STATIC ELECTRICITY

Jumping Tissue Paper

You'll need:
- Balloon
- Hair or wool jumper
- Tissue paper - cut into small pieces

Instructions

Rub the balloon on your hair or jumper.

Hold the balloon over the tissue paper and watch it jump up to the balloon.

Why does this work?

Rubbing the balloon on a wool jumper or hair charges it with static electricity. This attracts the tissue paper making it jump up to the balloon where it will stay until the charge wears off.

Challenge

Try again using thicker paper, does the tissue paper still stick to the balloon?

If you rub the balloon on your hair for longer does the tissue paper stick for longer?