

# Hot Air Balloon

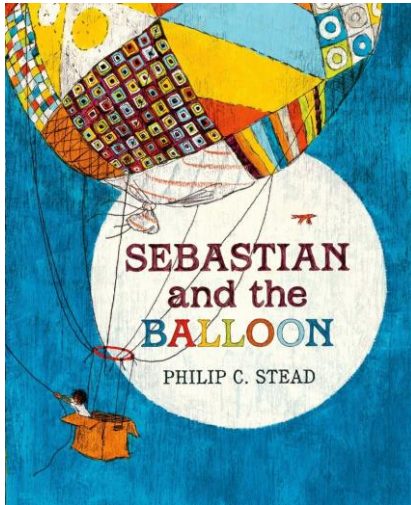
## Craftivity

*Up Up and  
Away!*



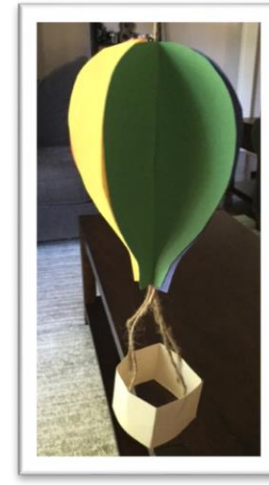
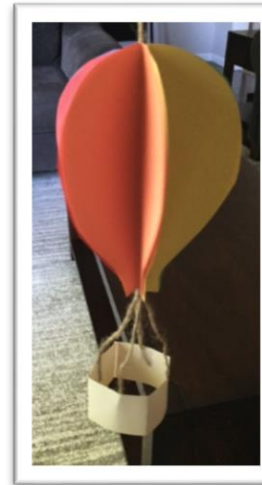
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# Lesson Resources



Sebastian and the Balloon by Phillip C. Stead is a wonderful book about a boy who “On a boring day, on a dull street, sat high atop his roof...something he was never supposed to do. When he launched himself into the air in his balloon made of Grandma's afghans and patchwork quilts, his journey took on a life of its own and his boring day turned into the adventure of a lifetime.”

I use my [Reading Response Sheets](#) after I read this story. Then we create the following cute hot air balloon craft to hang in the classroom!



### Supplies:

- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Yarn or string
- Construction paper

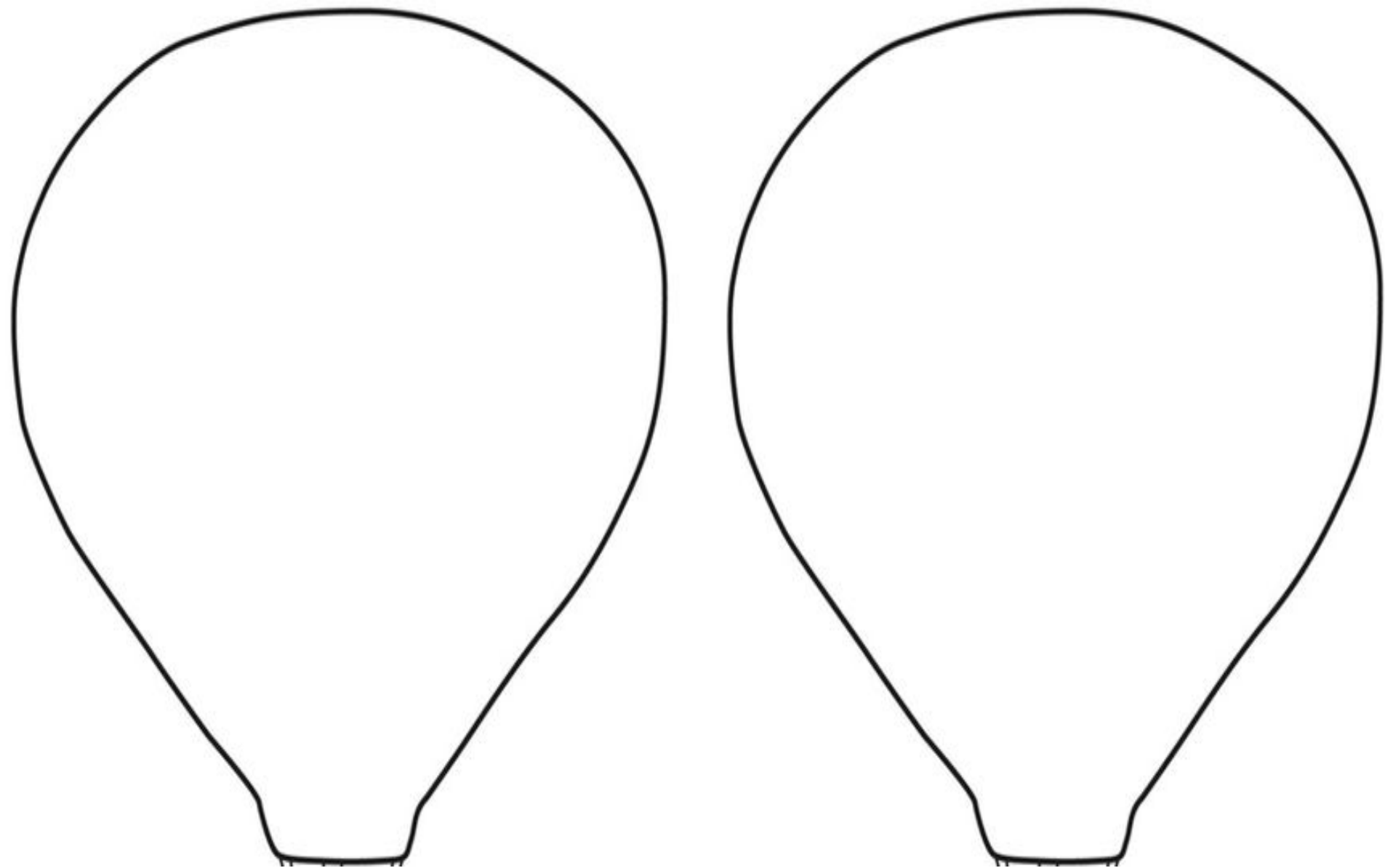
### Directions:

1. Students will cut out 5 balloons and the rectangle.
2. Fold each balloon in half.
3. Glue one side of each balloon to the next half of the next balloon.
4. Continue doing that until you have attached all five balloons together in a line.
5. Tape the 10 inch string to the back of the last balloon so it hangs out of the top.
6. Tape the (4) 5 inch strings to bottom of the last balloon so they hang out of the bottom.
7. Then glue the last balloon to the first. It should look like a 3D hot air balloon.
8. Next, take the rectangle and fold it in half and unfold.
9. Then, fold each end in to the middle crease and unfold.
10. Form the rectangle into a square and tape together.
11. Finally attach the strings to the inside of the square.

### Each student will need:

- (5) different hot air balloons in five different colors
- (1) rectangle to be folded into basket
- (4) 5 inch strings
- (1) 10 inch string

Copy on to various colors of construction paper cut down to 8.5x11. Each student will need 5 different colors. You could also copy on to cardstock and use as tracers.



Copy on to brown construction paper cut to 8.5x11. Each student will need one rectangle.  
You could also copy on to cardstock and use as tracers.





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