## CRAFT KITS FROM THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆEUM'S CHILDREN'S LIBRARY HOT AIR BALLOON!

Hang this cheerful hot air balloon decoration outside on a sunny breezy day and watch it spin.

Supplies in kit

- 4 balloon templates
- 1 paper ring
- 3 strings

- crepe paper

What you'll need from home

- crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- glue stick
- sticky tape
- scissors
- hole puncher


## Directions

1. Begin by cutting out the balloon shapes and fold each in half.

2. Glue the balloons together one flap (or half) at a time.


This is what it will look like from above.

3. Flatten the balloon and punch a hole about $1 / 4$ inch from the top. Then lift open one of the sides and punch two holes, one on each side as pictured. Now have fun decorating the balloon on all sides - the sky's the limit!

4. Glue the crepe paper around the paper tube. Punch two holes in the paper tube on each side and add decorations. This will be the "basket" for the hot air balloon.

5. Tie one string to the top of the balloon to hang it. Next tie the other two strings to the base of the balloon and the sides of the basket as evenly as possible. Hang it either indoors or outside on a sunny day!


BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS
Sebastian and the Balloon by Phillip Christian Stead
Harvey Potter's Balloon Farm by Jerdine Nolen
Hot Air by Marjorie Priceman Emily's Balloon by Kamako Sakai The Bog Balloon by Axel Sheffler

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