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Be bowled over by this simple yet stylish number

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Looks can be deceiving. This stunning bowl is not a pricey designer piece.

It's handmade for the cost of nothing much more than some string, some glue and a balloon.

It was made by freelance art director Pascale Clearihan, who explains the process is a little fiddly, but not too hard. Here's how to make it yourself.

1 Blow up a balloon and, wearing plastic gloves, cover it with Vaseline Petroleum Jelly. (Pascale used a big round balloon, available from party-supplies shops.)

2 Hang the balloon from somewhere it can dangle (like the leg of an outdoor table on its side). Keeping the gloves on, pour some wallpaper glue into a bucket.

3 Unwind the start of a ball of string (Pascale used hardy cotton yarn) and soak it in the glue. Pull out the string, making sure it's thoroughly coated, and wrap it in a random pattern around the bottom of the balloon, up to the height you'd like the bowl to be. The Vaseline will stop the string sticking to the balloon once dried. Wrap the string by eye. The highest point will be the bowl's rim; build up the layers there.

4 When finished, cut the last bit of string and hide it under another piece. Wait a day or two for the string to dry. Pop the balloon, peel it off your new bowl and cut any dried-on lumpy bits of glue from the string with a small craft knife or scalpel. Voila, you have a beautiful, sculptural bowl. 🏠



● Pascale sells some of her designs (excluding bowls) under her label, Spoonfulofcolour, at www.etsy.com/people/spoonfulofcolour

