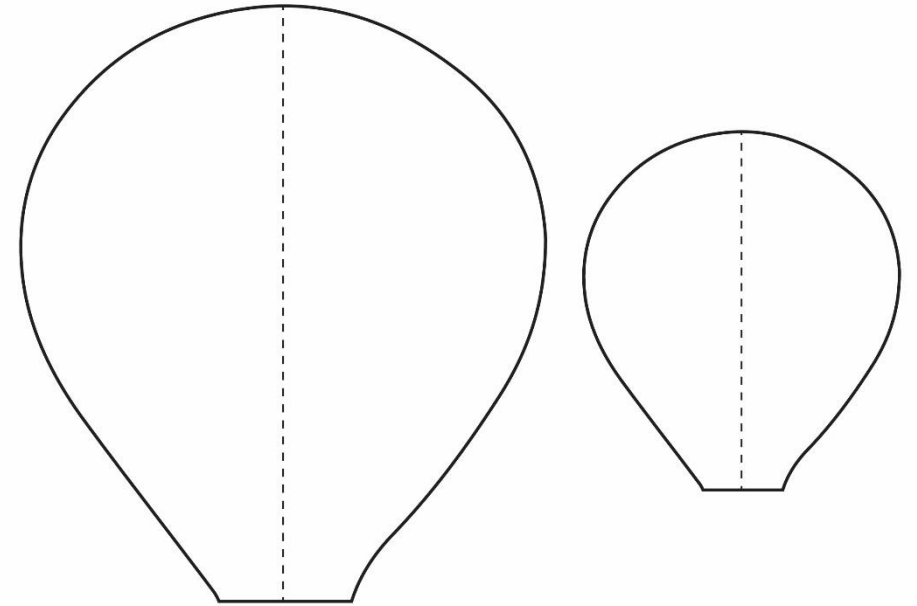
Cut out your template/circle and draw around it 8 times on the papers you've collected, think about patterns or colours. You may want them all to link.

Cut all 8 of your balloon shapes out, check the direction of the balloon on the pattern. Then fold along the middle (dotted line on the template).

With glue, glue one half to the next half of another balloon until all your balloons are glued together (there's a video on the next slide to help you).

Stick the basket template on to patterned paper then cut out, and stick the tabs to create a 3D shape.

Once you have finished you should have a basket and a balloon. Using 4 lengths of twine (all the same length) attach your basket by the corners to your balloon.



—— cut —— score



Hints and tricks!

If your paper is too thin and begins to curl, try mounting it on to thin card (cereal boxes work well)

If you're using paper with an up/down direction, double check it's the right way up before sticking down

You shouldn't need a glue gun to glue your twine/string to your balloon. You can use a glue stick or sellotape as the ends are hidden in the balloon.

If your balloon looks a bit wonky and doesn't match up completely, you can give it a little trim to make all sides even.

Embellishments

When you have finished, if you have them at home you may like to use a needle and thread to add stitches along the edge to replicate the look on Flossy Teacake's hot air balloons.

How about adding some text or collaged words to your basket?

You could also make some bunting or bows to add to the bottom or to the basket (see first slide).

Let your imagination run wild, we love to see what you come up with!

