# DIY Stress Ball Instructions

## Just Imagine! A fun journey to mind and body wellness.

Feeling wiggly or worried? A stress ball can help you calm down and focus. Let's make one together using things from around the house!

#### You'll Need:

- 1 balloon
- About 1 cup of rice or fine sand
- A funnel (or rolled paper)
- A spoon (optional)
- A marker (optional, for decorating!)
- An extra balloon (optional, for strength)

#### **How to Make It:**

- 1. Stretch the Balloon
- 2. Gently pull the balloon to loosen it up.
- 3. Fill It Up
- 4. Place the funnel in the balloon's neck. Slowly pour in rice or sand using a spoon. Fill until round and squishy (not too full!).
- 5. Tie It Tight
- 6. Remove the funnel and tie the balloon closed.
- 7. Double It Up (Optional)
- 8. Cut the neck off a second balloon. Stretch it over the first one for extra strength.
- 9. Decorate!
- 10. Use a marker to draw a fun face or calming design.

#### Try This!

- Add a drop of lavender or orange essential oil to the filling for a relaxing scent.
- Make a collection of squishy friends with different fillings (flour, beans, or cornstarch).

### Why It Helps:

Squeezing your stress ball can:

- Calm your nerves
- Help you focus
- Keep your hands busy

Keep your stress ball in your backpack or near your desk. Use it anytime you need a little squish and a deep breath.