

# Up and Away

## HOT AIR BALLOON TUTORIAL

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### MATERIALS NEEDED:

1/3 yd each 2 contrasting fabrics

8" styrofoam ball

1 1/2 yd 1/2- 3/4" wide ribbon or Ric Rac

1/2 yd 1/8" thin ribbon

Spray paint can LID (I tried to use a plastic cup pictured but the paint can lid worked so much better)

Metal screw hook or screw eye

Hot glue gun and glue sticks

Fray Check

Pins





### STEP 1

Use the template provided to cut 5 pieces from each fabric



### STEP 2

Place one of each contrasting fabric pieces, right sides together and stitch using 1/4" seam along one side.



### STEP 3

Finger press seam allowance open.  
Turn over and finger press on the front side, too.

Sew 5 sets.



#### STEP 4

Place 2 sets, right sides together and stitch a 1/4" seam allowance. Finger press seams open.



#### STEP 5

Continue adding sets until all have been stitched together. Unit should look like the one pictured here.



#### STEP 6

Fold over side seam allowance a scant 1/4" on one side and press.

(Choose the darker of the two fabrics as this fabric will overlap the other)



STEP 7 (top)  
Fold under bottom edge a scant 1/4" and pin.  
Stitch 1/8" seam along the bottom to hem.

STEP 8  
Topstitch along the top curve a scant 1/4" seam.  
Do not turn under.  
Apply Fray Check to the raw edge and allow to dry.  
Trim threads.



STEP 9 (right)  
Place side not folded  
under on the styrofoam ball.  
Use pins to keep in place.



STEP 10 (below)  
Ease the fabric around the styrofoam ball.  
Pull the fabric snugly, but not too tight.

The top edge of the balloon will lay against the styrofoam ball. The bottom edge will not lay against the ball. This will give it the classic balloon look.

Once the fabric is all the way around the ball, use pins to secure the folded edge. Pin the overlapping edges at the bottom of the balloon together.



STEP 11 (below)  
Carefully remove one pin in the center and apply a small amount of hot glue to secure.  
Move along the seam securing with hot glue.  
Glue the overlapping edges at the bottom together.



#### STEP 12

Cut a strip of fabric 1 1/2" WIDER than the height of the spray paint can lid.

Wrap the fabric strip around the top and bottom of the lid.

Use hot glue to secure.



#### STEP 13

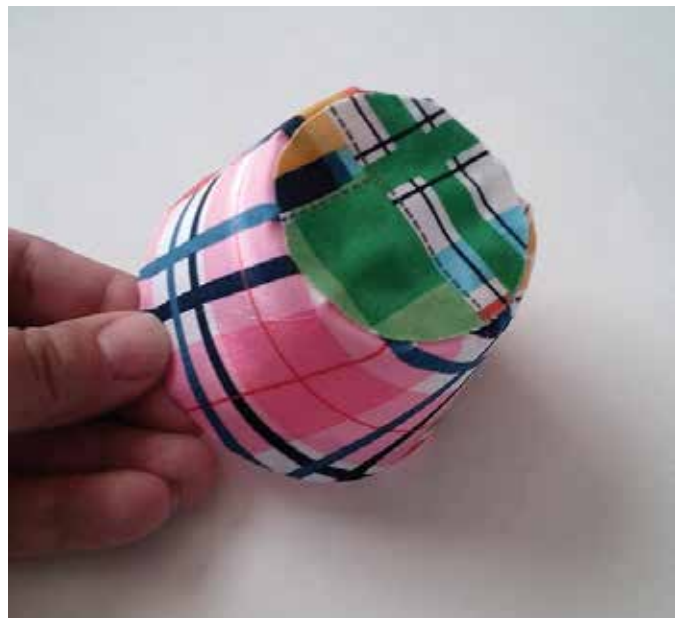
Tuck the top edge inside the cup securing with hot glue.



#### STEP 14

Cut slits around the bottom edge.

Fold in each section and secure with glue.



#### STEP 15

Cut a circle of fabric slightly smaller than the bottom of the lid.

Apply Fray Check to the edges and press with a hot iron to set.

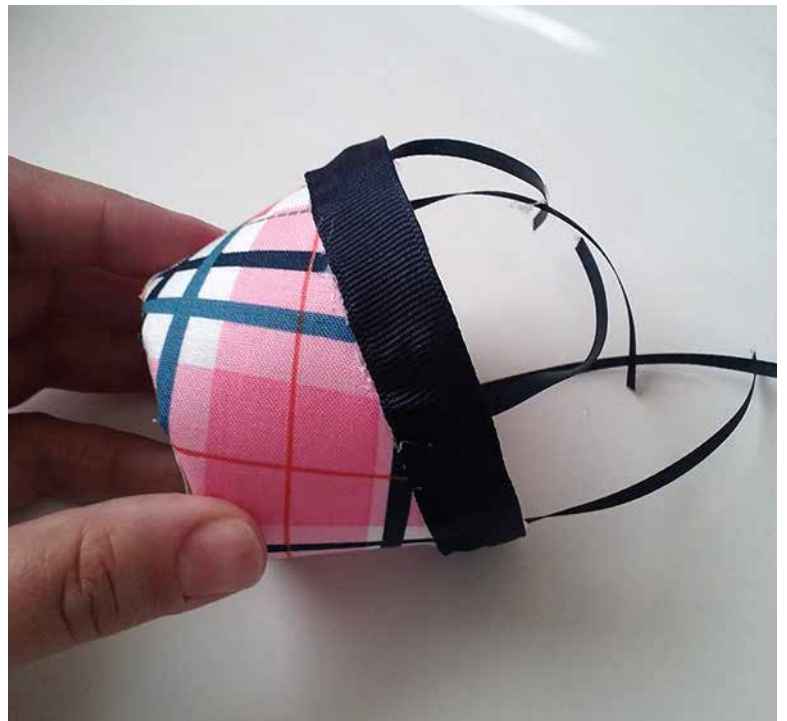
Glue to the bottom of the lid to cover the seams.

STEP 16 (right)

Cut 5- 3 1/2" lengths of thin ribbon.

Attach with hot glue evenly spaced around the top edge of the paint lid.

Wrap a length of wider ribbon around the lid to cover the thin ribbons and to give the basket a finished look.



STEP 17 (above)

With a friend to help hold the balloon, attach the ends of the ribbon inside the bottom edge of the balloon with hot glue. spacing them evenly around the opening.

STEP 18

OPTIONAL: Wrap ribbon or ric rac around the largest part of the balloon for added decoration. Secure with hot glue.

STEP 19

Place a dab of hot glue in the top center of the styrofoam ball. Before it dries, stick the metal hook in the center of the styrofoam. Allow glue to cool and dry completely.

Hang and ENJOY!



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TEMPLATE

