

Party Decoration critter

check list:

1. newspaper
2. 5 large elastics
3. 2 cotton swabs
4. 3 small elastics
5. modelling clay (2 different colours)
6. 2 marbles
7. 2 super small balloons
8. roll of masking tape
9. pen
10. toothpick
11. 2 huge straws
12. tape
13. party streamers (different colours)
14. scissors

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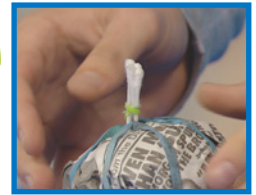
To make the critter's body, crumple three pieces of newspaper into a ball.

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Wrap five large elastics around the newspaper ball to hold the critter's body together.

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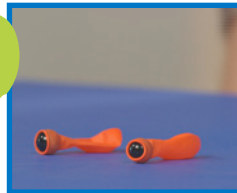
Insert two cotton swabs under two of the elastics. Fold the ends of the swabs together, then wrap a small elastic around them. The swabs will anchor the critter's head to its body.

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To make the critter's head, mould a ball of modelling clay around the cotton swabs.

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Now for the critter's eyes and ears! Stick a small marble in the end of a balloon; the marble should be just peeking out of the top of the balloon. Repeat with the other balloon. The openings with the marbles will be the eyes and the round ends of the balloons will be the ears.

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Use a small elastic to attach the eyes and ears to the top of the head, placing the elastic just behind the marbles.

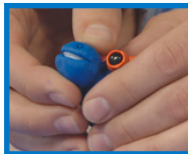
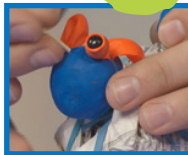
Tip: To stop the critter's body from moving around while you work, set it in a roll of masking tape.

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The critter's nose and mouth are next! Wrap an elastic around a small ball of modelling clay, then press the elastic into the clay – this will be the critter's mouth. Use a pen to poke two small nostril holes in the clay.

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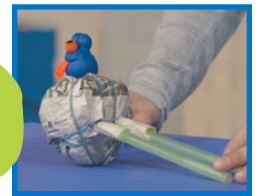
To attach the nose and mouth to the critter's head, poke the toothpick into the front of the head until just half of the toothpick is showing. Slide the nose and mouth onto the toothpick.

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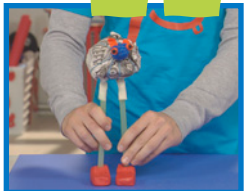
You're almost done! Take a little strip of modelling clay and press it over the balloons, just behind the marbles – this will separate the eyes from the ears and cover the elastic.

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Slide a straw under one of the elastics on the bottom of the critter's body so there is a small end on one side of the elastic and a long end on the other. Fold the short end of the straw back and tape it to the long end. Do the same with the second straw.

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Your critter is ready to stand up! Make two shoes out of modelling clay, then stick the straws into the shoes.

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To make your critter a true party decoration critter, add colourful fur! Cut party streamers into small pieces. Attach the streamers to the critter's body by inserting them under the elastics.

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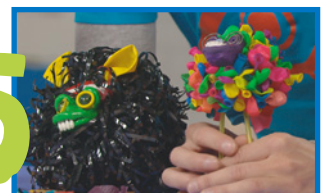
Here is an example of what the critter will look like once you've covered it in streamers. Fantastic!

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If you like, decorate the critter's shoes using white modelling clay, buttons, or whatever you have around your home.

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You can make more critters with old audio tapes and balloons. Aren't they the cutest!

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