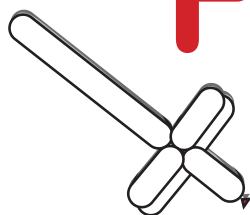


# BALLÖON

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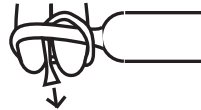
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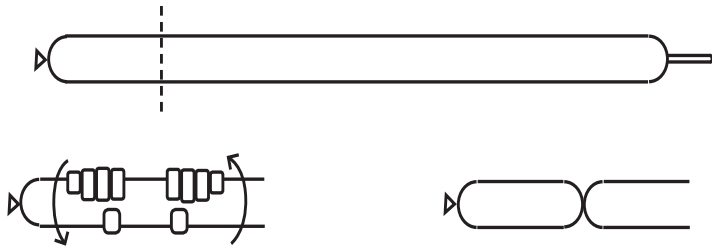
# Welcome!

All these balloon figures are made with a few simple steps. The most important step to learn is twisting two sections of balloon together.

First, inflate the balloon until there are 2 inches of tail at the end. Twisting the balloon with push the air toward that end, and a tail will leave space for the air to move. To quickly tie the balloon, Pull the end and wrap it around two fingers and push the knot through the loop.



Next, twist the balloon to create one section. Twist it around several times to help the balloon figure stay together longer.



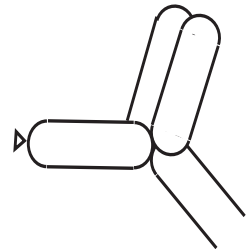
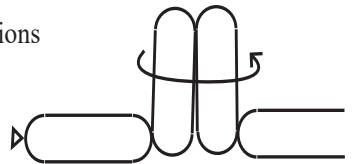
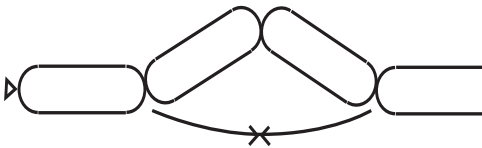
Hold that section with one hand and twist a similar section of balloon. Always twist the balloon in the same direction. Hold the twists while you continue.



Twist another section.

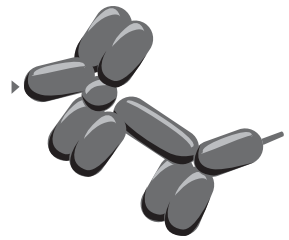


Join the first and third twists together, then twist the sections together.

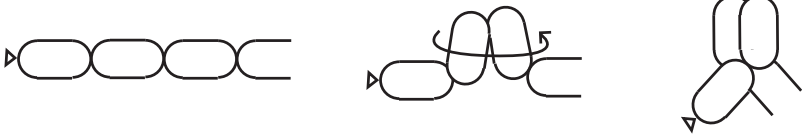


You have now made the basic form that we can use for a head, legs, ears, and most of the forms necessary to create balloon figures. All the figures in this book will use this step, perhaps with some variations.

# Dog

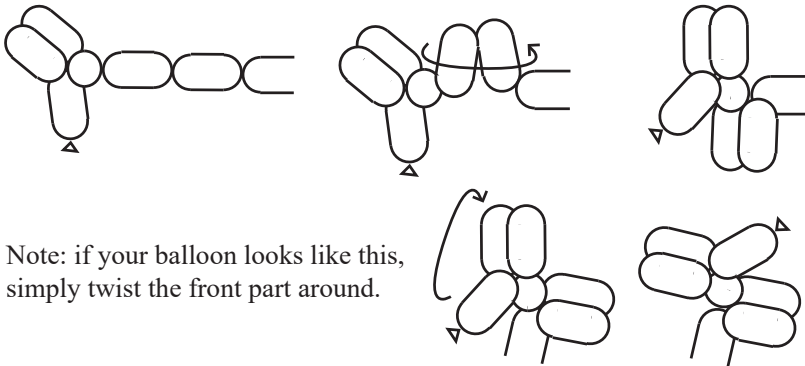


The dog is the most common figure. Begin with three sections and twist them together. This gives you a head with ears.



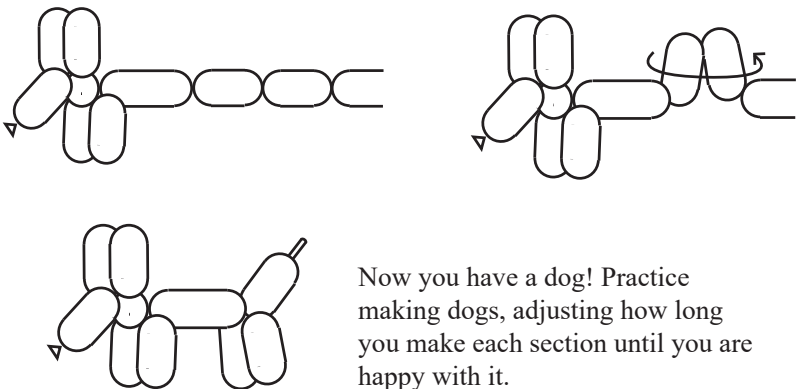
Repeat the process: twist 3 sections then twist the 2nd and 3rd section together. Make the first section smaller for the neck.

Now the dog has a neck and front feet.



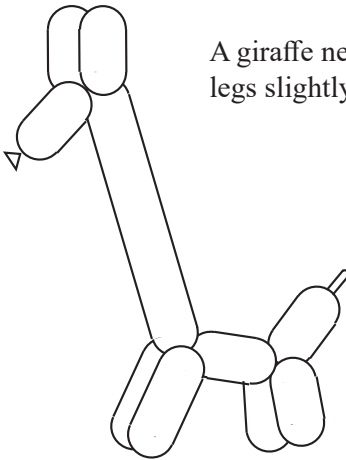
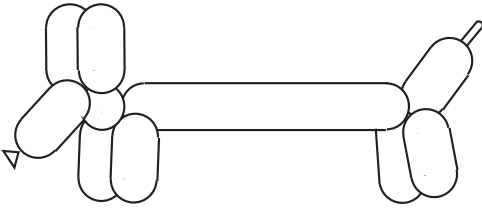
Note: if your balloon looks like this, simply twist the front part around.

Repeat with three more sections, twist them together, and you have the back legs. What remains of the balloon is the dog's tail.



Now you have a dog! Practice making dogs, adjusting how long you make each section until you are happy with it.

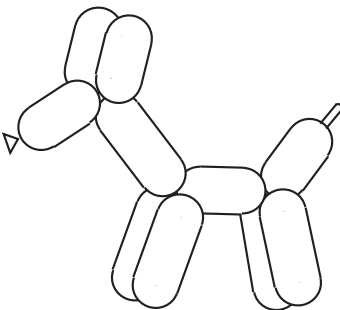
You can make a variety of animals out of the dog shape just by changing the length of the sections. For example, here is a dachshund (wiener dog) with shorter legs and ears and a longer body.



A giraffe needs a long neck. Make the front legs slightly longer than the back legs.

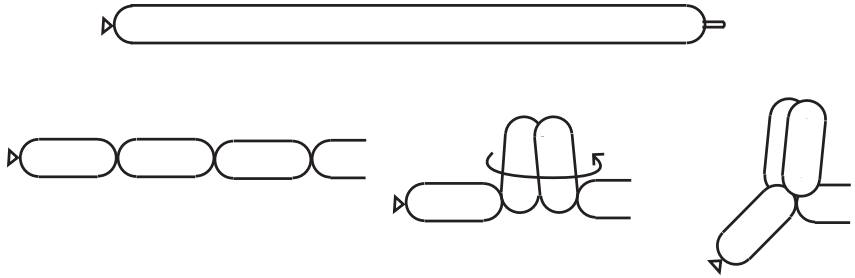


For a horse, you can make smaller ears and a longer neck... but the main difference between a balloon dog and horse is what you call it!

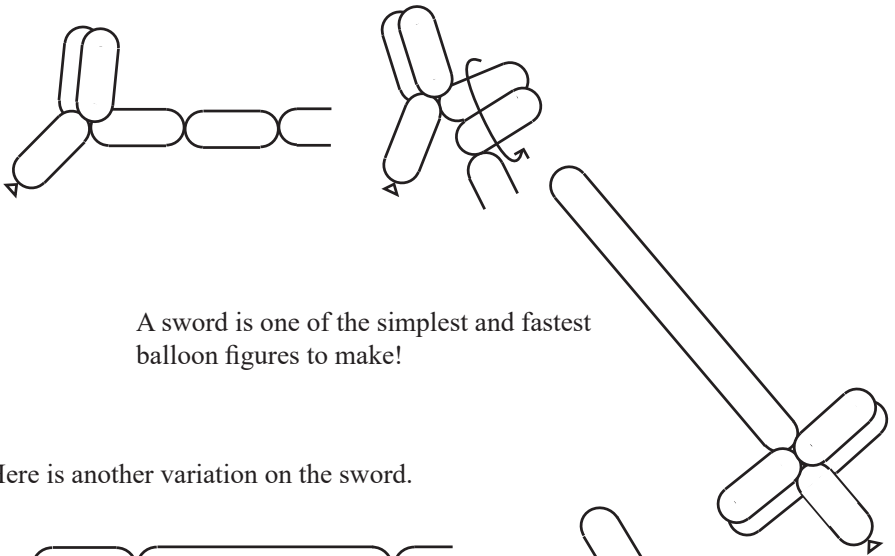


# Sword

All the little boys will love swords! Here is a sword that will not hurt anyone. To begin, twist three sections and twist them together.

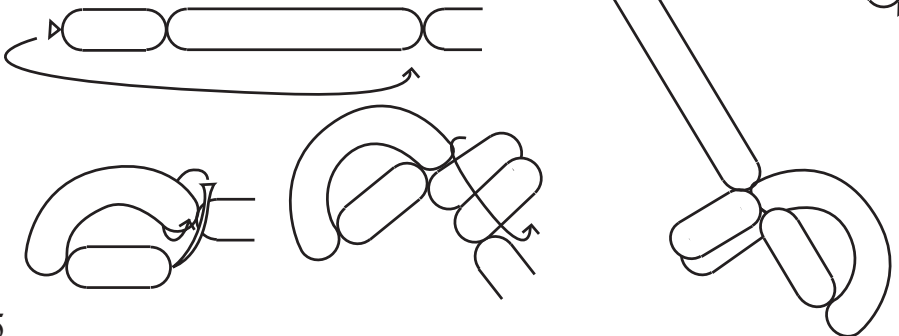


This time, only twist two more sections, then twist in the same joint as the first part.



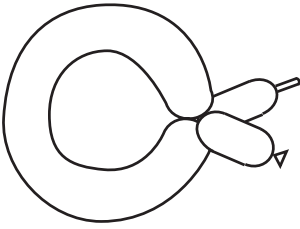
A sword is one of the simplest and fastest balloon figures to make!

Here is another variation on the sword.

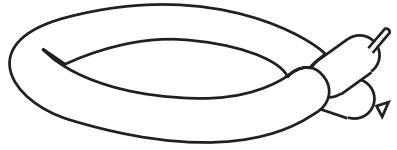


# Hat

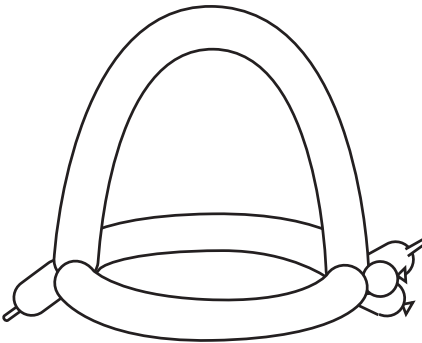
Balloon hats can be really simple or they can be super creative. They are great if you have few people and lots of time, or if you have tons of people and little time. First, inflate and tie the balloon. Then place the balloon around the child's head to give you the correct size. Then pull the balloon off the child's head so you don't pull any hair and twist the loop together.



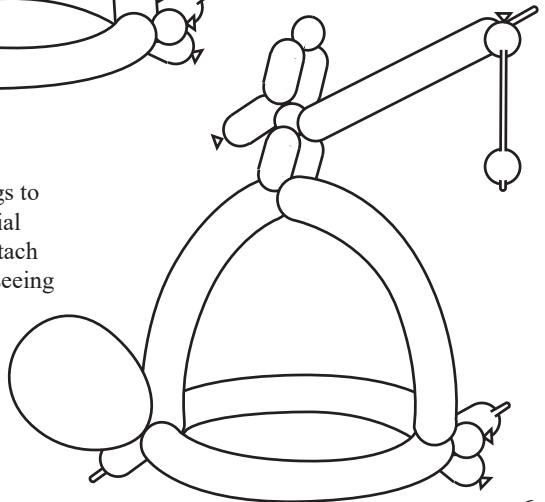
If you have little time, you can leave the balloon hat like that.



To make a more creative hat, add more balloons. Simply begin twisting the additional balloons onto the first one. In this case, there is no need to twist a section before adding it, but you can if you want. Or simply hold the balloons and twist them together.

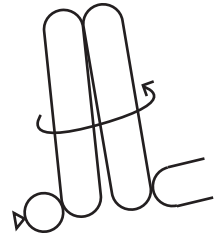


Then, use creativity to add fun things to your hat. You can even pick up partial balloon figures from the area and attach them to the hat. Children will love seeing a wildly crazy hat.

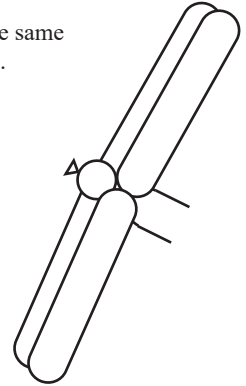
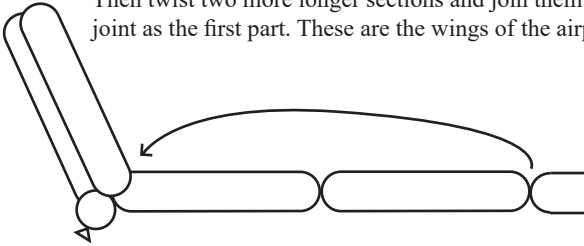


# Airplane

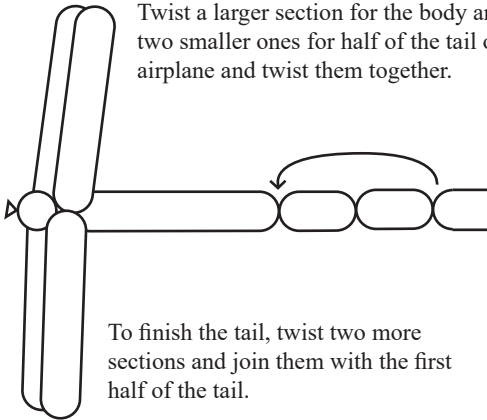
Start with a small bubble in front and two longer sections. Twist them together.



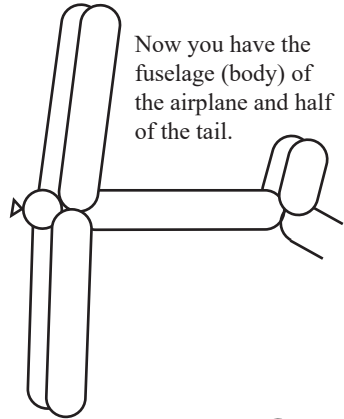
Then twist two more longer sections and join them in the same joint as the first part. These are the wings of the airplane.



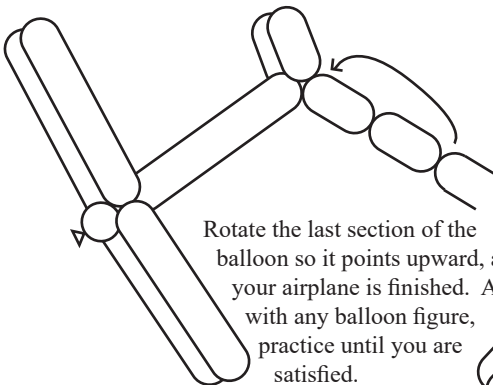
Twist a larger section for the body and two smaller ones for half of the tail of the airplane and twist them together.



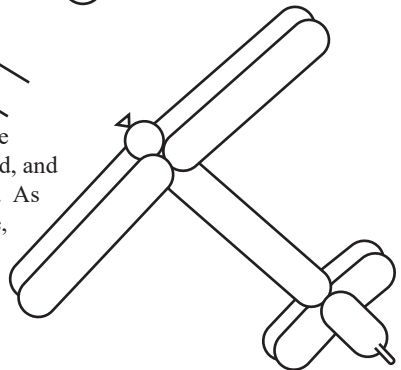
Now you have the fuselage (body) of the airplane and half of the tail.



To finish the tail, twist two more sections and join them with the first half of the tail.



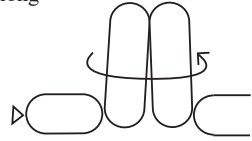
Rotate the last section of the balloon so it points upward, and your airplane is finished. As with any balloon figure, practice until you are satisfied.



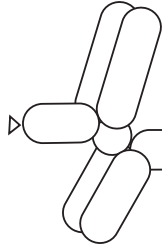
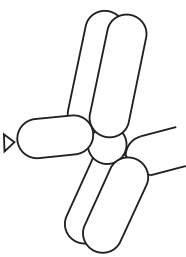
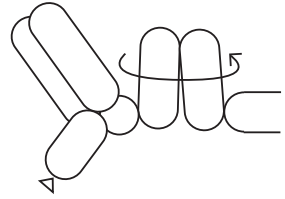
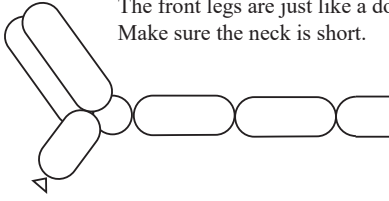
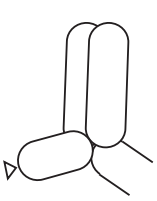


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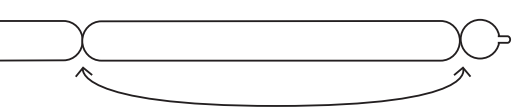
First twist a small bubble for the head and two long ears. Twist them together.



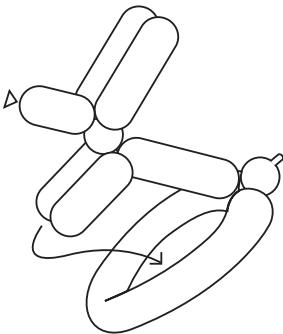
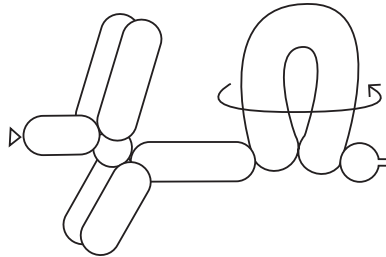
The front legs are just like a dog's legs. Make sure the neck is short.



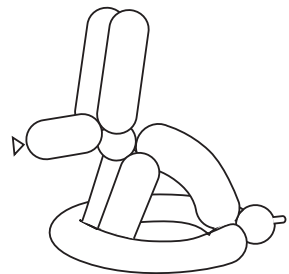
Twist a body about as long as the legs, then twist a small bubble at the end, leaving a long section inbetween.



Twist the long section into a loop. This will serve as the back legs of the rabbit.

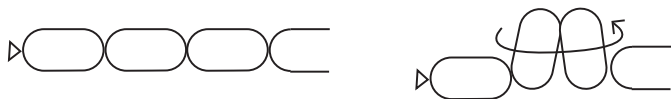


Tuck the front legs into the loop to complete the rabbit.

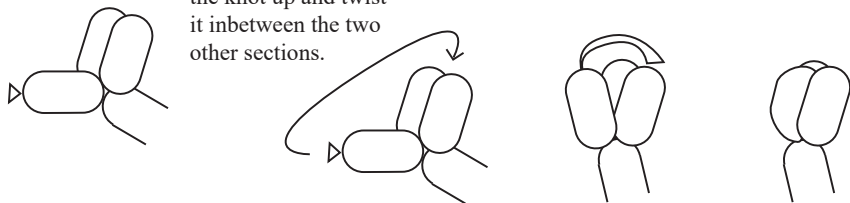


# Parrot

Start with three sections and twist them together for the parrot's head.

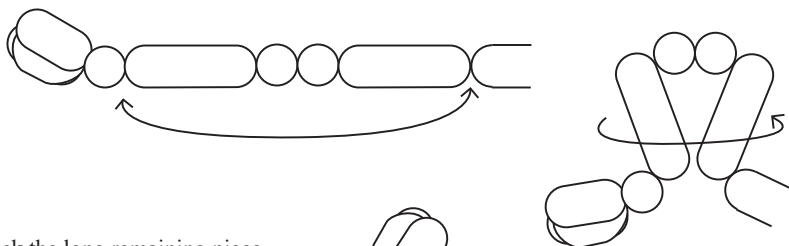


To make the beak, pull the knot up and twist it in between the two other sections.

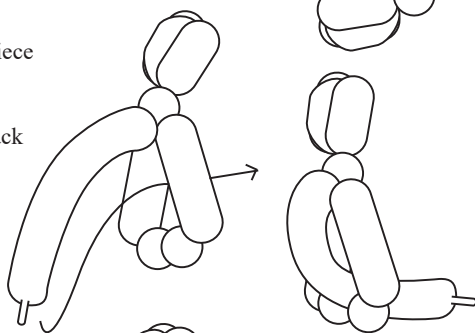


Twist a small bubble, medium section, two small bubbles, and another medium-sized section. Careful not to let go of all the twists.

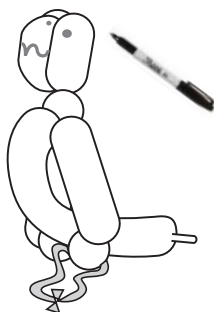
Twist the long sections together like this.



Tuck the long remaining piece through the hole, leaving a curve in front for the body. The part coming out the back is the tail.



With a large permanent marker, draw the parrot's beak and eyes. You can use a deflated balloon to tie the parrot to your shoulder.



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