



Making a balloon rocket

What you need

- * A balloon
- * Length of string
- * Straw
- * Sticky tape



What to do

- * Thread the string through the straw
- * Wrap sticky tape or masking tape around the straw with the sticky side out
- * Attach one end of the string (about 3-4 metres long) to a door handle
- * Get your assistant to hold the string tight
- * Blow up the balloon and hold the end closed
- * Stick the balloon to the straw
- * Let go the end of the balloon

If the string is stretched taut, the balloon should move quickly along the string as the air is released.

The balloon is propelled by the air.



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