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Activity name: A Mexican Pineta

Short description: A creative activity with a sweet reward for the end of a party or celebration evening

Equipment: Balloon
Water
Newspaper
PVA Glue or non-fungicidal wallpaper paste
Paste brushes
Paper or newspaper
Paint
Paintbrushes
Sweets
Paper Streamers
String to hang it up
Sticks

Resources:

Duration: From 10 minutes to 30 minutes

Numbers:  **SMALL GROUPS**

Location:  **INDOOR**

Instructions:

- Explain to the Cub Scouts that in countries such as Mexico the end of a celebration can be marked with a special fun activity
- They need to help to make the central item for this celebration and it may take a short while over a period of meetings
- Blow up a balloon and cover the surface with water
- Cover this with a layer of newspaper
- Follow this with a number of layers of paper stuck on with non-fungicidal wallpaper paste or PVA – a different team could do this each week until you feel that you have enough layers
- When all the layers are dry burst the inner balloon
- Decorate the papier mache shape with vibrant colours
- Before the Cub Scouts see the finished article put some sweets inside the shape and cover over the opening disguising it with crepe or tissue paper streamers
- At the end of your celebration hang your shape or pineta just above head height
- Supply the Cub Scouts with sticks so that they can all take turns to beat the pineta until it bursts
- Once they have been showered with sweets they can share them out and enjoy them

Additional Information:

Programme zone(s) : Global

Method(s): Make things
Try new things
