

# BUILD YOUR OWN BALLOON RACER

In the Future of Transportation, congestion and pollution will force us to create new ways to get from point A to point B. You can spark your imagination today by building a balloon-powered zipline that zooms across your room!

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

1 Spool of String

1 Straw

1 Pair of Scissors

1 Roll of Masking Tape

1 Balloon

*Tip: be careful with the scissors. Ask a grownup if they would like to help you.*

## WHAT YOU'LL DO:

**1.** **Start your zipline:** Attach the end of your string to a wall with masking tape. Next, unravel the string until you reach the other side of your room. Now cut the string from the spool, but leave a little extra for adjustments.

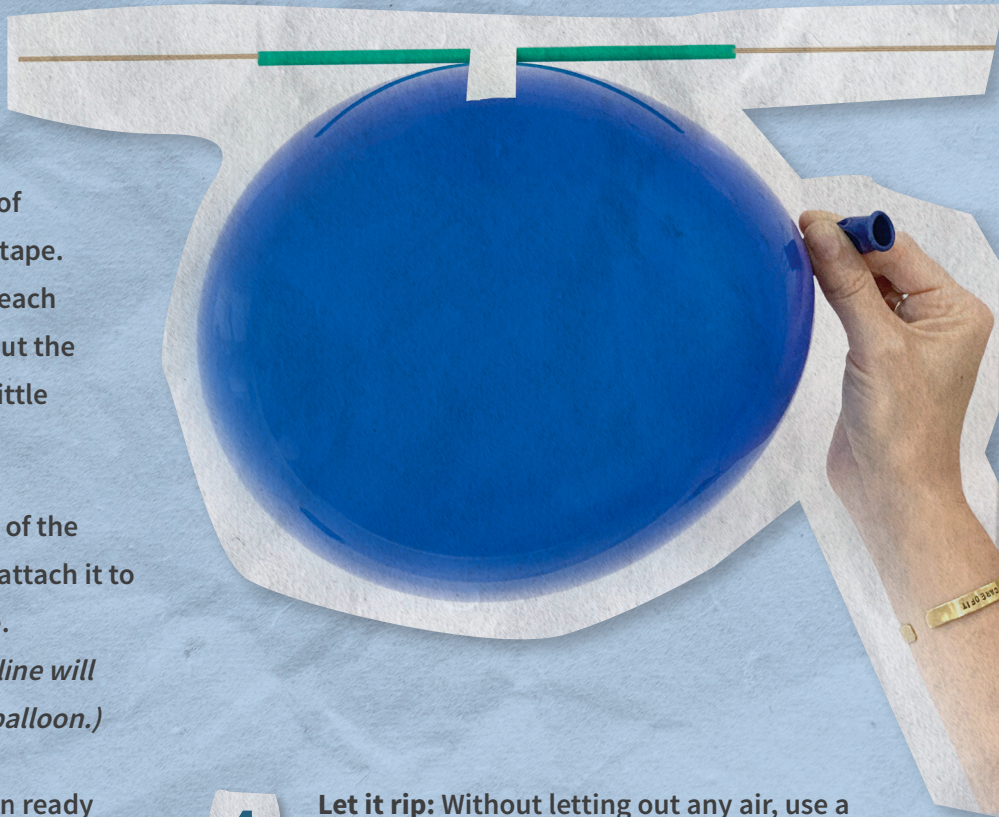
**2.** **Set the straw:** Thread the free end of the string through the straw and then attach it to the second wall with masking tape.

*(Tip: removing slack from your zipline will result in a smoother ride for your balloon.)*

**3.** **Fuel your balloon:** Get your balloon ready to go by filling it with air. Once you blow the balloon up as big as you can, clamp its mouth between your fingers.

**4.**

**Let it rip:** Without letting out any air, use a piece of tape to attach the balloon to the straw with the mouth of the balloon practically touching the wall. All that's left to do is unclamp your fingers and watch it ZOOM!



*Don't forget: Remove all masking tape from the wall right after the experiment so that it doesn't dry out and peel paint.*



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