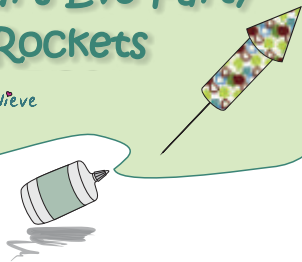


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Difficulty Rating: 3/5

Adult supervision/help required unless 12 & over

Supervision of poking hole with sharp implement

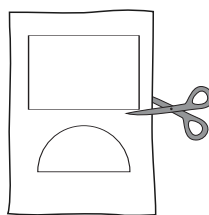
Young children may find pushing skewer through hole difficult



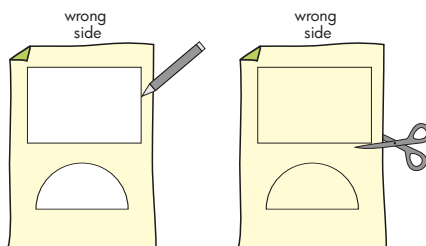
Have fun making these inexpensive party popper rockets for releasing at a New Year's Eve Party. They will cost you almost nothing to make and can be made in any colour to suit a colour scheme. Makes 1.

Instructions

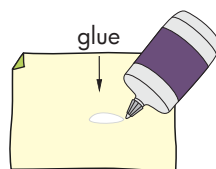
1. Print out the Templates on the third page onto lightweight card, or glue them onto cardboard, and cut around them.



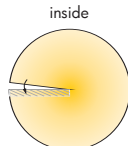
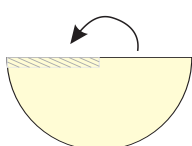
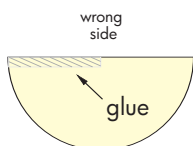
2. Place the cut out templates on the coloured paper and trace around them with a pencil - it is normally best if you do this on the wrong side of your paper so that you don't get pencil marks on the good side. Cut the shapes out of the paper.




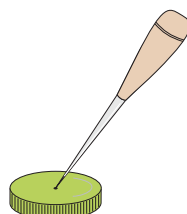
3. Cover the back of the paper rectangle with glue (spread it with an old paint brush if you are using PVA glue). Place the cardboard tube on the paper, lining up the edges of the tube with the edges of the paper. Roll the paper onto and around the tube, making sure all the glued paper is touching the tube, and smooth and press the paper to the tube and allow to dry.



4. Spread glue on one half of the straight edge of the half circle. Curl the half circle so that the two halves of the straight edge sit on top of each other, to make a cone shape, and smooth the edge of the paper down onto the glue and allow to dry.



5.  Adult Supervision – Using the sharp tool, poke a hole in the middle of one lid (by screwing and pushing firmly). Make sure the hole is big enough to poke the bamboo skewer through. Twirl your sharp item from side to side to make the hole bigger if necessary.



Supplies

Cardboard tube 10 cm (4 inches) long, and approximately 4.5 cm (1¾ inches) in diameter (wide)

2 bottle lids, approximately 4.1 cm (1⅝ inches) in diameter. We used a milk or juice bottle lid. Remove disc, then wash and dry lid and disc. View our [mini video](#) to see how you can easily remove the disc from the lid.


Bamboo skewers (wooden food stick or similar)

Glue - Glue Stick or PVA

Medium piece of plain paper, coloured paper or wrapping paper

Tools

Scissors

A sharp item like a drawing compass, sharp metal skewer, an awl, or a sharp nail. (Adult supervision is recommended) 

Optional Tools

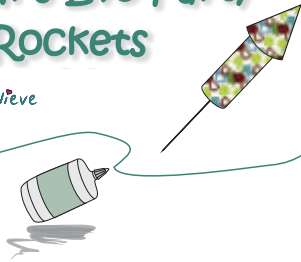
Old paintbrush (for applying PVA glue)

Optional Supplies

Florist's foam, styrofoam or other supply for holding the finished rocket

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6. Poke the bamboo skewer into the hole so that it sits above the top of the lid approximately 1 cm (0.4 inch).
7. Test the skewered lid in the bottom of the cardboard tube. If the lid is too loose (it falls out), cut a circle of paper, approximately 1 cm (0.4 inch) larger than the lid. Glue the piece of paper (poke a hole for the skewer) onto the top of the lid and fold down over the sides.
8. Repeat step 7 for the plain lid.
9. Cut scraps of coloured paper into thin strips or small squares. If using strips, scrunch them a little to make them more springy.
10. Place the plain lid upside down in the top of the tube.
11. Glue the paper cone onto the top edge of the tube and allow to dry.
11. Turn the tube upside down and fill with the cut scraps of paper.
12. Place the skewered lid in the bottom of the tube.
13. Optional - Poke the stick of the finished rocket into some foam to hold the rocket.

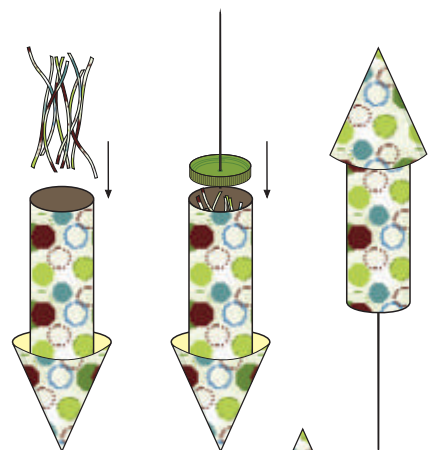
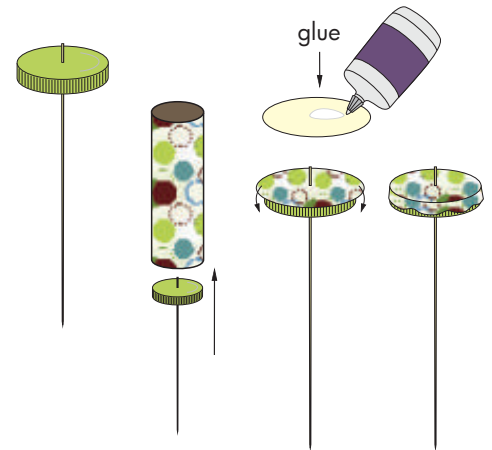
To use the rocket, hold the rocket in one hand facing upwards, and push the stick quickly upwards. It will push the bottle lid up to the next bottle lid, which will push the cone off and the top bottle lid out, and it will force the cut scraps of paper out into the air.



Happy New Year!
Have fun cleaning up the mess
from the poppers!

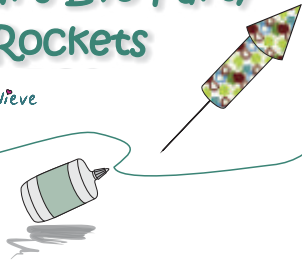
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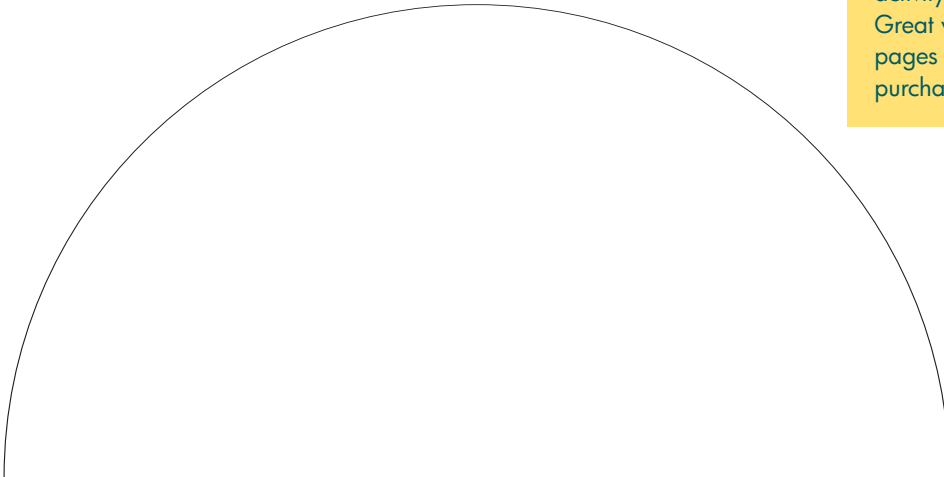


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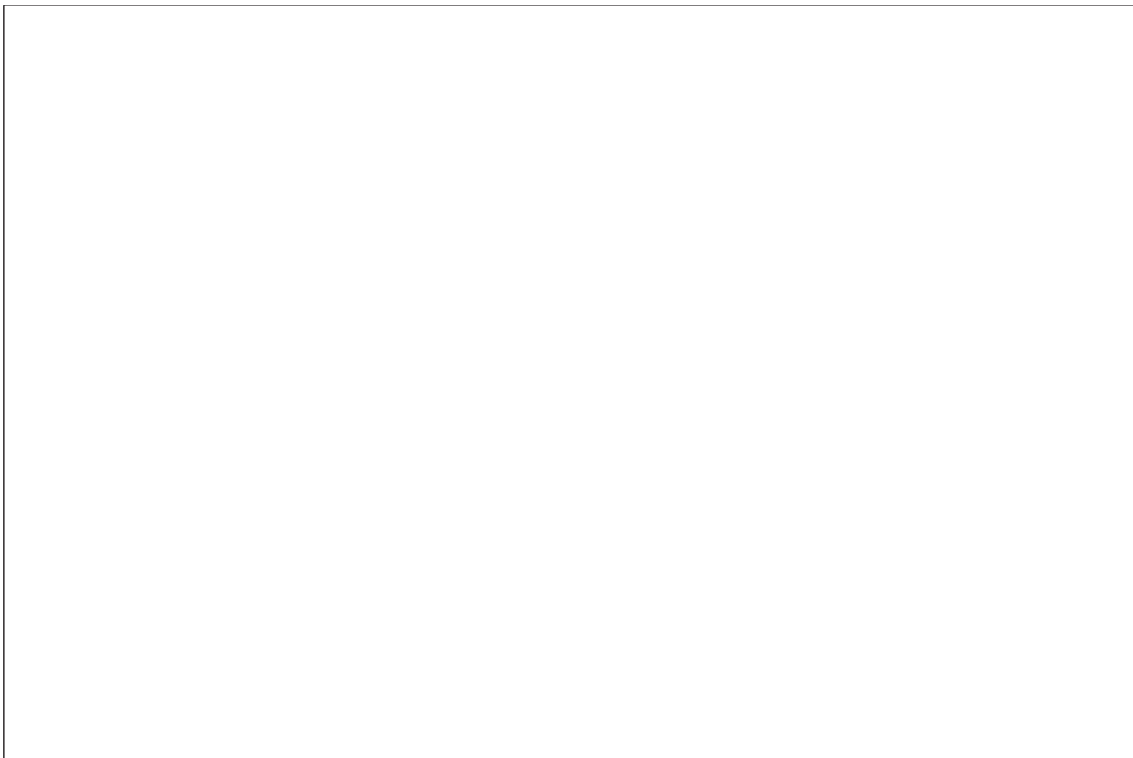
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Half Circle



Rectangle

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