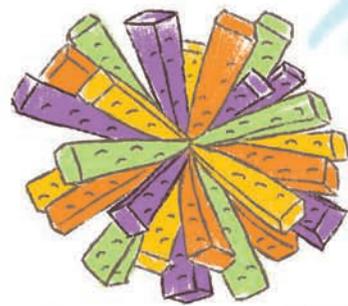


The Ultimate Cool Down

The best part of water-balloon games: the SPLAT!

Soak-and-Toss Sponges

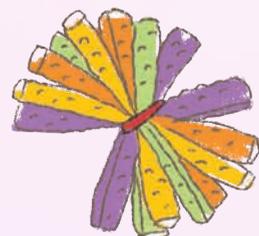
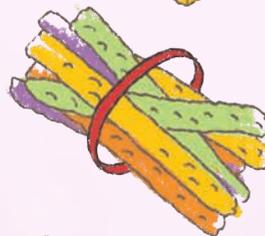
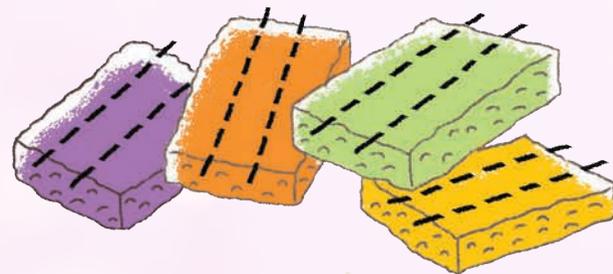
Make a splash when you craft these squishy sponge balls. They're just as cool as water balloons, plus reusable. Talk about good, clean fun!



You'll Need

- 4 kitchen sponges (in different colours)
- rubber band
- scissors

1. Cut each sponge into three strips.
2. Stack up the strips.
3. Wrap the rubber band around the stack.
4. Fluff it.



Ten Great Games to Play with Water Balloons

Here are ten super-fun ways to cool off with water balloons.

1. Make a water-balloon pinata.
2. Play water-balloon dino stomp: Scatter lots of water balloons on the ground. Stomp away!
3. Try water-balloon catch. Two players stand facing each other and toss the balloon back and forth. Take a step back and toss again. Keep tossing and stepping until SPLAT!
4. How about football-oon? Barefoot players sit in a circle. Using only your feet, pass the water balloons around the circle. The game ends when everyone has been splashed.
5. Two people hold the ends of a kitchen towel with a water balloon in the centre. Pull the ends to toss the water balloon higher and higher over your heads.
6. Play catch, using fishing nets to do the catching.
7. Do the seal roll. Set up a race across the lawn, using only your noses to push the water balloons across the finish line.
8. Run a toilet paper (or paper towel) tube relay race. Teams compete to race back and forth the fastest without dropping their water balloon off the top of the tube.
9. Draw targets on a sidewalk with chalk. Launch your water balloons and see how quickly they dissolve the art.
10. Use buckets as "shark mouths," and water balloons as "fish." Put all the balloons in the centre and lie in a circle around them on your tummies, like hungry sharks. See who can grab ("eat") the most balloons!

