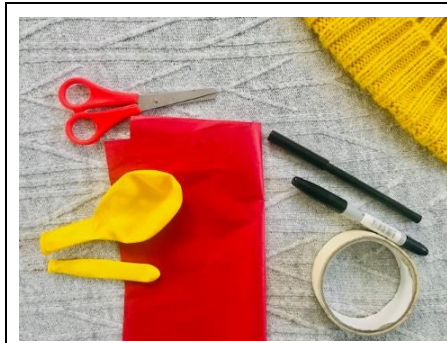


## Activity: Static Magic



1. You will need tissue paper, scissors, tape (or sticky labels), a felt tip, and something old and woollen like a jumper or a hat. Think of an idea and design while you are gathering your tools and materials.

2. How big is your design going to be? Cut the tissue paper down to the size. Fold the tissue paper in the same direction for at least 3 times ready to make some repeating images. The size will depend on your design.

3. Tissue paper is very thin so use a protective layer underneath. Draw a line 1cm from the bottom of the paper. Then draw your design above this on the top layer of tissue paper.



4. Cut out your design making sure that the bottom 1cm of paper is not cut, this allows the layers of cut out paper to be linked together so it is super important.

5. Carefully open up the tissue paper. Use your felt-tips to decorate with some extra details.

6. Put a cloth over the table to avoid the tape marking your table top, or use a layer of card underneath, which you can also colour in and decorate. Tape the bottom of the design (where the paper is joined), to your covered table or card base. You can make more than one line of your repeating images so it looks busy.



7. Now blow your balloons up! Make sure you tie knots in them. You might need a grown up to help you with this.

8. If you wish, you can add a drawing on the balloons too, if you do this it is best to use permanent marker so it won't rub off, you might need a grown up to help with this.

9. Make sure the balloon drawing is dry, now you can rub the balloon with something made of wool: an old jumper, hat, scarf or glove. Try rubbing on something else like your hair and see if that works too.



10. Hold your balloon close to your tissue paper design and see what will happen. See if you could use the balloons to create different movements!

**More ideas**  
Play with the shadows your design creates, maybe make a mini film, or start to introduce other objects for your design to dance around!

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Or try other ideas such as this keyboard and balloon fingers!