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INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL

# PLaSTeR SCULPTURES



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| 1 | Plaster bandages (2)  | 4 | Watercolor paint palette |
| 2 | Watercolor paints (4) | 5 | Aluminum wire (5 meters) |
| 3 | Paintbrush            | 6 | Balloons (3)             |

**YOU WILL ALSO NEED:** Old newspapers, ruler, pencil, felt-tip pens, balloon pump, wire cutter or combination pliers, masking tape, old plastic bowl, water, old scissors, cup of water, various materials for decorating, liquid hobby glue



## Dear Sculptors,

This awesome hobby kit will show you how easy it is to create a really cool sculpture. You will be able to design one following your own imagination. Start by thinking about how you would like your sculpture to look, and then off you go. Just like a real sculptor, you will make an actual-size diagram before translating your idea into reality!

## To the pump - get set - go!

### You will need:

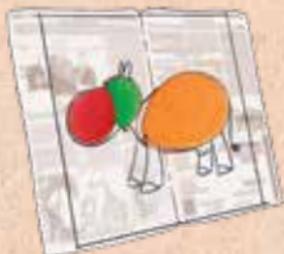
Balloons, your newspaper sketch, balloon pump, string, masking tape, newspaper

### Here's how:

- 1 If you didn't tie the balloons closed when you inflated them in the previous step, do it now. Pump them up with your balloon pump and tie them closed with the string. Be sure to inflate them to the right size. As you pump, pause periodically and hold them up to your blueprint to check.
- 2 Arrange the balloons in front of you on the table the way they appear in the blueprint, and tape them carefully together with a few strips of masking tape. Now, can you already picture the finished sculpture?



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## TIP!

*If your sculpture is going to have a long neck or tail, for example, you can add some balls of wadded-up newspaper between the balloons. Then tape them in place with a little masking tape.*

## Paper skin

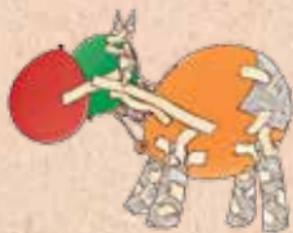
### You will need:

Your half-finished sculpture, *masking tape, old newspaper*

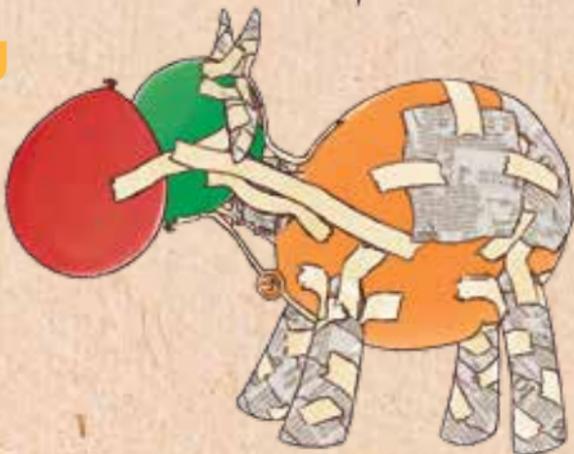
### Here's how:

- 1 Since the plaster bandages will not stick very well to the smooth balloon surfaces, you should cover your creature with a layer of shredded newspaper. Just tear an old newspaper into pieces about as big as a postcard. Place the first piece onto the sculpture and tape it in place with little bits of masking tape.
- 2 Place the next piece on so it overlaps the first one a little — like roofing tiles or the scales of a fish. Continue until the balloons are completely covered.

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## PART 3

# PaINTiNG AND DECORATING

### Getting all dressed up

*Now it's time your sculpture got a nice outfit to wear. Does its body need zebra stripes or leopard spots? You could even paint on a superhero costume. Whatever you like can be turned into reality on your sculpture.*

#### **You will need:**

Your dried sculpture, 4 watercolor paints, paint holder, brush, cup of water

#### **Here's how:**

- 1 Start by placing the four watercolor tablets in the round depressions in the holder. It looks like a real artist's palette, don't you think? Pretty cool, isn't it?
- 2 Now just take the paintbrush in your hand, and off you go! However you paint your sculpture, you can be sure it will be one of a kind!

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