

Cotton Candy Art

Tyke (4-5 years)

What we are going to do:

Use colour and cotton or wool to create a puffy cotton candy artwork.

What you will need:

- Cotton balls, stuffing or wool
- Cardstock or printer paper
- Glue stick or liquid glue
- Markers or watercolour
- Pencil and eraser
- Paintbrushes

What you can also use:

- Watercolour paper



Carnival Time!!!

What is a carnival? A carnival is when large groups of people get together to celebrate in public areas. This may include parades and parties in the streets and involve entertainment and elements of the circus. At some carnivals people are masked so it allows everyone to feel welcome and creates a sense of unity.

Another part of carnivals is the food! You may have experienced carnival food at a fair, with candy apples, cotton candy, lollipops, ice cream, popcorn and more. Today we are going to make our very own puffy cotton candy!

What colours are you going to use to make your carnival cotton candy?



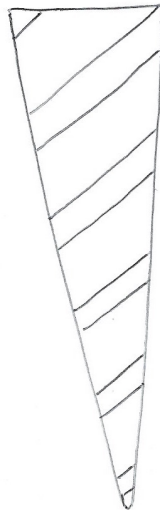
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**CREATE A
CONE**

Let's get started! The first step is to create the cone for the cotton candy. Using your pencil draw a long skinny triangle.

Add sideways stripes to the cone to make it look like it's from a carnival.

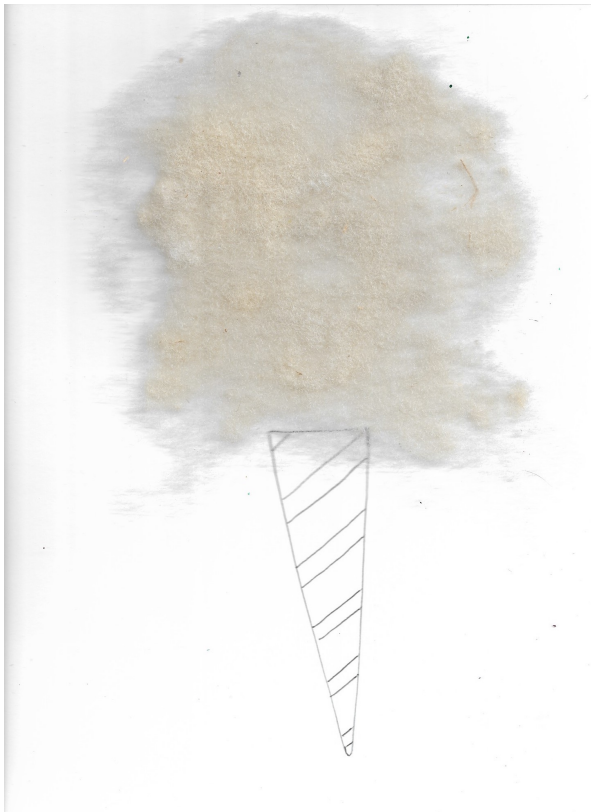


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GLUE ON THE COTTON

Now it's time to glue the cottonballs, or stuffing or wool onto your paper. If you're using cotton balls, pull them apart so they don't look so tightly bound. By pulling them apart it will make it look more like cotton candy.

Apply glue in a circular motion above the cone, and then press the material on top of the wet glue. On the left is wool and on the right is cotton pads pulled apart.



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ADD COLOUR

Now it's time for the final step! Let's add colour to your cotton candy. If you used wool the markers are easier to use, but if you used cotton the watercolour paint may work better. They still work on both materials, you just get different effects – see my examples below.

If you're using markers, use the side of the marker tip to add colour to the material. Take your time and use one hand to hold down the material so the marker doesn't move it around too much.

If you're using watercolour paint, take your paintbrush and add water to your paint palette - then directly drop colour down onto the material. Dab the colour on instead of trying to paint like you would on paper. If the colour isn't showing up well use more water and paint.

Don't forget to also add colour to your cone!



wool and marker



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