



# Ball lampshade



This is an ideal project for getting rid of old children's toys – simply repurpose them into this funky and unusual design! Pop your upcycled shade onto a modern lamp stand to really make the look work...

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## MATERIALS

- Drum-shape lampshade
- 70-75 plastic play balls
- Spray paint (a colour of your choice)
- Lamp stand, to place shade on

## EQUIPMENT

- Glue gun and glue bullets

♥ **STEP ONE** To make this lampshade, I used a paper shade that has a height of 30cm and a diameter of 22cm, and I used around 70 to 75 plastic balls. Gather your materials.

♥ **STEP TWO** Place the shade onto a solid surface and start to glue the balls onto the paper shade using your glue gun. Some will pop from the glue's heat, but you can easily replace it with another one.

♥ **STEP THREE** When the whole shade is covered, allow the glue to set firm. Place the shade in a well-ventilated area, then start to spray paint everything the same colour. Remember to use a dust mask when you use spray paint!

♥ **STEP FOUR** Place the shade onto a modern lampstand to display.

## TOP TIP

Want to mix the colours up a bit? Simply spray paint your balls in different colours before you attach them to the shade. This will take a little longer, as you'll have to rotate the balls carefully while painting so that the whole sphere is covered in paint.

