

## Paper Mache Doll Instructions

Once your newspaper has soaked for several hours, get your hands into it! Play with it, mix it, and squeeze it through your fingers until it looks like oatmeal! Try to get as many lumps out as possible. If necessary, add a bit more water and let it soak a little more.

- Once you have it as smooth as possible, add a few tablespoons of salt to help retard mold. Mix it again with your hands.
- Once mixed thoroughly, squeeze out any excess water and add a few tablespoons of glue. Now you are ready to use your paper mache pulp!
- Dip each strip of newspaper in the mixture, and put them around the balloon(or roundclay head) and the paper tube for a nice head and neck.
- Then put it outside in the sun to dry.
- After it has dried, smooth out the round head with sandpaper.
- Paint the head and neck white for a base.
- Let the base dry After the base is dry begin painting the head and neck with color.
- After you have painted the face on your puppet let it dry.
- When it is dry you will need the following items to make your doll complete:Yarn for hair, old cloth or quilt for clothes.
- Beads, ribbons, glitter and other decorative items.

**Have fun making your puppet doll!**