

New Year's Eve Poppers



This is a fun project to work on during New Year's Eve that will be ready for the stroke of midnight (or whatever time you decide to celebrate). Most of the materials you should be able to find around the home or classroom. Kids will love to make the pom poms go flying over and over!

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Cognitive

Indicator:

Counting in meaningful ways in play and daily living

Skills:

Counting



Materials

- Toilet paper rolls
- Balloons
- Pom poms and confetti
- Bright paint colors
- Washi tape (optional)
- Paintbrushes

Instructions

Step 1: Start by painting your poppers. It's a good idea to paint your toilet paper roll white to allow for the bright colors to pop. Once the white base is dry you can paint the outside with bright colors.

Step 2: Once the tube is completely dry, attach a balloon to one end of the tube by tying a knot at the end of the balloon and trimming it so you're left with about ½ - 1 inch of balloon material.

Step 3: Fill up your tube with pom poms and confetti. Stand it upright so nothing spills!

Step 4: When you're ready to launch, hold the popper at a 45° angle, pull the knot on the balloon, and let it go - confetti will fly everywhere!

Step 5: Collect your confetti and do it again!



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Make it a game and have them try to catch the falling pom poms!

For younger toddlers: Younger ones may have a hard time holding the popper upright when filled, try hand over hand to support them.



Playful Questions

- How many pom poms can you fit in your popper?
- How far can you make your pom poms go?
- What would happen if we didn't tie a knot in the balloon?
- Which popper has more pom poms in it? How do you know?