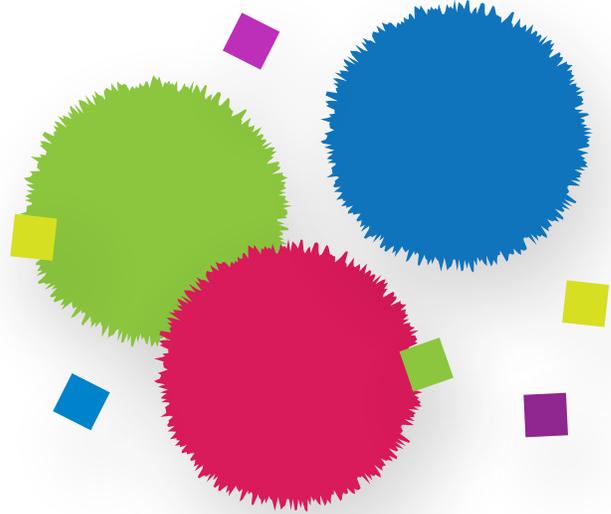


# Balloon Blaster

You and your child can make a balloon blaster that will keep the party going!

## Collect

- Sturdy 9oz. paper or plastic cup
- 12" Balloon
- Scissors
- Larger rubber band
- Tape
- Confetti, marshmallows, cotton balls, or pom-poms



## Build the blaster

1. Tie a knot at the end of an un-inflated balloon and use scissors to cut off about half an inch of the other end. This will become the blasting surface and the knot makes a handy handle.
2. Use scissors to cut off the bottom end of the paper or plastic cup. This will become the blaster base.
3. Stretch the balloon top over the cut end of the cup, making sure the knot handle is in the center.
4. Secure the balloon with a rubber band and some tape.

## Have a party

5. Place confetti, a marshmallow, or a small pom-pom inside the cup so it is laying on the balloon surface.
6. Pull the knot handle on the outside of the cup to stretch the balloon back a little bit.
7. Aim the cup away from any partygoers and let the knot go!

## Experiment

Try to launch different items and see how far they fly. Do marshmallows fly further than a cotton ball? Make a game out of it by setting up a few other cups and trying to launch a pom-pom into them.