Balloon Fireworks

Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, marks the historic date in 1776 when the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence. The written declaration stated that the American colonies were tired of being ruled by Great Britain and wanted to become their own country. Before the Declaration of Independence was even signed, John Adams envisioned fireworks as a part of the festivities. Fireworks are now a common part of our nation's celebrations!

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Gather materials:
- Balloons (various colors)
- Tissue Paper (various colors)
- Thumb Tacks
- Scissors
- String (optional)
- Funnel (optional)

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Gather different colors of tissue paper and cut them into small squares (roughly ½ in. – 1 in. squares).

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Mix the cut-out tissue paper squares together.

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You can use red, white and blue balloons to match the colors of the American Flag, or you can choose whatever color balloons you like.

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Open the rim of each balloon (you may need a helper for this step) and stuff a handful of tissue paper into each balloon. You can use a funnel and a pen or pencil to make this step a little easier.

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Once the balloons are stuffed, blow them up and tie them closed.

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Tie a string around the knot of each balloon and hang them up from the ceiling or somewhere overhead. You can also have a grown up hold them above your head.

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NOTE:
Popping balloons will make a very loud sound!

Ask a parent or grown up to pop the balloons with a thumbtack or allow you to use one with their supervision.

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Play some fun music as you pop your balloons and watch the "fireworks" fall all around you! You will feel as if you are at a real firework show!