

# Tulip Wow! Papier-Mache Tulips



## Objectives

- To create a 3D tulip
- To participate in the Canadian Tulip Festival, if even from a distance
- To work with papier mache to effectively create a life-like tulip
- To create an interesting theme to paint on the tulip that has significance
- To have a link to the Canadian Tulip festival by decorating their school in May with tulips
- To learn about the history of the tulip and The Canadian Tulip Festival

## Materials

- Newsprint (ripped)
- Papier mache paste (wallpaper paste)
- Wrapping paper tubes cut to length or paper towel rolls

- Balloons
- String
- Construction grade stapler
- Small squares of wood for base (you can get scraps from a lumber yard)
- Acrylic paint various colors
- Pipe cleaners various colors (optional)
- Hot glue gun/glue
- Cardboard scraps
- Varnish (supplied by the Tulip Festival if you register early with Monique Martin)

### Procedure

1. Inflate balloons.
2. Tie a string to the opening of the balloon. This is to allow for it to be hung to dry on a string (clothesline style)
3. Papier-mache the balloon with at least 3 layers. Some layers longitude and some latitude. Ripping the paper works better than cutting as the fibrous edges lay better. Let dry for two days suspended.
4. Cut four slits in one end of the paper roll. Press these back and staple to wooden base. Mache over base so that the staples are not visible. The mache must not go over the bottom of the base so that the tulips sit flat on the ground.
5. Cut cardboard scrapes into leaf shapes. Mache the leaves so that none of the corrugated cardboard area is showing.

### Day 2

6. Hot glue gun the leaves to stem and mache the joint to the leaves so that they are firmly in place on the stem.

7. Cut a hole in the bottom (large side) of the balloon this hole will be placed over the paper roll. Cut out the petal shapes from the top side of the balloon. **Tulips have 6 petals. Some tulips have pointed petals and some rounded**

8. Hot glue the tulip tops to the stem. Mache around the connection to make it strong.

9. Let Dry

10. Design the pattern to decorate the tulip. Anything goes as for the design, be creative. Below are some of the designs on the large 5' sculptural tulips from the 2002 festival. When the design is dry varnish the tulip with water based varnish. A sponge works best for doing this step it is fast and efficient.



11. Paint /Glue pipe cleaners pistal and stamen in. (Optional)

12. Title. Be sure that the underside of the base has the following information firmly in place.