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# Patriotic Fabric Spheres & Rope Bowl

*Did you know, the colors on the American flag represent:*

*Red: valor and bravery*

*White: purity and innocence*

*Blue: vigilance, perseverance, and justice*



## Supplies Needed:

- Plastic bowl
- Twine (44 feet of 3mm)
- Patriotic fabric
- Foam spheres (1 - 3in, 2 - 2.35in, 3 - 2in)
- Scissors
- Hot glue (4-5 Stickers for the entire project)



**Step 1:** Setting the bowl upside-down, start by gluing one end of the twine to the very center of the bottom of the bowl. Wrap the twine, gluing into place making a spiral around the center point. To conserve glue and finger tips, a simple dot of glue was enough to keep the twine in place every few inches or so. Continue spiraling in the same direction, making sure each row is snug against the previous and not showing any gaps. Starting the twine at the bottom edge of the bowl is also an option for covering the bowl.

**NOTE:** You may find it easier to rotate the bowl, either by spinning it on the table or holding it up, rather than moving the twine. Whatever works best for you!

Continue wrapping and gluing until the top lip of the bowl has been reached. Trim any excess twine and secure the end to the bowl with glue.



**Step 2:** Time to cut the fabric to decorate the foam spheres. Simply snip a 1-2 cm wide notch into the side of the fabric and pull/tear to create a rough edge strip. Wider ribbons, maximum one inch, will work - it will simply change the style of the wrapping. Experiment! Have fun! Each ball will need approximately:

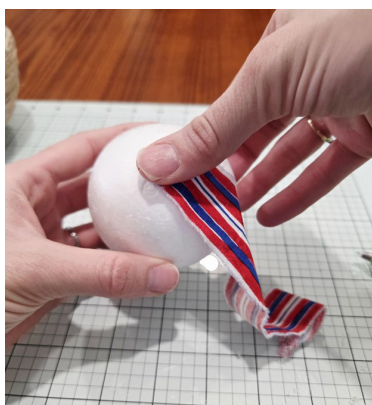
**3" sphere: 75" of fabric**

**2.35" sphere: 55" of fabric**

**2" sphere: 45" of fabric**



**Step 3:** Lastly, we will decorate the spheres! This step can be done orderly, or chaotically, however you prefer! Start by placing a dot of glue on the sphere and attaching one end of the ribbon. Wrap the ribbon around the ball, gluing every inch or so to keep in place, and secure the other end with glue. If a new piece of ribbon is needed, follow the same process, layering until all of the styrofoam surface is covered.



**Personalization:** We are using patriotic colors in honor of America's 250th birthday, but these can be made with any fabric! Also, the twine bowls can be fully covered, or leave sections open for style! Enjoy and don't forget to send us pictures of your lovely creations!

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# Happy Crafting!