

# Polar Bear Body

## This is a Two-Step Project

1. The bear body is made first, and allowed to dry fully (24 hours, or use a hair dryer or the sun to speed up the drying)
2. The head, body, feet and tail are assembled and covered in paper mache, and allowed to dry 24 hours
3. It is then painted and the ears glued on

## Supplies

1. Paper mache paste (homemade recipe or purchased)
2. Newspaper, paper bags, paper, cut into strips
3. Cardboard
4. Marker/sharpie
5. Masking tape
6. Scissors
7. Balloons
8. Acrylic paint or spray paint
9. Paintbrushes
10. Hairdryer (to speed drying if you wish)

## PART 1: The Polar Bear Body



1. Make your paste
2. Cut paper into strips
  - i. Cut strips wide, narrow, long, short etc
  - ii. Cut more strips than you think you might need



3. Blow up two balloons
  - i. One for the body
  - ii. One smaller one for the head



4. Dip a strip of paper into the paste
5. Using your fingers, gently squeeze the excess off



6. Paper mache the two balloons



7. Allow to fully dry, for 24 hours

## PART 2: Assemble the Polar Bear



1. Make **five balls** by crumpling paper or tin foil
  - i. four for feet and arms, one for the tail



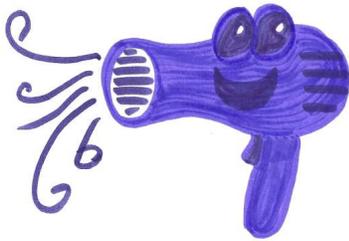
2. Tape the feet, arms and tail to the body



3. Dip a strip of paper into the paste
4. Using your fingers, gently squeeze the excess off

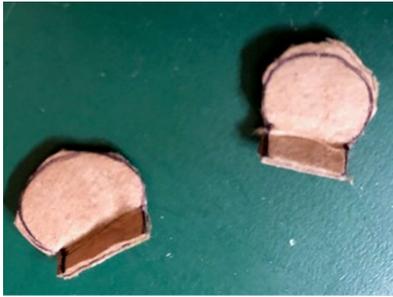


5. Paper mache the legs, ears and tail to the polar bear body



6. Allow to fully dry, for 24 hours

## PART 2: Ears and Paint



1. Draw a couple small ears, cut out
2. Bend a little at the ends



3. Paint the ears
4. Allow to dry



5. Paint the body
6. Allow to dry
7. Glue the ears to the head (if using hot glue gun parental supervision is recommended)
8. Add finishing touches