

How to Make a Balloon Animal



This little dog can pass as a giraffe if you lengthen its neck appropriately or as a basset hound if you lengthen its body.



Steps:

1. Blow up a 260Q-type balloon, leaving about 2 inches of un-blown balloon at the end.
2. Tie a knot at the end of the balloon.
3. Make a twist in the balloon about 2 inches from the knotted end.
4. Make two more twists about 1 inch apart from each other. Make sure not to let go of the balloon.
5. Twist the two smaller bubbles together. These will be the ears. With a little adjustment, you'll see that you've already made your dog's head.
6. Make three more twists that are about 2 inches apart.
7. Twist these two new sections together. These will be the neck and front legs.
8. Now, make three more twists, one for the dog's body, and two more that are about 2 inches apart for its back legs.
9. Fold and twist the two smaller sections together. Twist the legs down and you'll see that you've just made a balloon dog. If your dog's tail is too long, just pinch it at the length you want, let out the air, and retie it.

* Tips:

- * Use a balloon pump to blow up the balloon. Pumps are available at party supply stores. You can find 260Q balloons next to the balloon pumps.
- * When twisting a balloon, use one hand to hold the balloon and the other to twist. Twist the balloon in the same direction each time, and twist three times around.
- * Sharpie pens are the type that works best on balloons.