

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. I cannot believe that the Fourth of July is almost here, which means time to celebrate Independence Day! There are many ways to enjoy this holiday, including parades, fireworks, festive foods, and friends and family. Let's join in the fun with a little craft I call, "Funnetti". This is a celebratory - red, white, and blue confetti launcher! Or see what else you can launch for your 4th of July fun.



1-Tie a knot in the open end of a balloon. Cut off the tip on the opposite end of the balloon. Stretch the balloon tightly over one end of a toilet paper roll and secure, with a strip of heavy duty shipping or duct tape. If you are using a paper towel roll, cut it in half and make two launchers. Decorate a piece of white paper with red, white, and blue stars and festive decorations. You can use colored paper or wrapping paper if you have it. Cut the paper to fit long enough to wrap around the tube with an inch or so extra. Also, leave an inch on each end. Place the tube on the back side of the paper and roll the it up. Glue or tape the paper along the side. At the ends, cut a slit or two into the paper until just before the end of the tube. Fold the ends into the inside of the tube. Add more decorations, if you want!

2- Time to make the confetti to fill the inside of the tube. Cut up scrap paper, tissue paper, ribbon, stars, or newspaper into small pieces and fill up the tube. While holding the tube around the bottom with one hand, pull gently on the knotted balloon end. Let go quickly and see the "funnetti" fly! Add some candy and launch into a circle of your friends. Make a "Funnetti" launcher for everyone and celebrate!

