

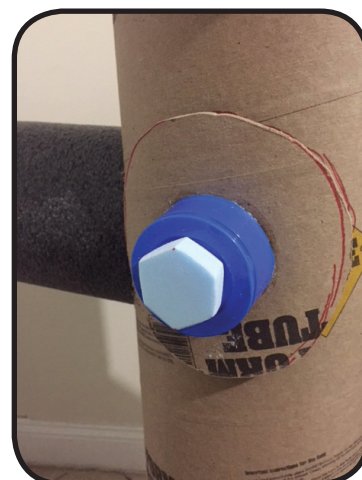
# Paws for Books Balloon and Fire Hydrant Instructions



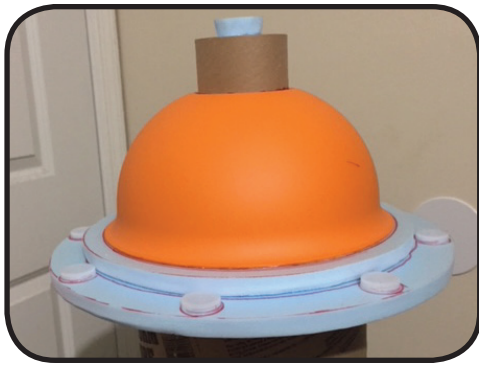
## Supplies\*:

- 4' x 8' insulation board
- 8" concrete form tube
- Utility knife
- Dremel
- 12" deep plastic plant liner
- Extra large pool noodle
- Hot glue gun
- Hot glue sticks
- Marker
- Large 8"-10" wide bowl
- Empty duct tape spool
- Plastic cup
- Water bottle caps (8)
- Red spray paint
- Helium-filled white and tan balloons
- String

## Directions:



1. Place concrete form tube on plastic plant liner and trace a circle. With a utility knife, cut out the bottom of the plant liner. Turn the liner upside down and insert the tube into the liner opening to create the base of the fire hydrant. (For safety purposes, we recommend wearing leather gloves when using the utility knife. Never leave the utility knife where children can pick it up.)
2. Trace the end of the pool noodle on both sides of the form tube, directly across from each other, above the form tube's halfway point. Carefully cut out the traced circles with a dremel or utility knife. Insert a 24" long section of the pool noodle through the two holes.
3. Cut two small circles and two smaller hexagons out of insulation board. Hot glue the hexagons to the center of the circles. Hot glue each circle to the ends of the pool noodles.
4. Attach one of the circular form tube pieces (cut out in step 2) to the front of the fire hydrant with hot glue. Cut a plastic cup in half and hot glue it to the center of the circular piece. Cut a hexagon out of foam board and glue it to the base of the plastic cup.



5. Draw a 12" circle and a 10" circle on insulation board and cut out. Trace the concrete form tube on the center of the 12" circle and cut out. Hot glue the 10" circle onto the center of the 12" circle, covering the hole completely. Place the large bowl face down on the 10" circle and hot glue in place.

6. Use an empty duct tape spool to trace a circle onto an insulation board scrap. Cut out the circle and plug up the center of the spool with it, gluing the circular piece in place. Cut a smaller circle out of insulation board and glue to the center of the covered end of the tape spool. Hot glue the completed tape spool to the top of the bowl.

7. Hot glue water bottle caps to the rim of the 12" circle.



8. Place the finished top of the fire hydrant onto the form tube. It should fit snugly in place.



9. Spray paint the entire fire hydrant red.
10. Attach a group of helium-filled white and tan balloons to the fire hydrant with string.
11. Use a black marker to draw dog and cat faces on the balloons.
12. Print and cut the dog and cat ear templates on page 3 and tape them onto the sides of the balloons.

\*Remember, these are only suggestions.  
This project should be fun and creative, so use  
supplies you have on hand for substitutions.

# Dog and Cat Ears Templates

