



“Everybody was staring at Violet. And what a terrible, peculiar sight she was! Her face and hands and legs and neck, in fact the skin all over her body, as well as her great big mop of curly hair, had turned a brilliant, purplish-blue, the colour of blueberry juice!”

YOU WILL NEED:

- A 36 inch giant balloon
- Newspaper (lots of newspaper!)
- Plain flour and water
- Scissors
- Tape
- Purple or blue paint
- Two ribbons
- A stapler
- Purple or blue face paint
- A purple or blue top
- Purple or blue trousers or tights

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DAY
ACTIVITY

- 1 Make your papier mâché paste, using equal amounts of water and plain flour. The paste should be a thick glue-like texture. If it's too thick, add a bit more water. Tear the newspaper into long thin strips. Inflate the balloon and set it in a box to keep it from rolling around. Begin your first layer of papier mâché: dip each strip of newspaper with papier mâché, then place it on the balloon. Cover the balloon in one layer of strips and let it dry completely.
- 2 Repeat three more times so the ball is nice and strong. Once the final layer is dry, deflate the balloon.
- 3 Cut a hole at the top and bottom of the ball that is big enough for you to fit through (ask a grown-up to help!). Make sure the bottom hole is big enough for you to move your legs when walking!
- 4 Paint the entire ball purple (or blue) using poster paint and leave to dry. Add the ribbons to the top hole to create shoulder straps.
- 5 Wear your purplest (or bluest) clothes and paint your face to match. Very carefully, put on your blueberry-ball costume.
- 6 Take along your copy of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and your costume is complete!

