

# Holi Pichkari Craft

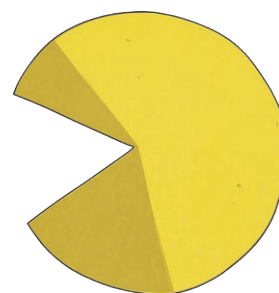
The festival of Holi takes place in spring in India and Indian communities around the world. Holi allows children and adults to have fun throwing balloons, colours and... water! In order to throw water, people use colourful, homemade water pistols called **pichkari**.

Pichkari are water pistols used during the festival of Holi.

Follow the instructions below to make your own pichkari.

## Instructions

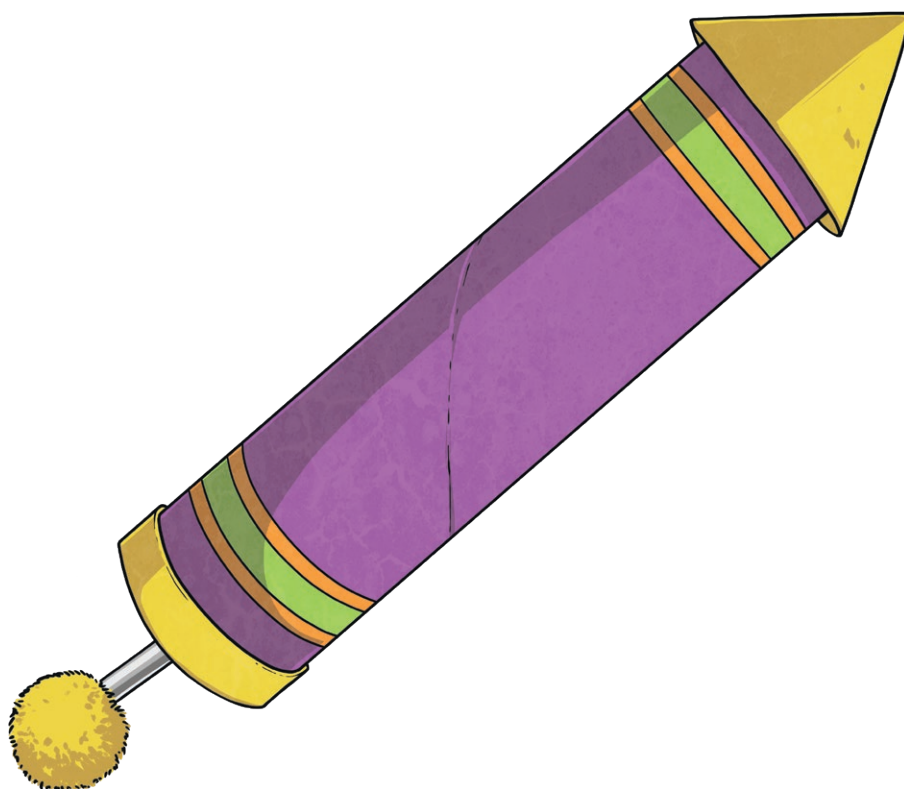
1. Paint the cardboard tube and leave it to dry.
2. While the tube is drying, use a compass to draw a circle with a radius of 2 cm on to the coloured card. Cut it out and carefully make a hole in the middle of the circle with your pencil. This is to make the base of the water pichkari.
3. Insert the straw through the hole of the circle base.
4. Make small cuts on one end of the cardboard tube and press them towards the inside of the tube. This will help to glue the base and also move the straw handle in and out.
5. Glue the base from step 4 to the end of the tube prepared in step 5, making sure you keep the bent end of the straw inside the tube.
6. Decorate the painted cardboard tube with your own designs.
7. Use the compass to draw another circle on to the yellow card, this time with a radius of 4.5 cm. Cut out a section of the circle so that your cone net looks like it has an open mouth.



## You will need:

- cardboard tube
- acrylic paint
- paintbrush
- coloured card
- compass
- pencil
- metal straw
- scissors
- pom-poms

8. Glue the cone to the top of the cardboard tube. Trim the tip of the cone so that water can come out.
9. Glue a pom-pom on the straw handle. Your Holi pichkari is ready!



### Science Challenge

The finished pichkari can be used to have fun with water or diluted, washable paint. Just insert the mouth of the pistol into a bowl of water and pull on the pom-pom end. A small amount of water will enter the cardboard cylinder.

Once you have made and had fun with your pichkari, why not think of ways you can improve the design to make the water pistol more powerful and effective?

Things you could change:

- the material it is made of (try to think of recycled materials)
- the way it takes in and squirts out water