



Spooktacular

Virtual Halloween 2020

CRAFT TUTORIALS

YARN SPIDER - NESTS

MATERIALS

- Newspaper, cardboard, or plastic (masking)
- White glue
- Water
- 2 bowls or tupperwares
- String or yarn any color (We used white)
- Ruler or measuring system
- Scissors
- Pin or other tool to pop the balloon
- Hot glue and glue gun
- Plastic spiders

PROCESS

Step 1: Mask off your work space (including the floor! This is messy!)

Step 2: Inflate balloon and hang above your work space. Place a large bowl or tupperware under your balloon, this will catch a lot of the drippings as your yarn dries.

Step 3: Cut your yarn to length (the circumference of the balloon plus a little bit). Wrap your yarn around a piece of cardboard that is half your desired yarn length (making sure to finish with both ends on the same side). Once your cardboard is completely wrapped, cut along the edge with the ends.

Step 4: Mix glue and water together at an approximately 1:1 ratio (add more glue if you feel like you need more thickness).

Step 5: Dunk a yarn piece into the glue mix, then use your thumb and index finger to gently smooth the excess. Don't squeeze all the liquid out, just evenly coat and saturate the yarn. Wrap the glued yarn around the balloon. Repeat until the balloon is covered to your desired density.

Step 6: Leave to dry overnight. Remember to leave the bowl underneath to catch drippings.

Step 7: When completely dry, take it down and gently pop the balloon and remove it from the yarn nest. (It may break into pieces, so tweezers may be helpful for the removal process.)

Step 8: Use a piece of your yarn to loop through the web and tie in a loop. This is your hanging point. Find a spot where the wrapping is stiff/layered.

Step 9: Use hot glue to stick your spiders to the outside. REMEMBER: HOT GLUE IS HOT. Please work with care and appropriate supervision.