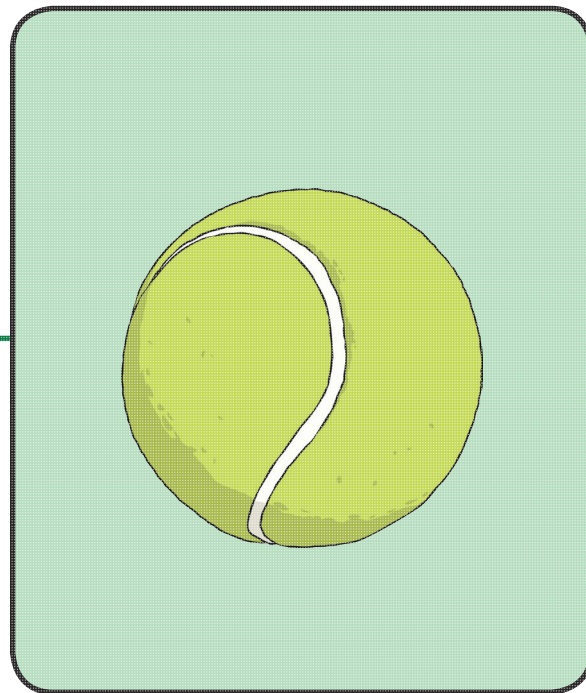


Wimbledon Craft Activity

Wimbledon tennis tournament is a highlight of the sporting calendar. Follow these instructions to make your own model tennis ball and racquet.

For the tennis ball, you will need:

- balloon
- white glue
- water
- paintbrushes (one needs to be thin)
- bowl
- sticky tape
- yellow and white paint
- newspaper cut into strips
- kitchen paper cut into strips
- a strip of card (about 10–15cm long)
- a pin



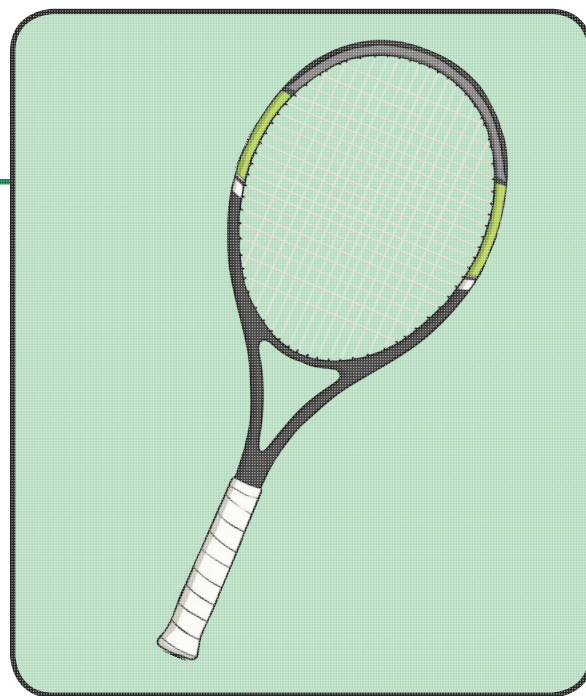
Instructions

1. Blow the balloon up to about the size of a tennis ball. Ask an adult to help with tying the balloon if you need to.
2. Put the strip of card into a circle and secure it with sticky tape. This will be used to hold the balloon if you need to.
3. Rest the balloon in the card circle, with the tied bit inside the circle.
4. In a bowl, mix 2 parts white glue to 1 part water. This means if you put in 2 cups of glue, you would put in 1 cup of water. Use the paintbrush to mix well.
5. Dip a strip of newspaper in the mixture until it is soaked. Then, place it on the balloon and press down gently. Repeat until the balloon is completely covered in several layers of newspaper.
6. For the final layer, dip strips of kitchen paper in the mixture until they are soaked. Cover the balloon in one layer of the kitchen paper.
7. Leave the balloon to dry completely. This may take up to 24 hours.
8. Once it has dried, pop the balloon using a pin. Be careful using the pin.
9. Use the yellow and white paint to paint the design. You will need a thin brush for the white part.

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For the tennis racquet, you will need:

- tennis racquet head template photocopied on to card
- string or wool
- scissors
- masking tape
- white glue
- water
- paintbrush
- bowl
- newspaper cut into strips
- kitchen paper cut into strips
- paint
- a piece of doweling or thin strip of wood measuring about 15cm long



Instructions

1. Cut out the tennis racquet template. Remember to cut out inside the lines of the template.
2. Cut quite a lot of pieces of string so they are slightly longer than the inside of the racquet.
3. Using masking tape, stick the pieces of string in rows from one side of the racquet to the other.
4. Now, repeat with string going from the bottom of the racquet to the top. However, this time, you will need to weave the string in and out of the pieces of the string across the racquet as you go up.
5. Make sure all pieces of string are firmly attached to the racquet using masking tape.
6. Attach the doweling or wood to one end of the racquet with masking tape.
7. Make your white glue/water paste (see instruction 4 of the tennis ball).
8. Dip a strip of newspaper in the mixture until it is soaked. Then, wrap it around the different parts of the racquet. Do this until the racquet is completely covered in several layers of newspaper.
9. For the final layer, dip strips of kitchen paper in the mixture until they are soaked. Cover the racquet in one layer of the kitchen paper.
10. Leave the racquet to dry completely. This may take up to 24 hours.
11. Once the racquet is dry, paint it.

