

# PLASTER ROLLS



This plaster impregnated cloth wrap (which is medical grade) is easy and safe to use. Simply wet it, shape it and then let it dry. Plaster Rolls are ideal for making sculptures, masks and all sorts of craft projects. Plaster Rolls can be applied directly onto the skin (we suggest a liberal coating of Vaseline around the hair line including eyebrows). The plaster initially sets quickly and dries rapidly making it ready for painting. Plaster Rolls are individually wrapped for ease of use.

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## Create a HOT AIR BALLOON



### You will need:

- Five Star Plaster Rolls
- Five Star NZACRYL Acrylic Paints
- Five Star Paint brush
- Balloon
- Bowl of water
- Scissors
- Small box or cardboard
- Bamboo skewers
- Newspaper
- Glue gun (optional)

Smoothing over the edges of joins gives a nicer finish makes it easier for painting later (depending on your art project)



### Method - Balloon:

**Step 1:** Cover your bench with newspaper.

**Step 2:** Blow up your balloon to the desired size and tie off the end.

**Step 3:** Cut the Plaster Roll into lengths - measure from the top of the balloon down to the bottom (where it is tied) and cut into strips of this length. You will need enough to cover the entire balloon twice.

**Step 4:** Add room temperature water to the bowl.

**Step 5:** One at a time, dip the Plaster Roll lengths into the water and gently squeeze out the excess water or let it drip for a moment.



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**Step 6:** Place the length of Plaster Roll onto the balloon (from top to bottom) and smooth it over.

**Step 7:** Continue steps 5 & 6 making sure each piece over-laps 5-10 mm until you have at least

2 layers. Some shorter or narrower lengths may be required to build up some areas due to the curves on the balloon.

**Step 8:** Once you have finished plastering it is helpful to sit the wet plastered balloon upright in a jug or sturdy container so the plaster doesn't dry with a flat patch.

**Step 9:** Set aside to dry – it will start setting right away and will dry quickly (depending on the amount of plaster layers and room temperature).

**Step 10:** Once dry, you can now begin painting the design of your choice using NZACRYL Acrylic Paint. Note: the paint may soften the plaster slightly but NZACRYL will ensure this dries and hardens. Two coats are recommended due to the texture of the plaster surface.



### Method - Basket:

**Step 1:** For the base of the basket, either use a small box you have on hand, or make a small cardboard box using some old cardboard, leaving the top open.

**Step 2:** Cut plaster lengths to the size to go around the small box (you may need to cut the width of the roll in half).

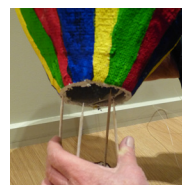
**Step 3:** As per step 5 "Method for Balloon" above for the first layer of plaster over the inside and outside of the box. Then, place a bamboo skewer in the corner of the box and plaster over it to hold in place. Repeat for all 4 corners.

**Step 4:** Build up another layer of Plaster Roll over the entire surface of the box including over the skewers.

**Step 5:** Set aside to dry and paint as per step 10 "Method for Balloon".

### Method - Assembly of Balloon & Basket:

**Step 1:** You can now pop your balloon and remove it.



**Step 2:** It may be necessary to neaten the opening at the bottom of your hot air balloon – carefully trim to make a neat opening (ie ensure it is smaller than the total circumference of the skewer sticks in the basket).

**Step 3:** Place the balloon over the skewers so they sit inside the balloon and you can either plaster the

skewers as per step 4 "Method for Balloon" or use a hot glue gun to secure in place.

*Hint: Drill a hole in the top of the balloon & use fishing wire to hang your hot air balloon.*



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