

## Craft tip: papier-mâché bowls



### What will you need?

- Blancol paste
- Water
- Mixing bowl
- Bowl to act as mould
- Aluminium foil
- Tissue paper
- Scissors
- Confetti if required
- Paintbrush
- Clear varnish

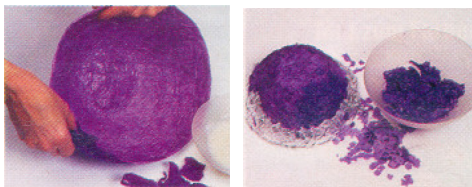
1. Mix the paste with water, but don't make it too wet or the tissue paper will not stick very well. Press the aluminium foil onto the outside of a suitable bowl. This will enable you to remove the papier-mâché shape easily later. Tear the tissue paper into small pieces by hand and dip into the paste. Now lay the paper piece by piece onto the mould, overlapping each piece as you go and always smoothing it out immediately. Build up the coating layer by layer.

2. If you have applied too much paste, apply a dry layer of tissue paper onto a wet layer from time to time. After applying about 10 layers, let the mould dry out (preferably overnight near a heater). The bigger the mould, the more layers you'll need to apply to retain the shape.

3. Once it is dry, remove the bowl from the mould and take the aluminium foil off the papier-mâché bowl. Use scissors to cut a clean edge around the bowl.



4. Apply another coating of tissue paper and glue to the edge and the inside of the bowl. You can achieve a lovely effect by using tissue paper in a slightly darker shade for this step. The bowl will be more robust if you varnish it on the inside and outside with clear varnish (2-3 coats).



5. At carnival time, you could use paper confetti instead of tissue paper: mix the paste with the confetti to make a paste, which you then apply to a thickness of about 5mm onto the prepared bowl. Continue as described from Step 3 above.

**... your papier-mâché bowls are now ready!**

