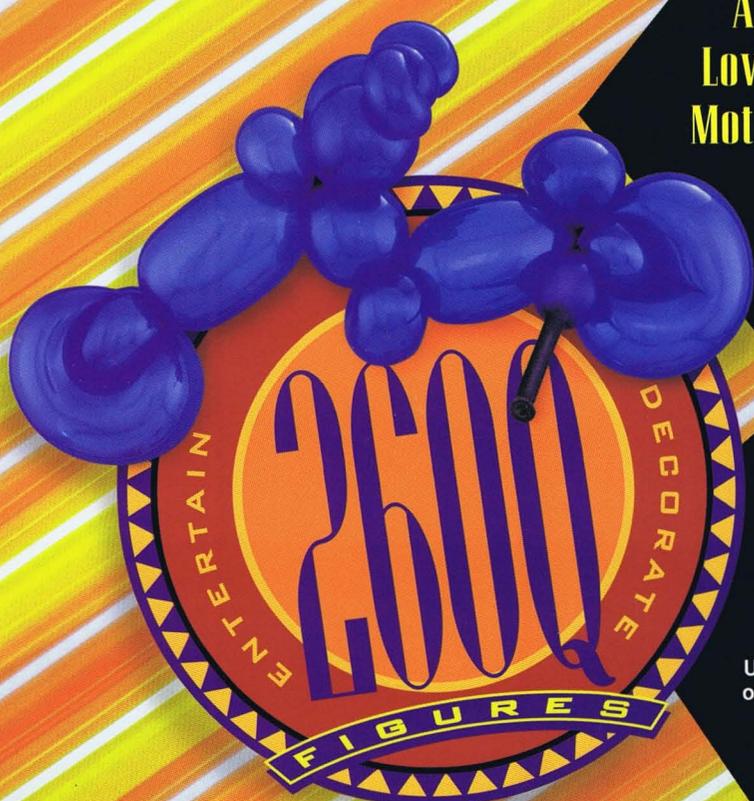


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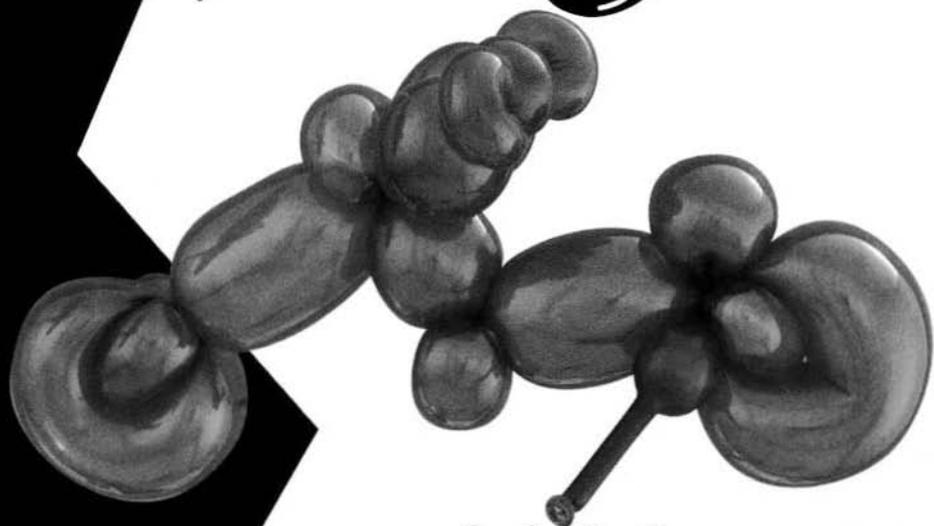
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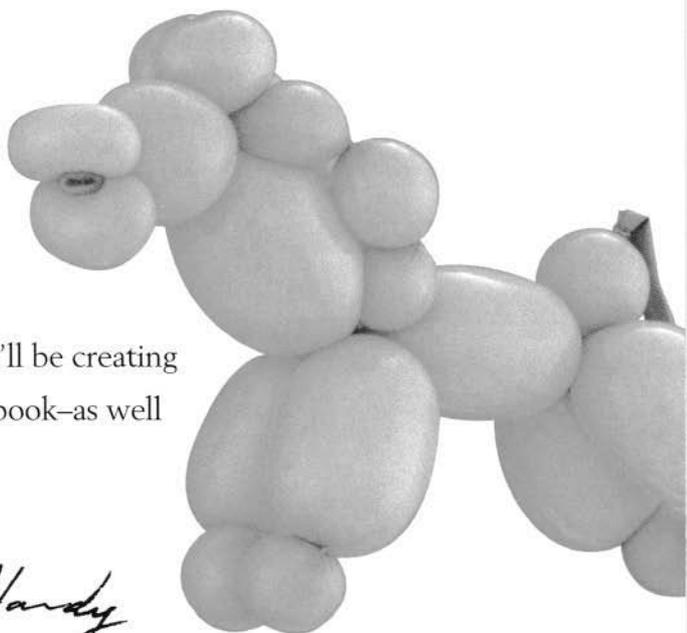




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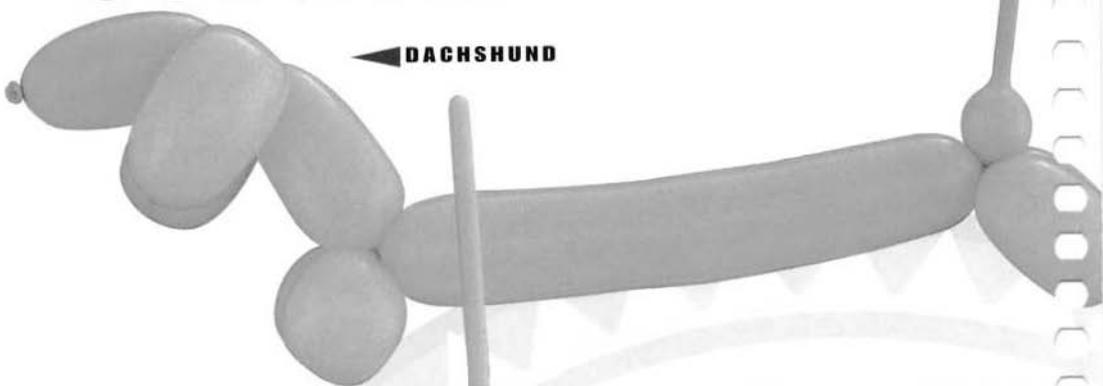
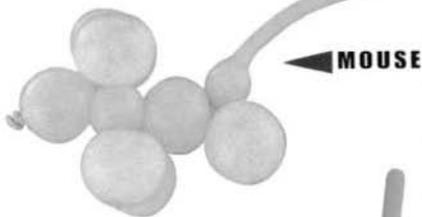
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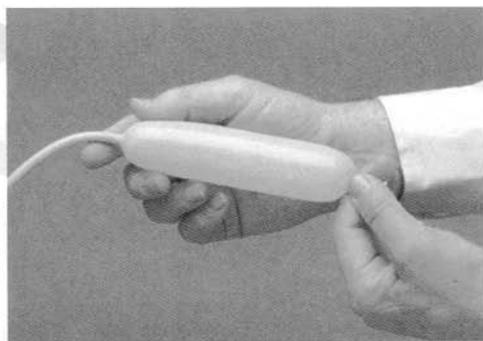


## WELCOME TO BALLOON MAGIC.®

In the first section, we'll introduce you to the basic techniques involved in making most figures. You'll learn how to make a Basic Animal, which can be turned into a variety of figures.

# Inflate

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT things to learn in creating balloon figures is how much to inflate the balloon. Because each twist forces air into the uninflated section, that section must be long enough to accommodate the displaced air.



**1** As a general rule, leave about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of the balloon uninflated for each twist in the figure. It's natural to overinflate the balloon, so start with less air than you think you'll need. You can adjust for too little air in the balloon by reducing the size of some parts of the figure. If there's too much air in the balloon; however, it may pop before you complete the figure. To make the balloon easier to tie, hold it about 1 inch from the lip end as you inflate it to prevent expansion of that portion of the balloon.

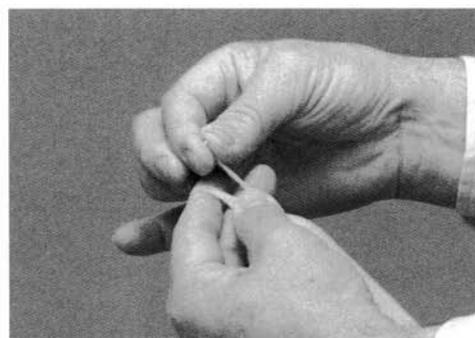
# Tie

MANY PEOPLE FIND IT DIFFICULT to tie a balloon. Although any method that works for you is acceptable, this is the one I prefer.

**1** Hold the lip end of the inflated balloon between the thumb and the side of the middle finger of your left hand with the lip of the balloon pointing up.

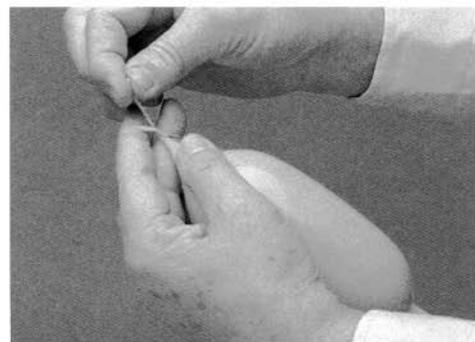


**2** Grasp the lip between your right thumb and index finger. Stretch the balloon out and wrap it clockwise around the tips of your left index and middle fingers.



**3** With the fingers of your left hand spread, tuck the lip down and through the loop between your left index and middle fingers.

Grasp the lip again after it passes through the loop, and continue to hold it while slipping the left fingers from the loop.



# Lock Twist

YOU'LL FIND THE LOCK TWIST  
is common to most figures.



1 Each series of bubbles must be held in place by a lock twist to keep it from untwisting. A lock twist is made by twisting together two bubbles at the base, or the two ends of one bubble.

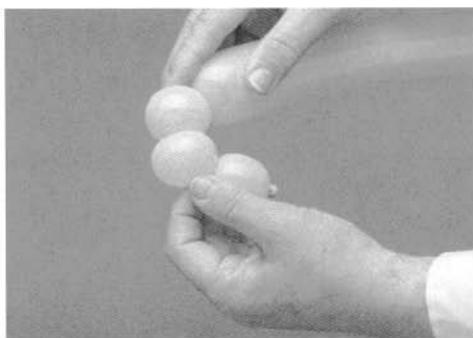
*TIP: When making twists and bubble formations, slightly pinch the balloon with your left hand while twisting it with your right hand. Always twist the balloon in the same direction while holding the knot end stationary.*

*Pull the bubbles apart when twisting to help reduce friction between the bubbles and lessen the chance of popping them.*

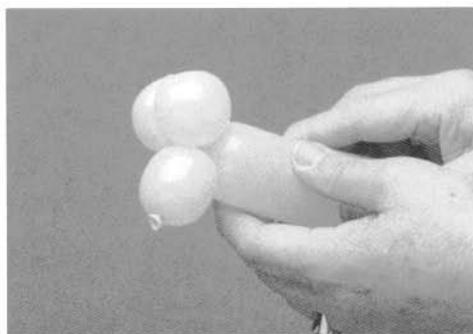
# Basic Animal

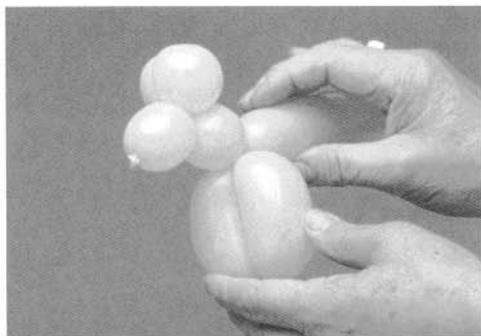
AS YOU WORK your way through the sections, you'll see how you can add details and change the proportions of the Basic Animal to create practically any animal.

**1** Inflation a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make three 1-inch bubbles for the head and ears.

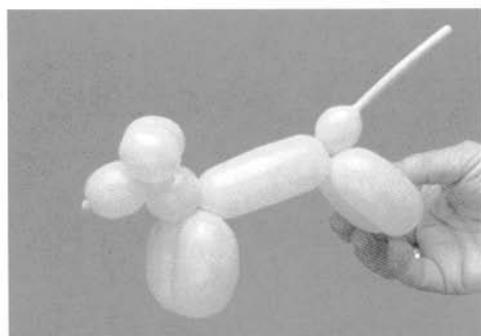


**2** Lock twist the last two 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make the ears.





**3** Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 2-inch bubbles together at the base for the front legs.



**4** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by two 2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 2-inch bubbles together at the base for the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place.



**5** Roll the tail between the back legs to prevent them from untwisting and complete the Basic Animal.

**LEFT-HANDED?**  
Simply use the hand  
opposite the one  
that's called for.

# Mouse

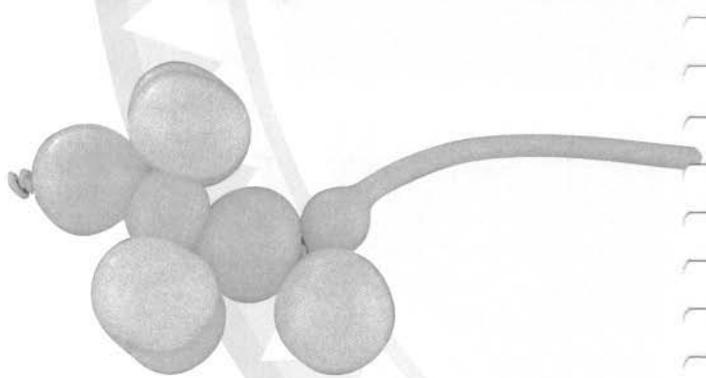
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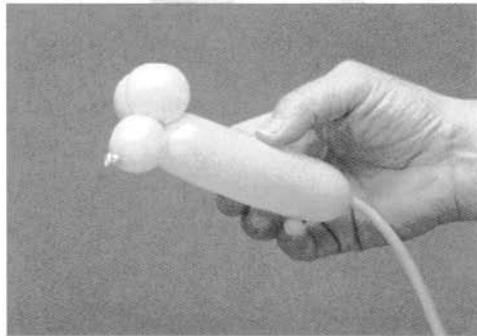
*Better hide the cheese.*

*Now, don't scream.*

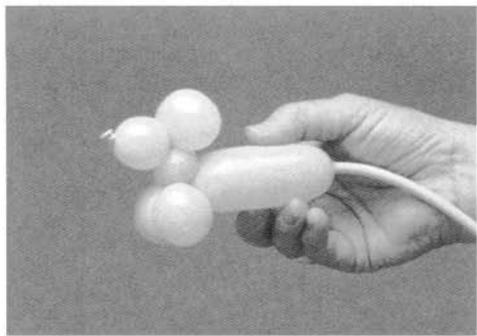
*I think there's a Mouse in the house.*



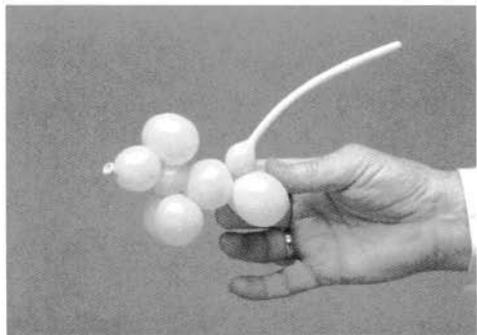
**1** Inflate a 260Q to about 5 inches, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by two 1-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 1-inch bubbles together at the base for the ears.



**2** Make a 1/2-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 1-inch bubbles. Lock twist the two 1-inch bubbles together at the base for the front legs.

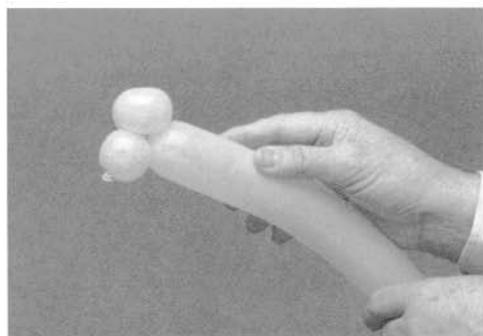
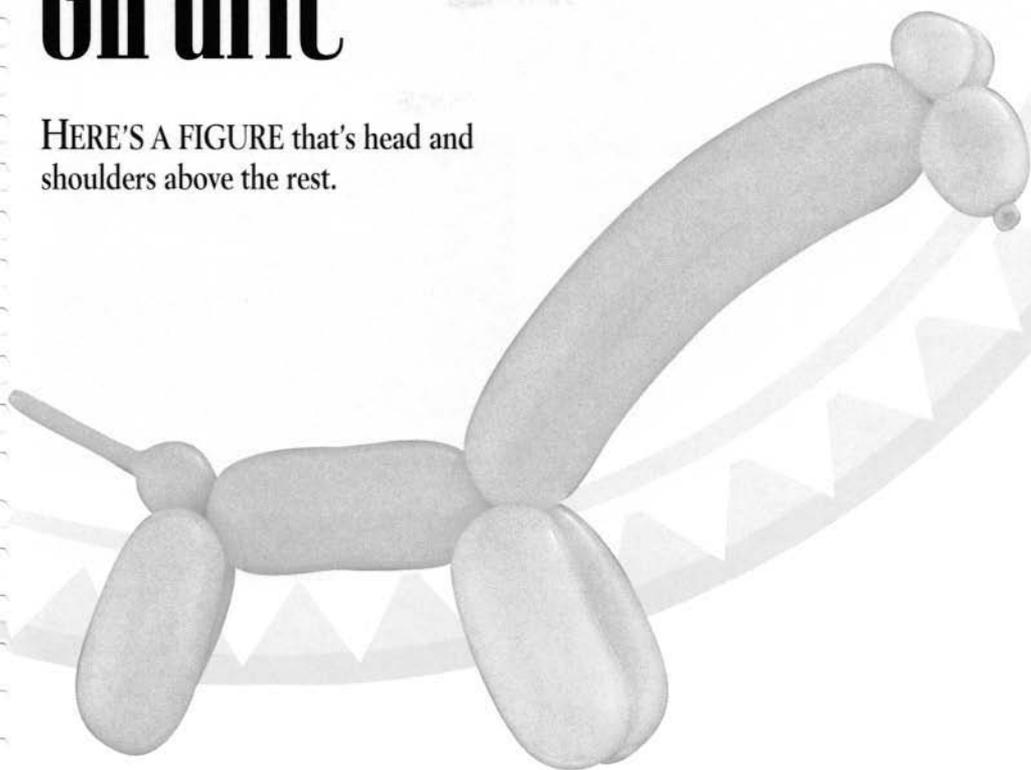


**3** Make a 1-inch bubble for the body followed by two 1-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 1-inch bubbles together at the base for the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Mouse.



# Giraffe

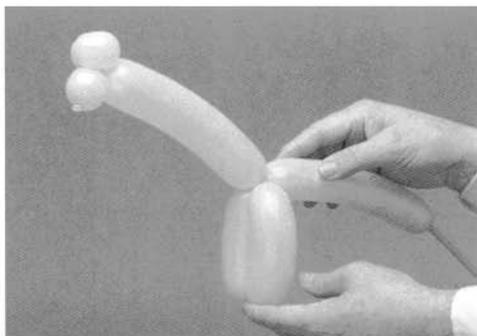
HERE'S A FIGURE that's head and shoulders above the rest.



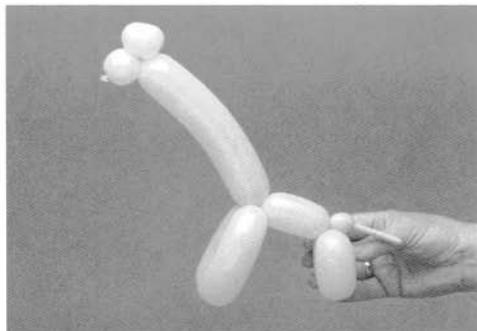
**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by two  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base to make the ears.

*To make  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Bubbles: Apply pressure to the balloon from the sides with your left thumb and index finger, and twist the balloon with your right hand. The pressure and twisting will make a small bubble.*

**2** Make an 8-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 4-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 4-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.

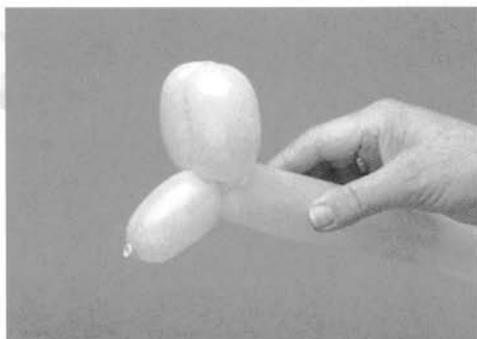


**3** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by two 3-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 3-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Giraffe.

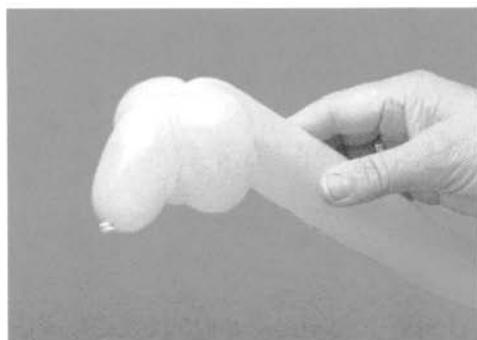


# Floppy Ears

YOU CAN ADD UNIQUE DETAILS, such as Floppy Ears, to your figures.



**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 2-inch bubble for the head followed by two 2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the ears.



**2** Turn the balloon so the ears point down. Slightly pull apart the ears, and wedge the head and neck between them so they all point down.

# Basset Hound

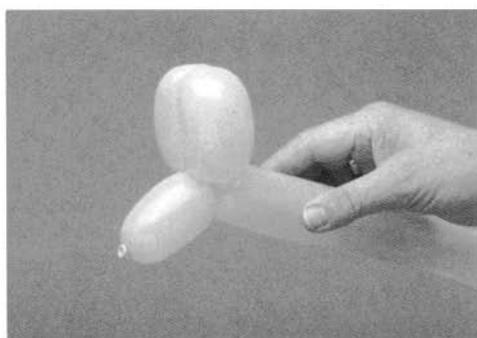
JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY LOVES DOGS,  
and this droopy-eared breed is especially popular.

Present it with lines like:

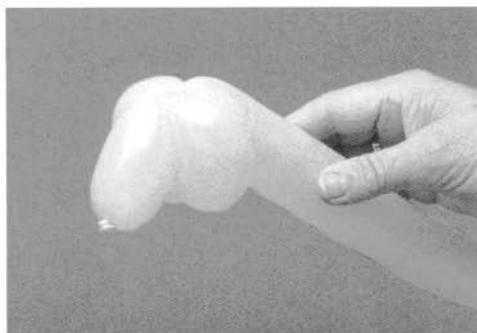
*Don't forget to feed that dog.*

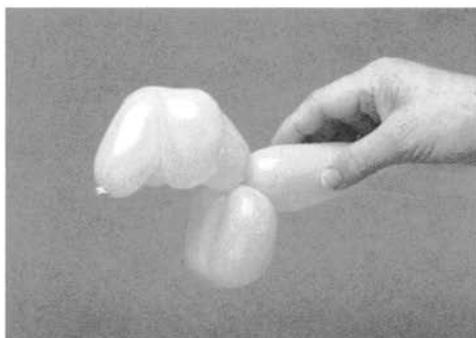
*You better take him for a walk.*

**1** Inflation a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 2-inch bubble for the head followed by two 2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the ears.

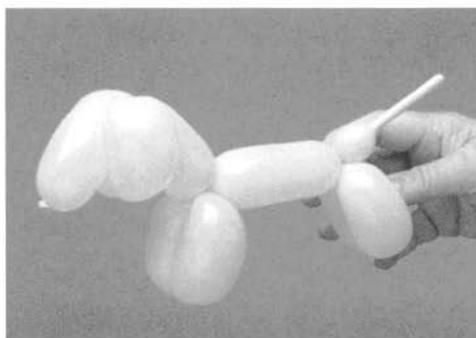


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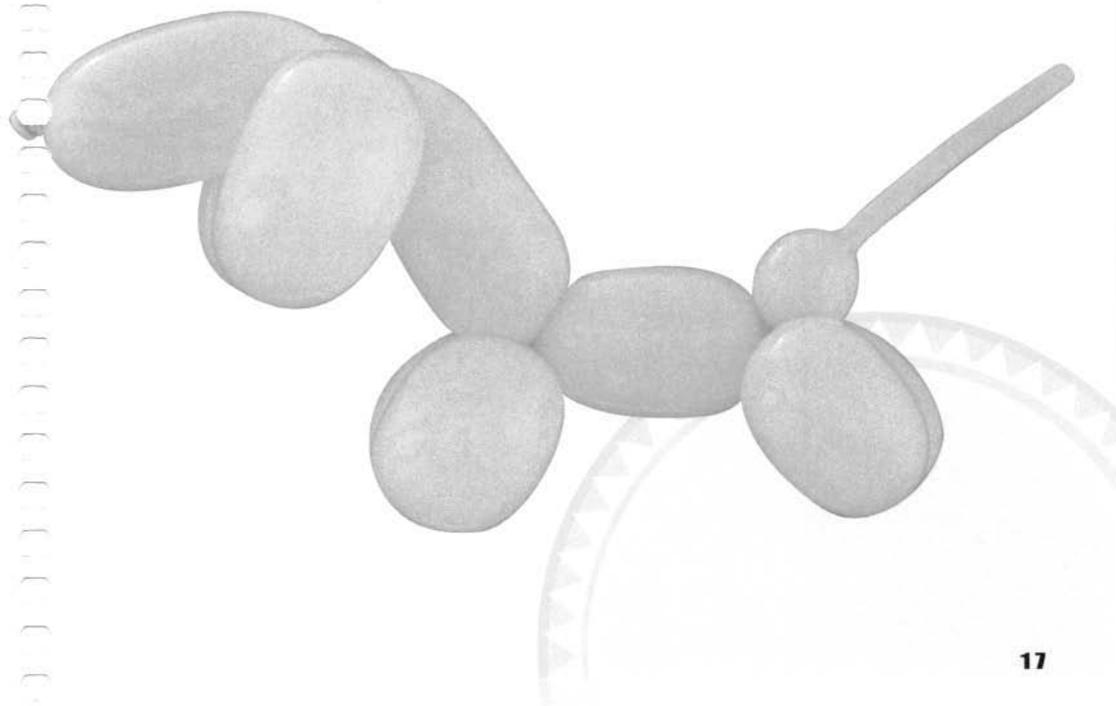




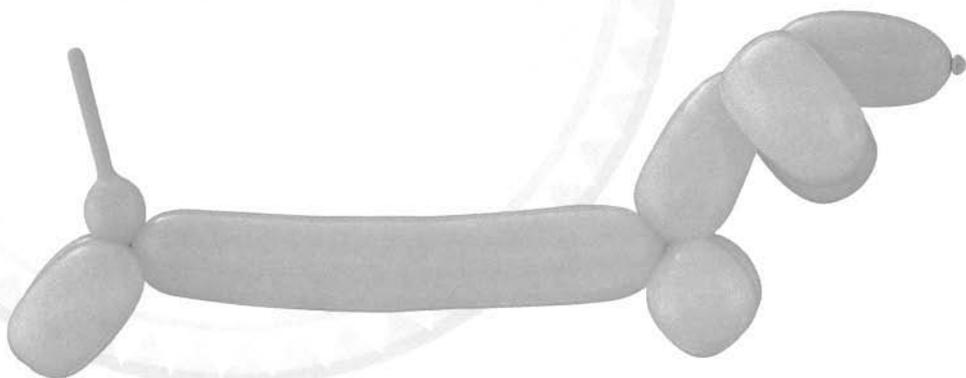
**3** Make a 2-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.



**4** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by two 2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Basset Hound.

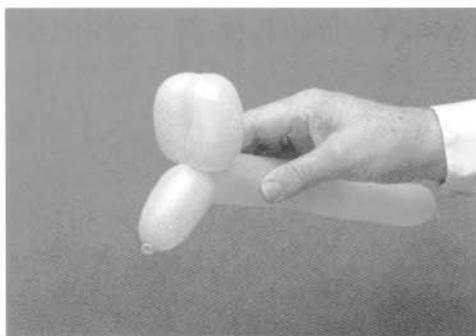


# Dachshund

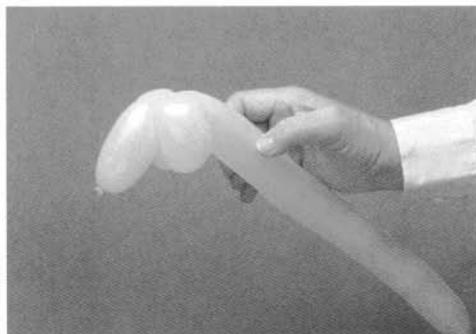


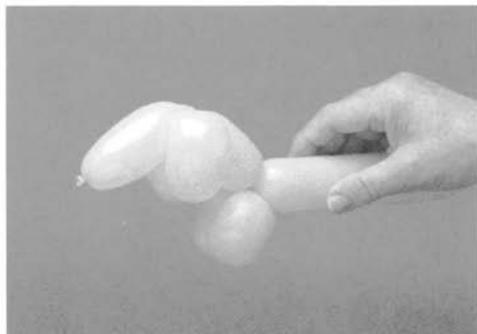
**THIS FRIENDLY DOG** is commonly known as a “Hot Dog” because of its unique shape.

**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 2-inch bubble for the head followed by two 2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the ears.

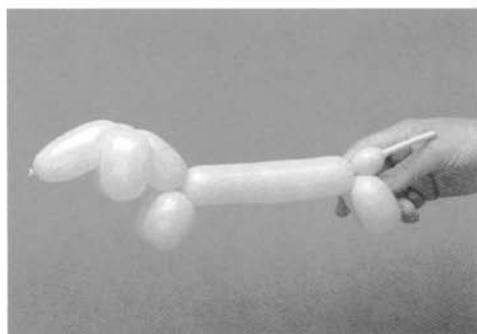


**2** ▶ Turn the balloon so the ears point down. Slightly pull apart the ears, and wedge the head and neck between them so they all point down.



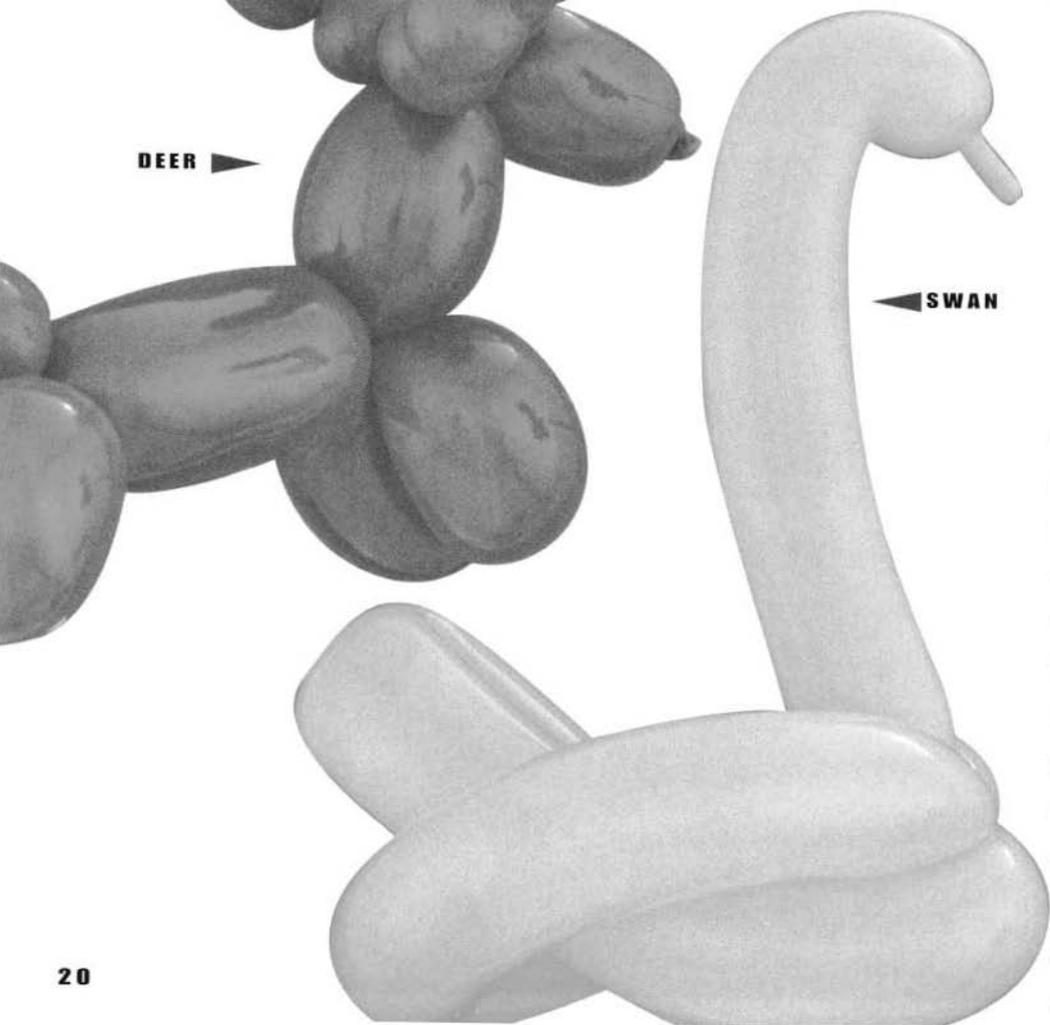
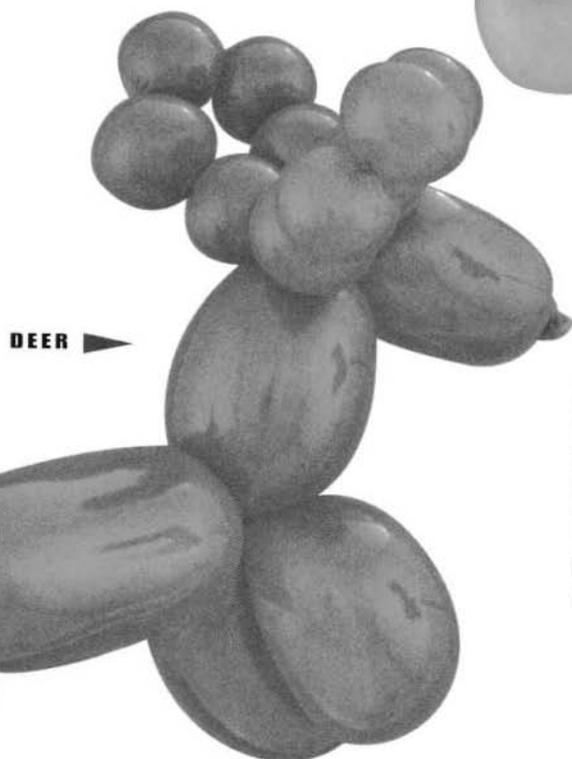
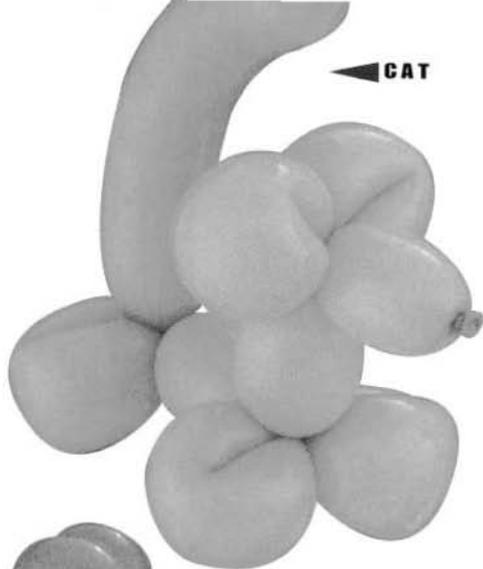


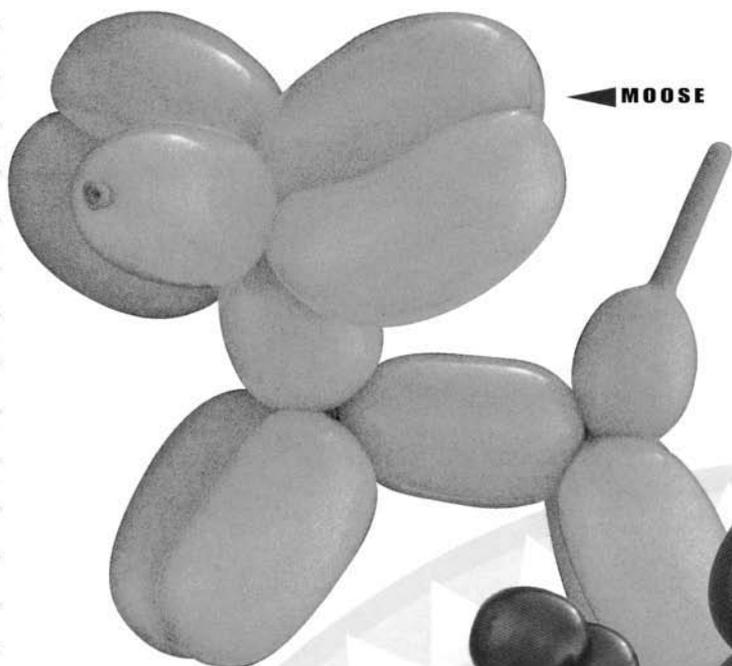
**3** Make a 1½-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 1½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.



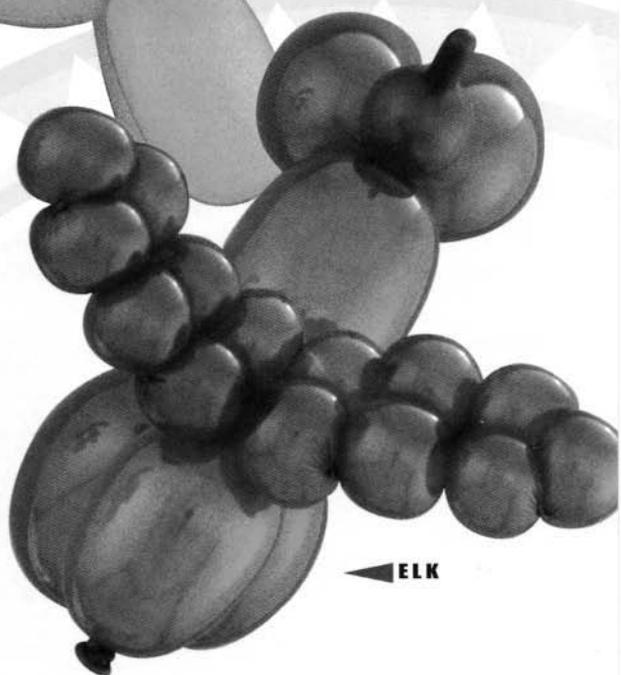
**4** Make an 8-inch bubble for the body followed by two 1½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Dachshund.

*Adjustments for too little or too much air can be made to bubble sizes in the bodies and tails of most animal figures.*

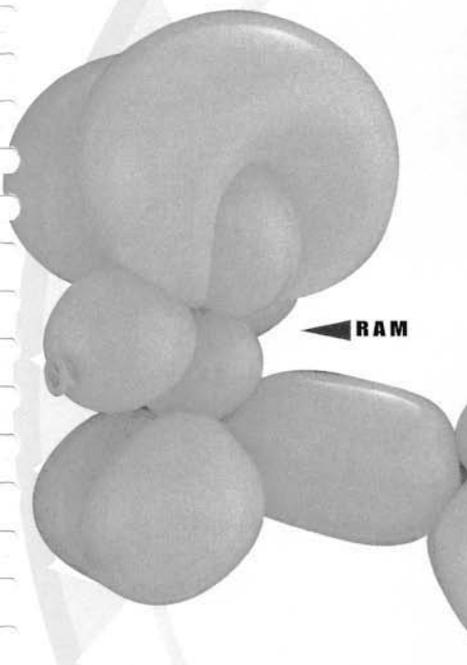




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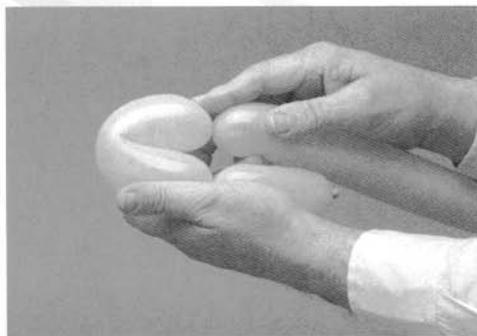
# Section 2

IN THIS SECTION, you'll learn the important Loop Twist and how to use it along with the other techniques you've already learned.

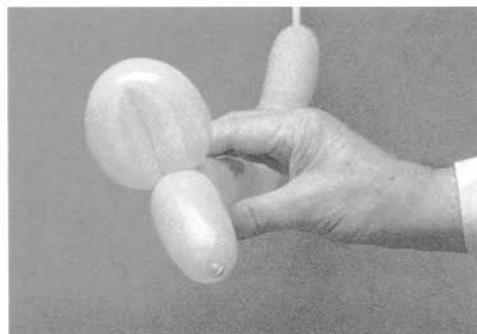
# Loop Twist

THE LOOP TWIST IS USED to make simple ears and legs, petals of flowers, back legs of animals that stand erect, the feet of some birds, hand guards of the sword, and wings and rudders of planes.

**1** Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a bubble at the end of the balloon. Sharply bend the balloon to make a loop, and twist the balloon at the opposite end of the loop so the two halves are equal in length. The size of the loop is measured from the twist at its base to its outer top edge.



**2** Lock twist the ends of the loop together.

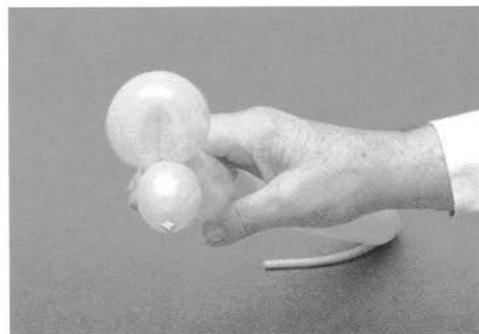


# Basic Loop Figure

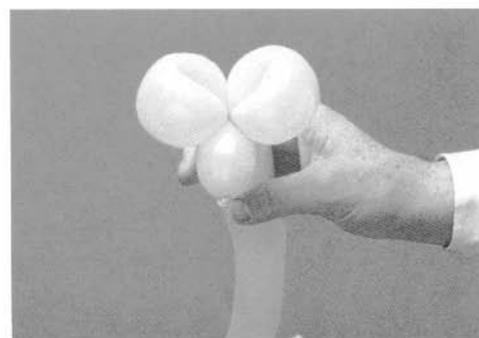
LIKE THE BASIC ANIMAL FIGURE, you can add details and change the proportions of the Basic Loop figure to create a variety of animals.



**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a 1-inch loop.



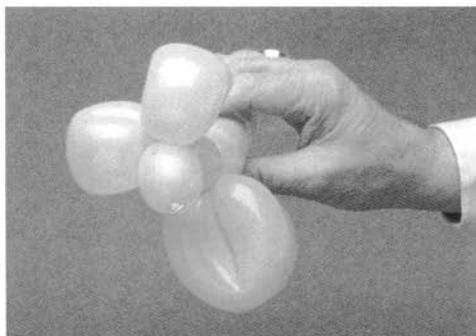
**2** Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make an ear.



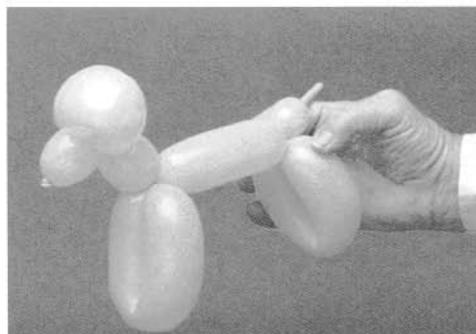
**3** Make another 1-inch loop and lock twist the ends together to make the other ear.

## Basic Loop Figure

**4** Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck followed by a 3-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the front legs.



**5** Make a 4-inch bubble for the body followed by a 3-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Basic Loop figure.



# Cat

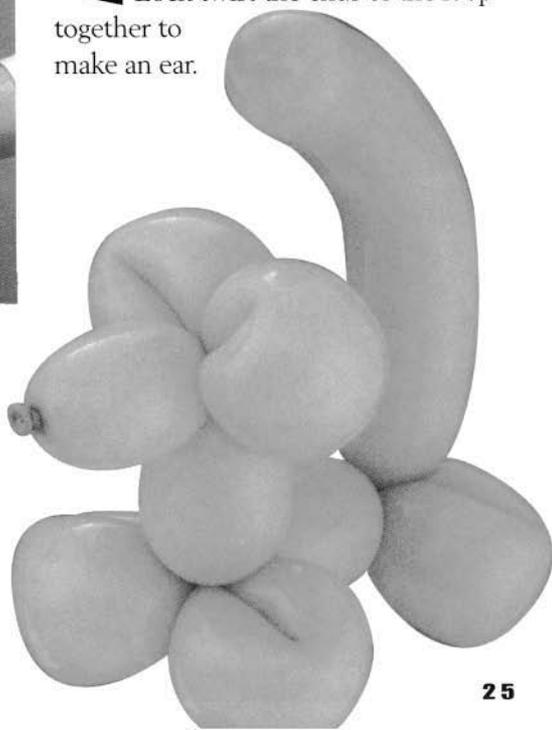
CAT LOVERS WILL BE PURRING  
with excitement at the sight of this figure.



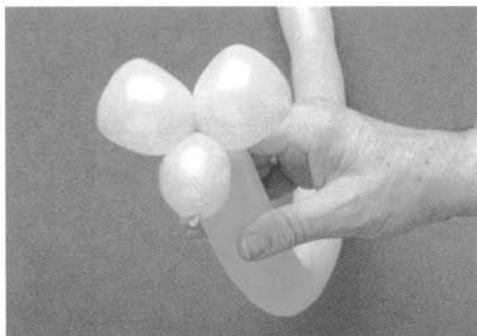
**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by a 1-inch loop.



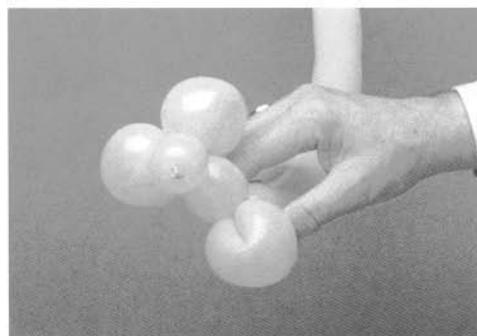
**2** Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make an ear.



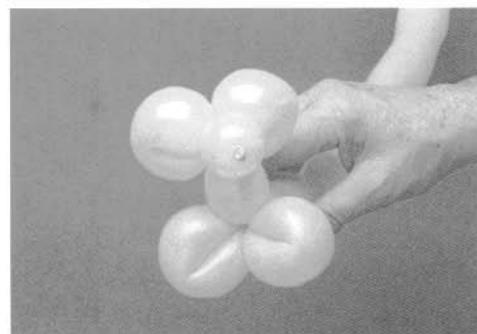
**3** Make another 1-inch loop and lock twist the ends together for the other ear.



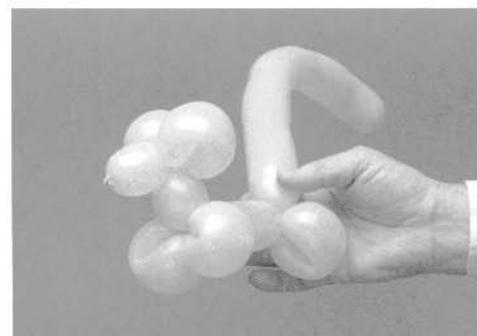
**4** Make a 1½-inch bubble for the neck and a 1-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make a front leg.

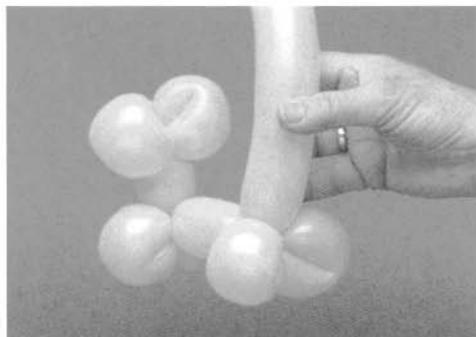


**5** Make another 1-inch loop and lock twist the ends together for the other front leg.

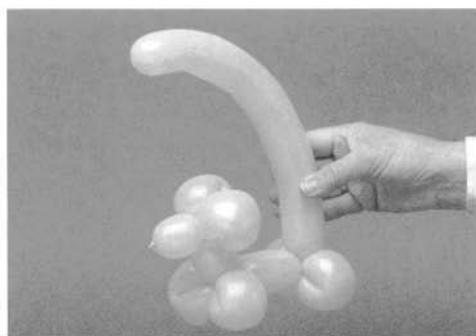


**6** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body and a 1-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together for one back leg.





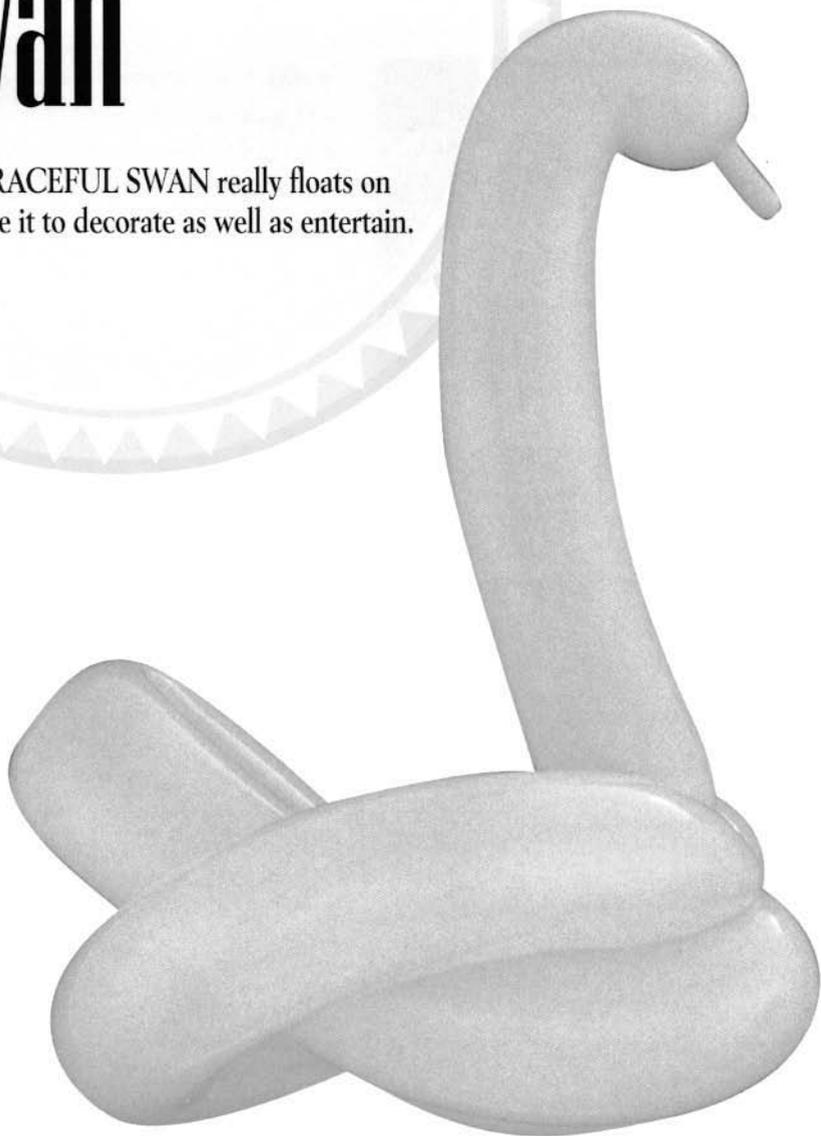
**7** Make another 1-inch loop and lock twist the ends of the loop together for the other back leg.



**8** Curve the tail up over the body to complete the Cat.

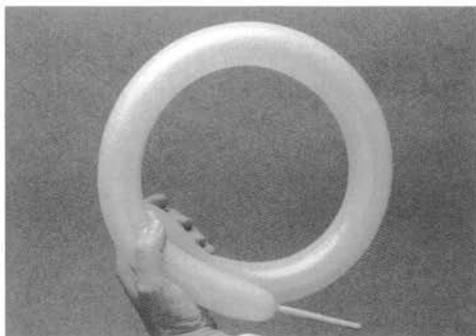
# Swan

THIS GRACEFUL SWAN really floats on water. Use it to decorate as well as entertain.

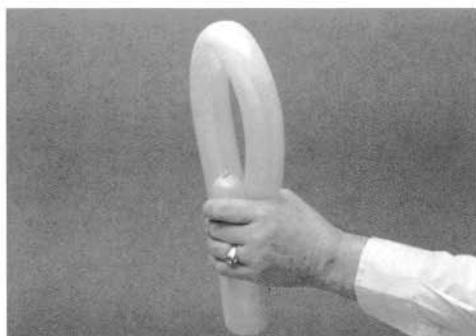


**1** Inflation a 260Q, leaving about 3 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing down.





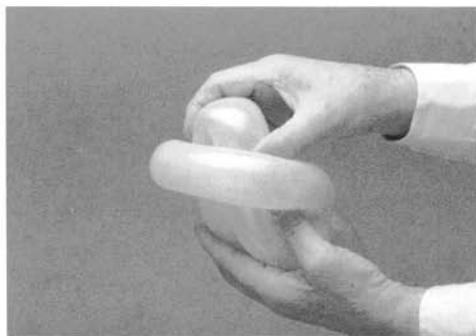
**2** Bring the uninflated end of the balloon up and around to make a loop, overlapping the two ends of the balloon about 6 inches. Hold the overlapped section in your left hand.



**3** Bring the outside edge of the circle in so the knot at the end of the balloon is in the middle of the loop. Hold the overlapped ends and the outside edge of the circle in your left hand.



**4** Squeeze the three sections of balloon at the middle of the doubled loop. The two sections of the balloon should rest in the curve of your hand, with your thumb and fingers grasping the knot. Using both hands, twist all three sections together just below the knot, making sure the knot is securely locked in the twist.



**5** You now have two loops and a straight section. To make the body and tail, tuck about 1 inch of one loop up through the middle of the other loop.

**Swan**

**6** Wedge the base of the remaining inflated portion of the balloon between the two ends of the outer loop. Pressure from the ends of the outer loop will hold it upright.



**7** Gently fold the uninflated tip of the balloon down along the front of the neck and hold it.

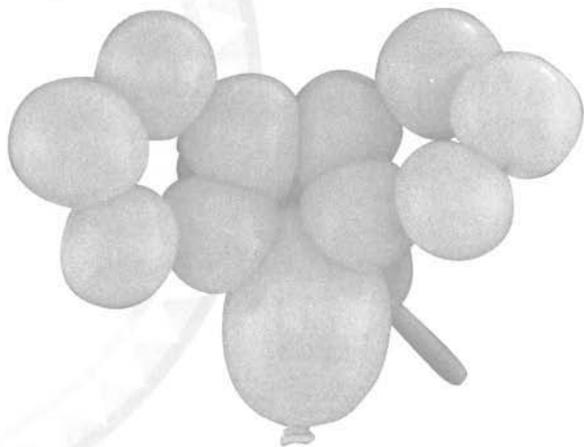


**8** Grasp the entire length of neck with both hands and squeeze it, forcing air into the uninflated tip to make the head and bill and complete the Swan.



# Antlers

HERE'S A PAIR OF ANTLERS that will look out of place hanging on the fireplace. Use Antlers to enhance animals and give them a more realistic look.



**1** Hold the balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by five  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the first and last  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base for one side of the Antlers.



**2** Make five  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the first and last bubbles together at the base for the other side of the Antlers.

# Deer

WILDLIFE LOVERS will be impressed by this Deer. Present it with lines like:

*You're such a "Deer."*

*Don't get caught in headlights.*

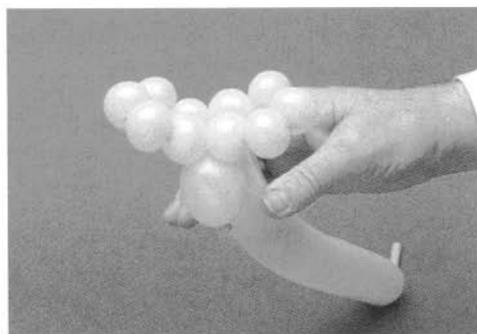
Or even sing,

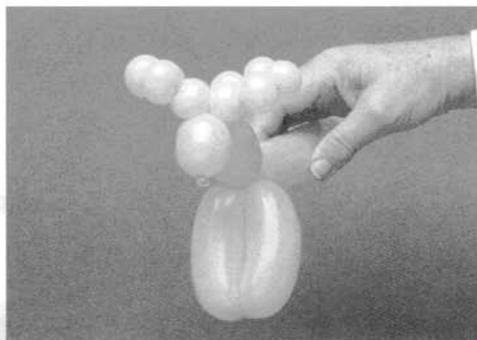
*Doe, a Deer, a female Deer...*

**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by five  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the first and last  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base for one side of the antlers.

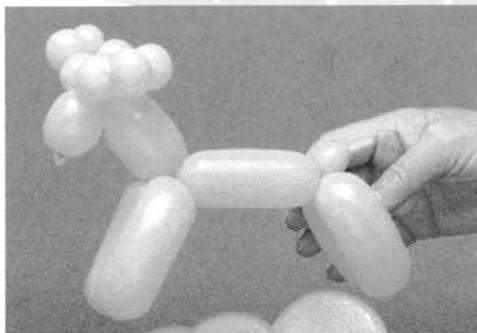


**2** Make five  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the first and last  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base for the other side of the antlers.

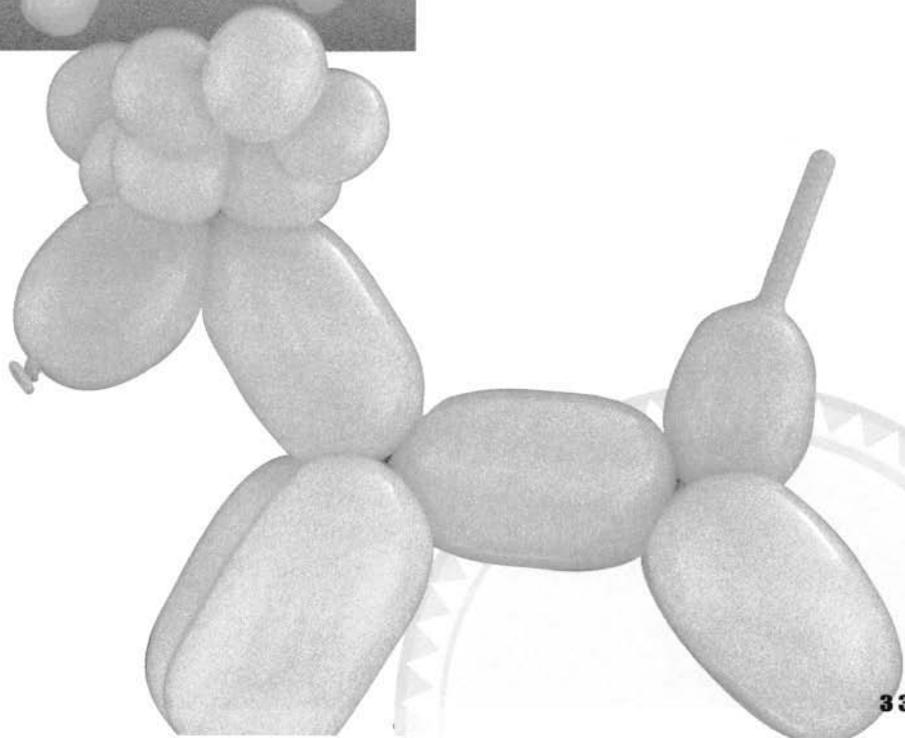




**3** Make a 2-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 3-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 3-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.

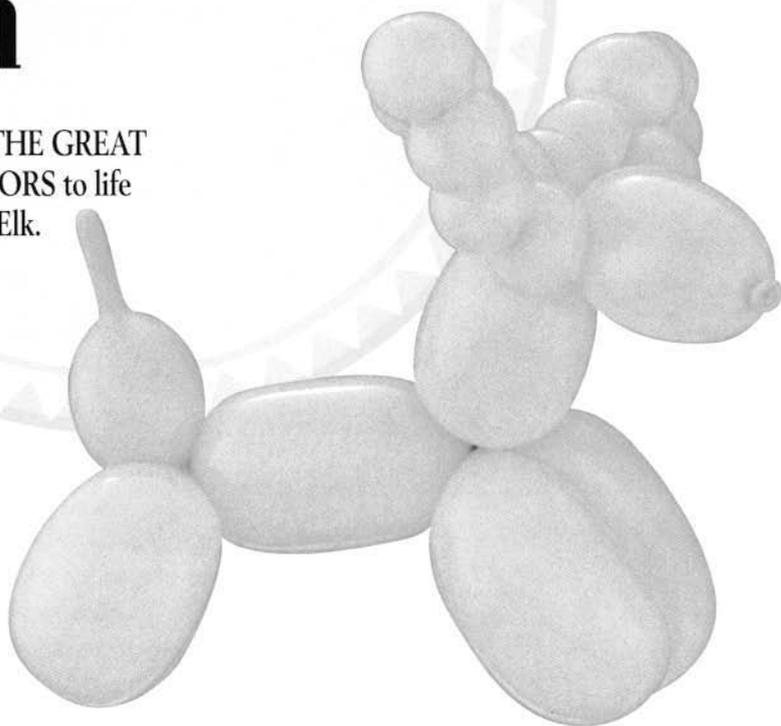


**4** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by two 3-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 3-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Deer.

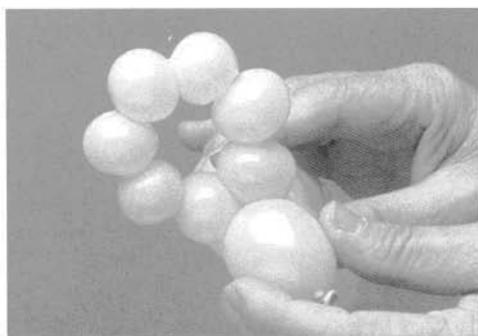


# Elk

BRING THE GREAT  
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with this Elk.

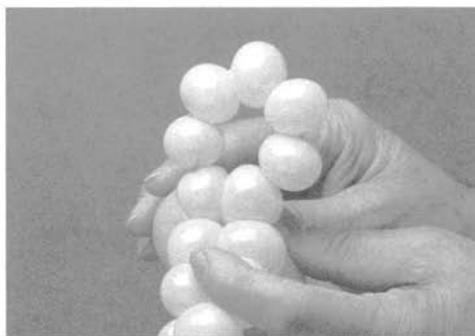


**1** Inflation a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by a chain of seven  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the first and last bubbles of the chain together at the base to make a seven-bubble loop.

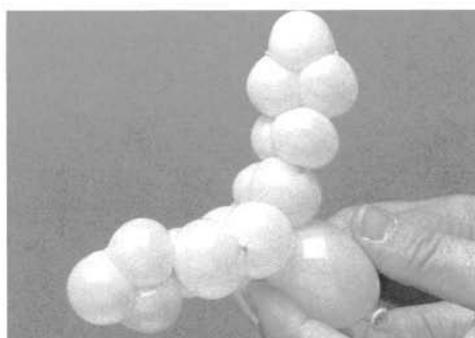


**2** Lock twist the third and fifth  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles of the chain together for one side of the antlers.

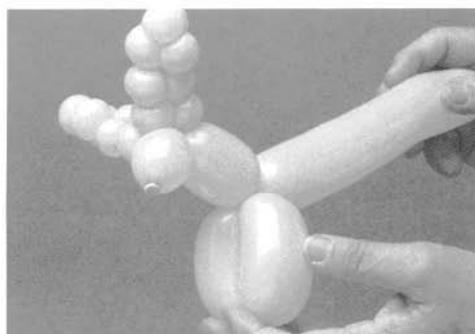




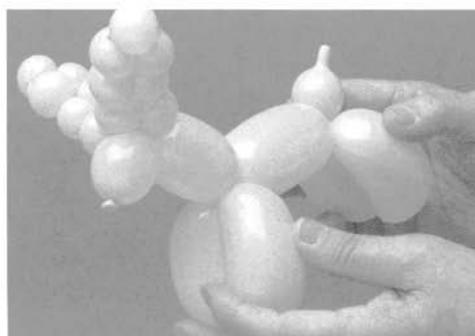
**3** Make another chain of seven  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the first and last  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles of the chain together to make a seven-bubble loop.



**4** Repeat Step 2 for the other side of the antlers.



**5** Make a 2-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 3-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 3-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.

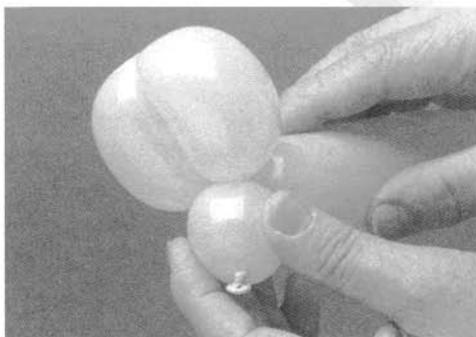


**6** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by two 3-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 3-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Elk.

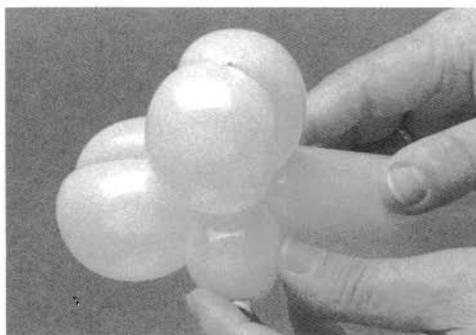
# Moose

THE WOODS AREN'T THE ONLY PLACE to find the mighty Moose. Antlers and all, this Moose will turn heads.

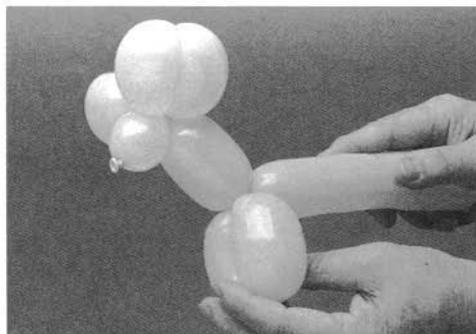
**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by two 1½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make one side of the antlers.

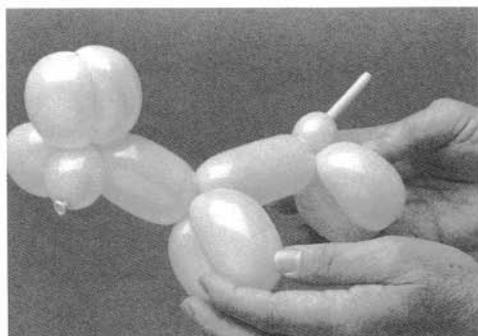
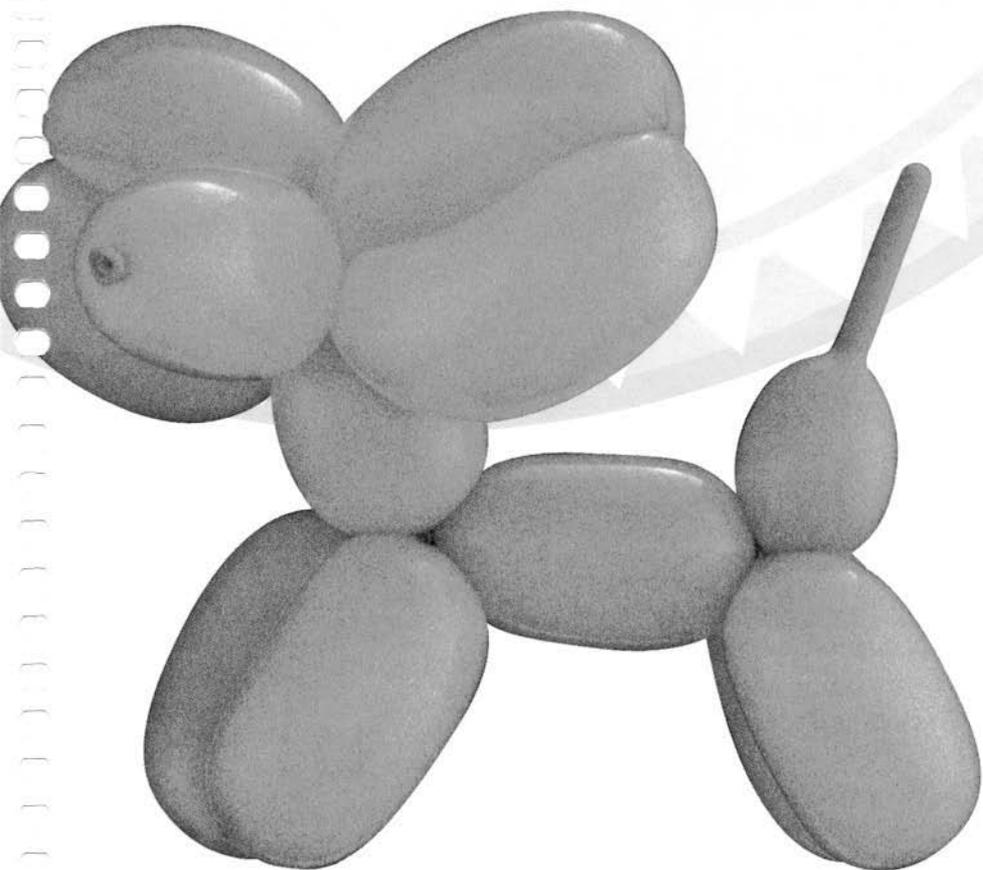


**2** ▶ Make two 1½-inch bubbles, and lock twist them together at the base for the other side of the antlers.



**3** ▶ Make a 2-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.



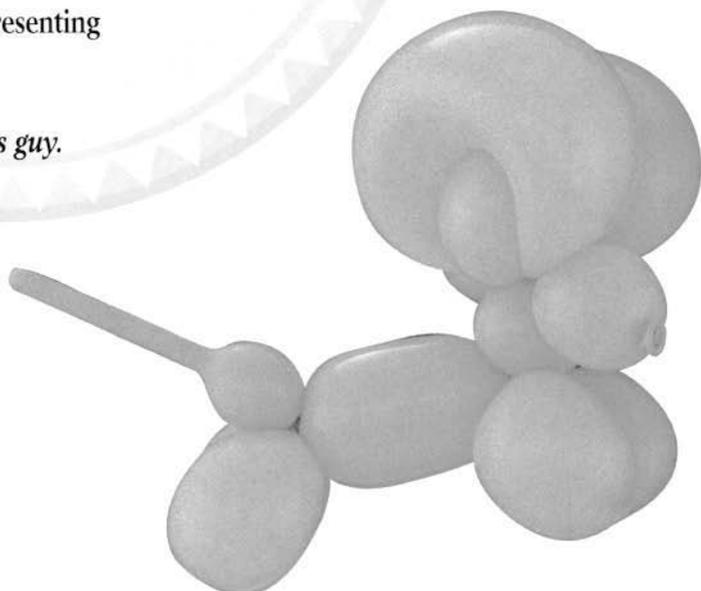


**4** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by two 2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Moose.

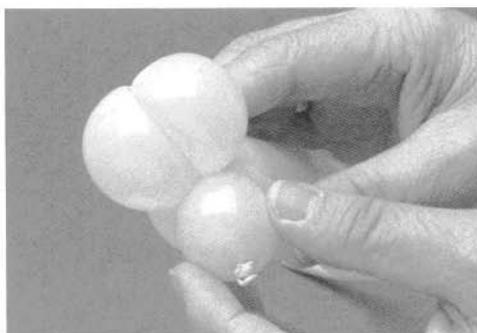
# Ram

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it with this line:

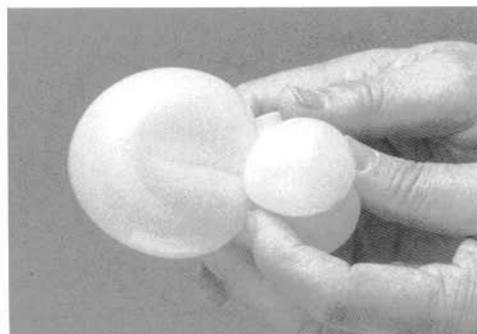
*I wouldn't want to  
butt heads with this guy.*



**1** Inflation a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by two 1-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make the middle of the horns.



**2** Make a 1½-inch loop and lock twist the ends of it together at the base. Repeat to make a second 1½-inch loop.

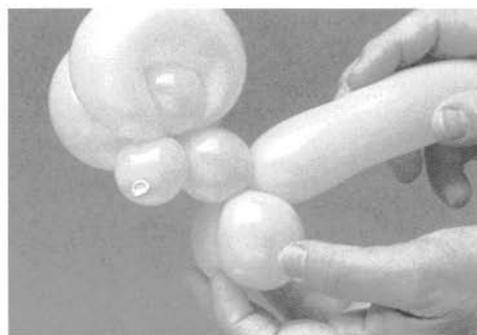




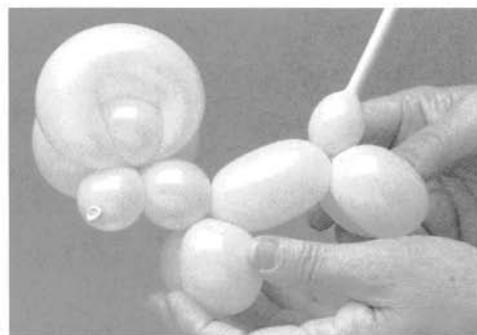
**3** Tuck one of the 1-inch bubbles made in Step 1 into the center of one of the loops to make a horn.



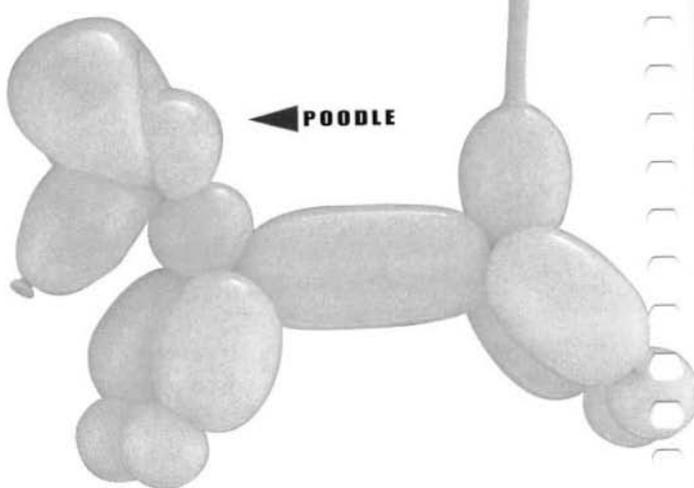
**4** Tuck the other 1-inch bubble into the center of the second loop to make the other horn.



**5** Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 1-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.

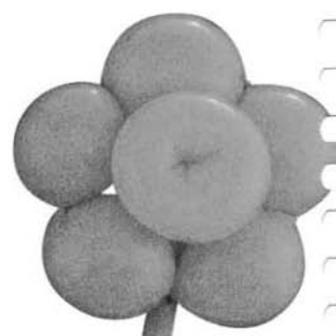


**6** Make a 2-inch bubble for the body followed by two 1-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Ram.



POODLE

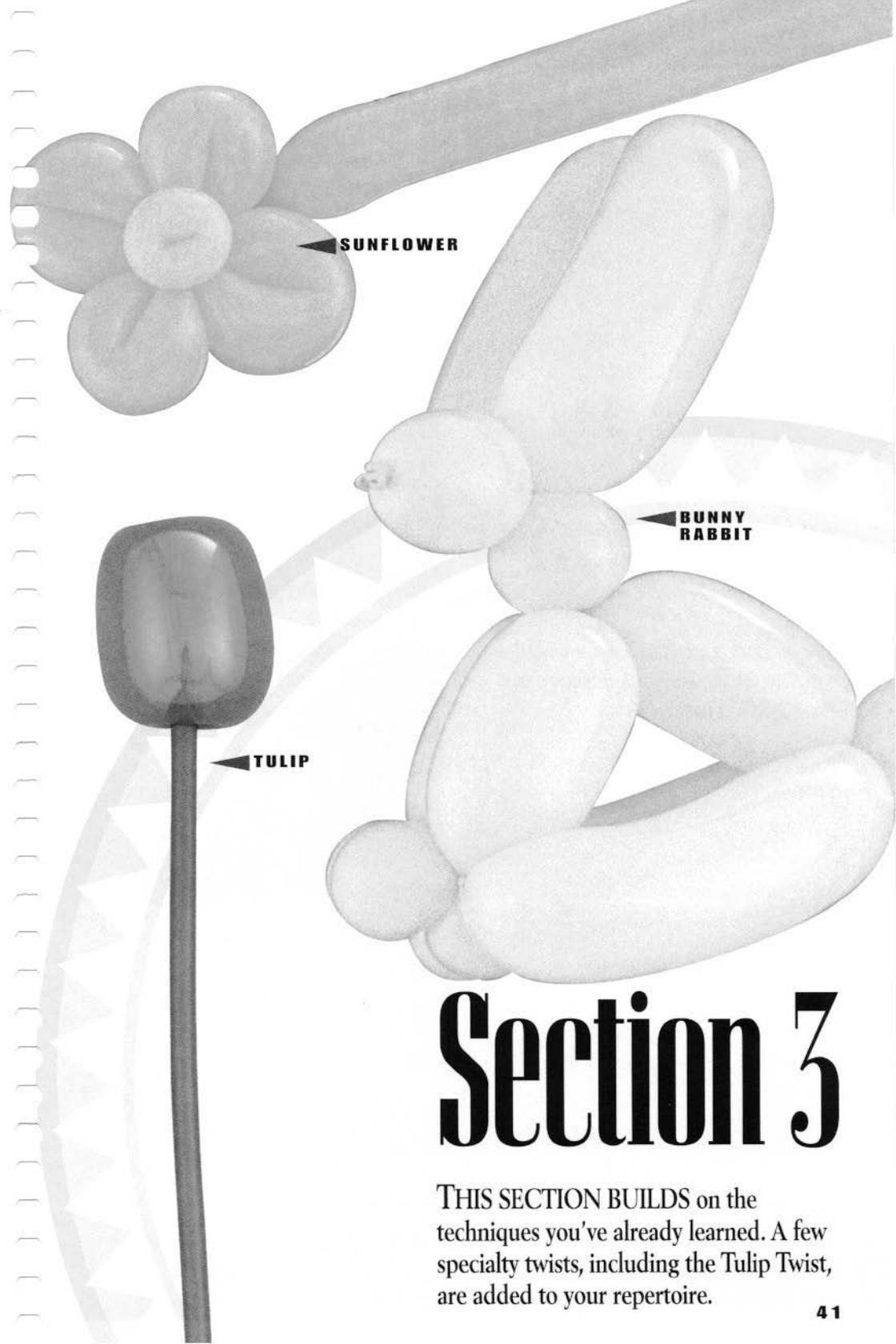
POODLE WITH EARS



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**SUNFLOWER**

**BUNNY  
RABBIT**

**TULIP**

# Section 3

THIS SECTION BUILDS on the techniques you've already learned. A few specialty twists, including the Tulip Twist, are added to your repertoire.

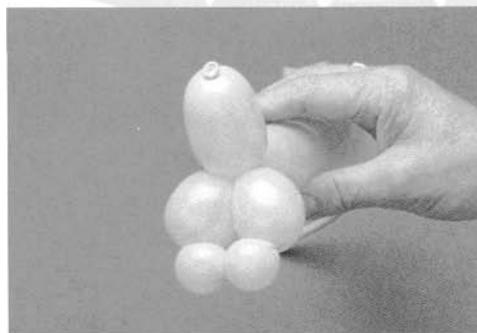
# Four-Bubble Twist

THE FOUR-BUBBLE TWIST is used to add detail to the legs of several figures.

**1** Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make the following bubbles in this order: 2-inch, 1-inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, and 1-inch.

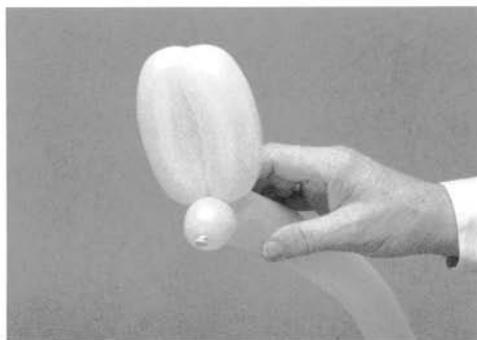


**2** Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base to complete the Four-Bubble Twist.

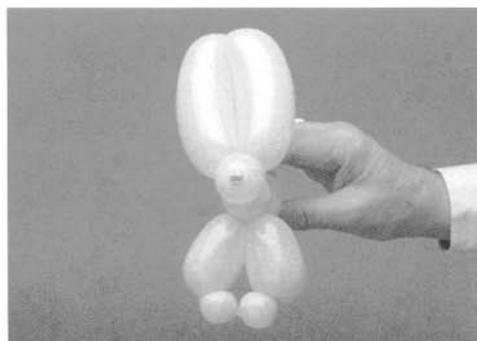


# Bunny Rabbit

PEOPLE WILL BE “HOPPING” with excitement at the sight of this adorable Rabbit.



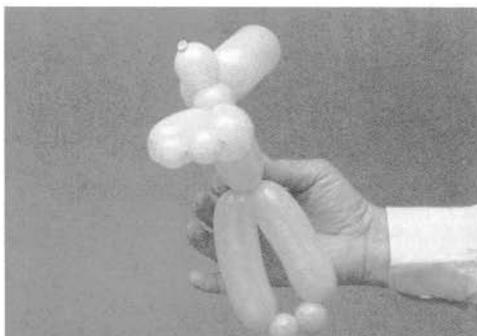
**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 4 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by two 4-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 4-inch bubbles together at the base to make the ears.



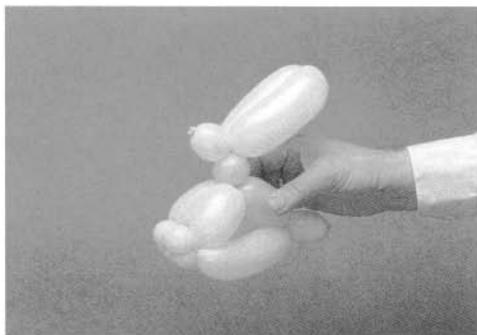
**2** Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck followed by a 2-inch bubble, two 1/2-inch bubbles, and a 2-inch bubble. Lock twist the 2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.

## Bunny Rabbit

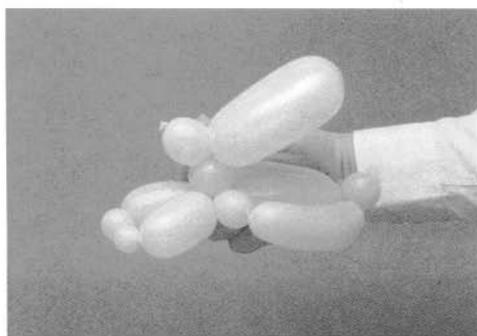
**3** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by a 4-inch bubble, two ½-inch bubbles, and a 4-inch bubble. Lock twist the 4-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place.



**4** To place the Bunny Rabbit in a sitting position, tuck the front legs between the back legs, and wrap the two ½-inch bubbles on the front legs around the two ½-inch bubbles on the back legs to complete the Bunny Rabbit.

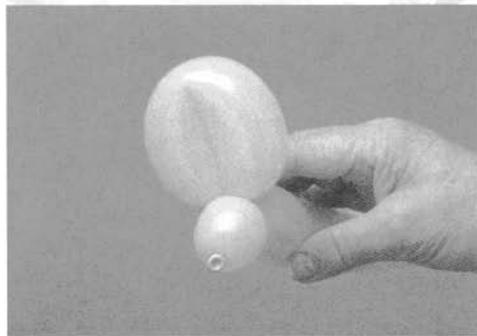


**5** To place the Bunny Rabbit in a reclining position, wedge the body between the back legs with the front legs extending to the front to complete the Bunny Rabbit.



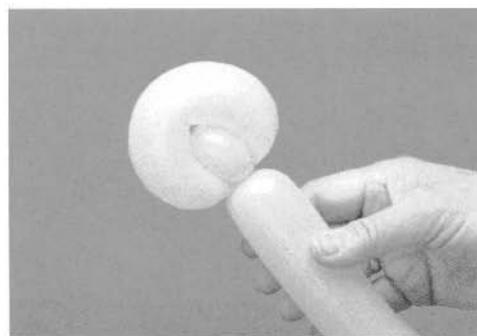
# Loop and Tuck

THE LOOP AND TUCK makes heads, wheels, and tails. It can be made in two ways: with a small bubble in the center of the loop, or with a long bubble passing through the loop.



## WITH A SMALL BUBBLE IN THE CENTER OF THE LOOP:

**1** Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a 1½-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together at the base.



**2** Tuck the 1-inch bubble inside of the center of the 1½-inch loop to complete the Loop and Tuck.

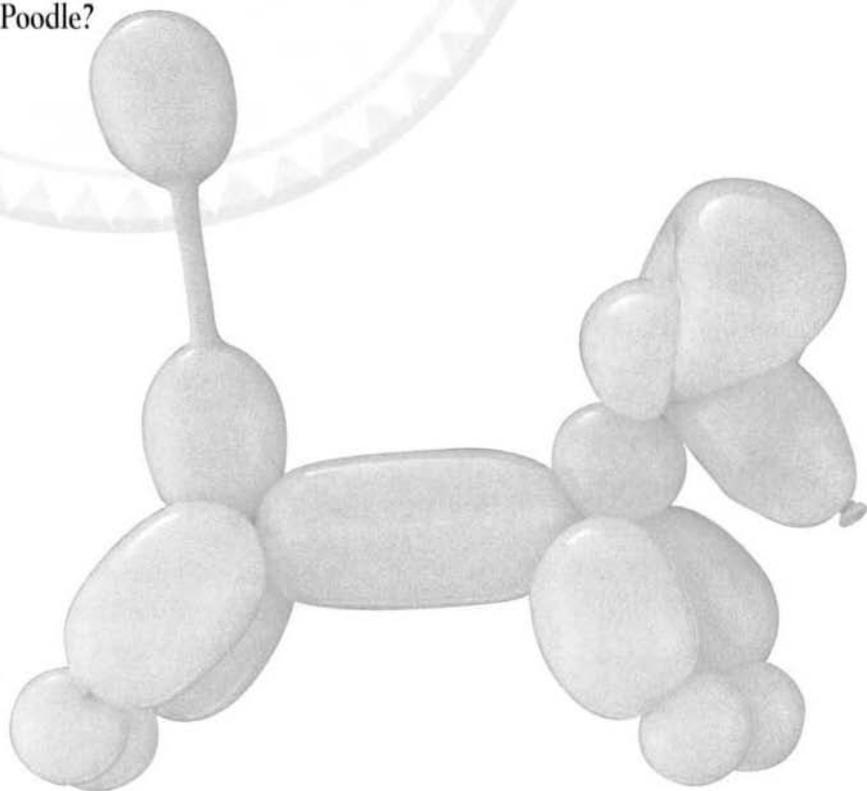


## WITH A LONG BUBBLE PASSING THROUGH THE LOOP:

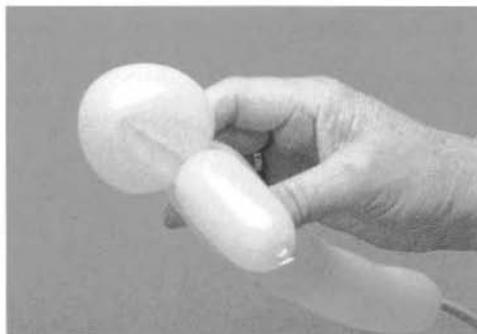
**1** Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 3-inch bubble followed by a 1½-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together at the base. Tuck half of the 3-inch bubble through the center of the loop to complete.

# Poodle

THIS TRADITIONAL FIGURE pleases crowds of all ages. Who can resist the popular Poodle?

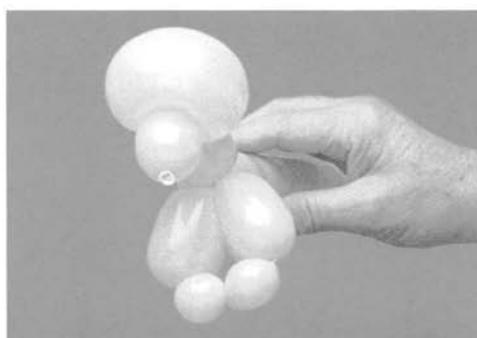


**1** Inflation a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 3-inch bubble for the head followed by a 1½-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together at the base.

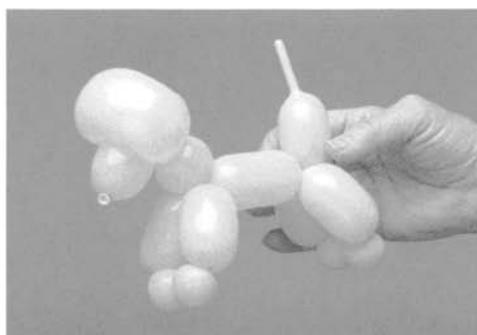




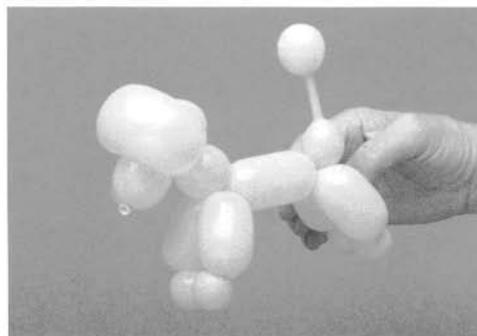
**2** Tuck half of the 3-inch bubble into the center of the 1½-inch loop to make the head.



**3** Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck followed by a 1½-inch bubble, two ½-inch bubbles, and a 1½-inch bubble. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.



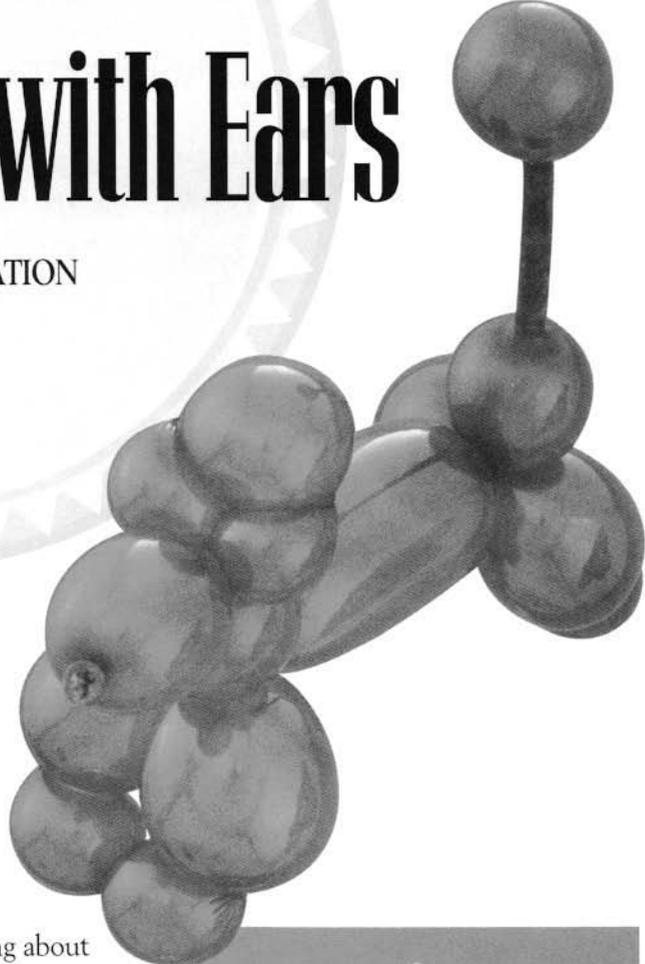
**4** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by a 1½-inch bubble, two ½-inch bubbles, and a 1½-inch bubble. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs.



**5** Make a 1-inch bubble at the base of the tail. Squeeze any remaining air into the uninflated tip of the balloon, creating a ball at the end of the tail to complete the Poodle.

# Poodle with Ears

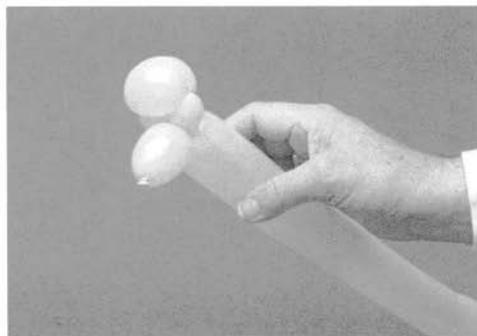
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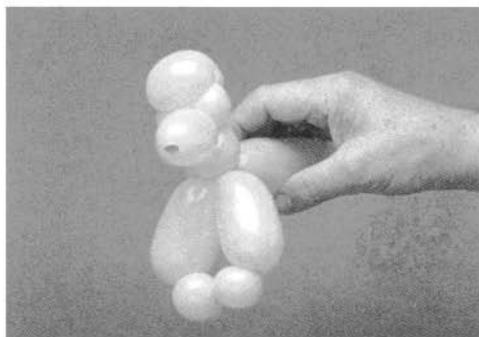


**1** Inflation a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by a ½-inch bubble, a 1½-inch bubble, and a ½-inch bubble.

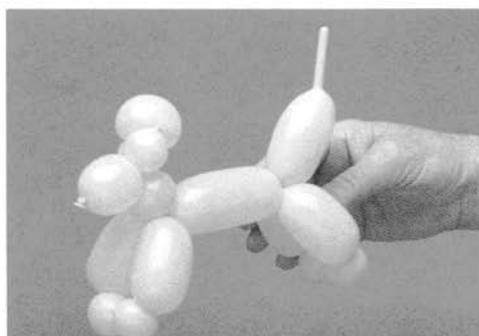


**2** Lock twist the ½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the head.

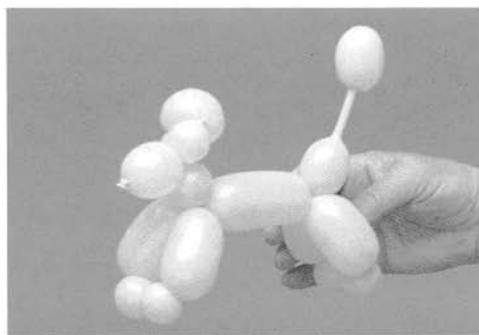




**3** Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck followed by a 1½-inch bubble, two ½-inch bubbles, and a 1½-inch bubble. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.



**4** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by a 1½-inch bubble, two ½-inch bubbles, and a 1½-inch bubble. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs.

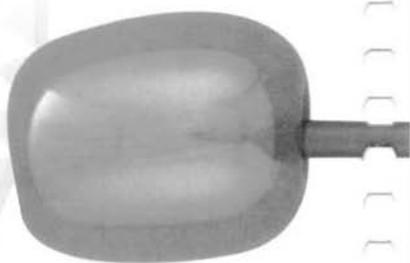


**5** Make a 1-inch bubble at the base of the tail. Squeeze any remaining air into the uninflated tip of the balloon, creating a ball at the end of the tail to complete the Poodle with Ears.



# Tulip Twist

THE TULIP TWIST is used to make the Tulip, the centers of several flowers, and the propeller or jet engine of aircraft. It also adds detail to the Sword and Pistol.



**1** Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing left. Push the knot inside the balloon about 1½ inches with your right index finger.

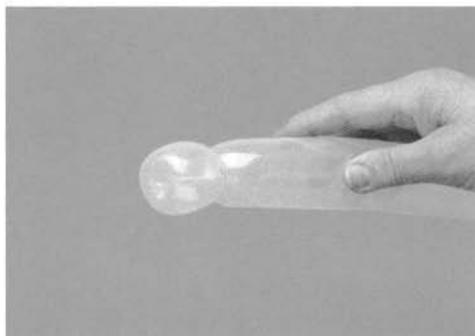


**2** Pinch the sides of the balloon and grasp the knot through the balloon with your left thumb and index finger.





**3** While holding the knot with your left hand, carefully take your right index finger out of the bubble.



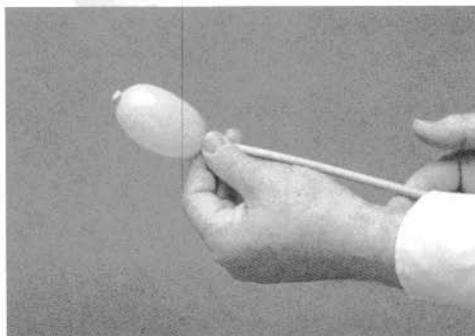
**4** Twist the balloon three or more times at the base of the bubble with your right hand. Be sure the knot is tucked in the twist. Slightly push the knot into the base of the bubble as you release it to complete the Tulip Twist.



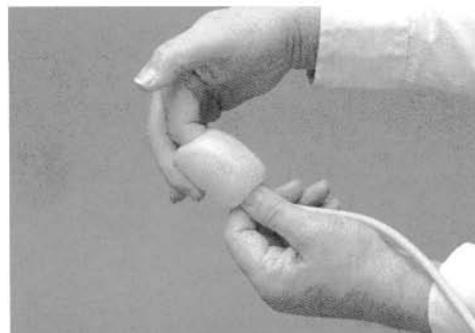
# Tulip

THE SIMPLE BEAUTY of the Tulip is well-interpreted with the 260Q.

**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q to about 2 inches, and tie it. Hold the uninflated end of the balloon at the base of the bubble with your left hand.



**2** ▶ Push the knot through the middle of the bubble, grasp it through the balloon with your left hand, and remove your finger. Do not allow any air to escape from the bubble.

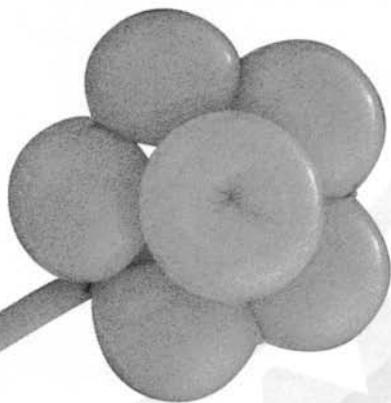


**3** ▶ While holding the knot with your left hand, twist the bubble three or more times at the base with your right hand, making sure the knot is locked in the twist. Slightly push the knot into the base of the bubble with your left hand as you release it to complete the Tulip.

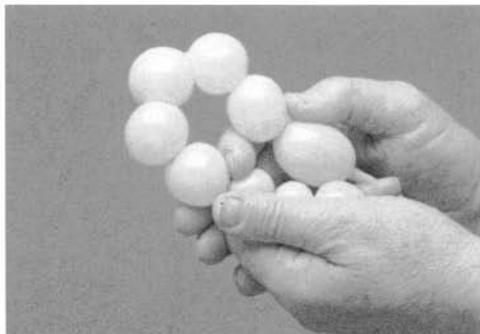


# Daisy

THE DAISY MAKES a great corsage for a lapel or wrist.

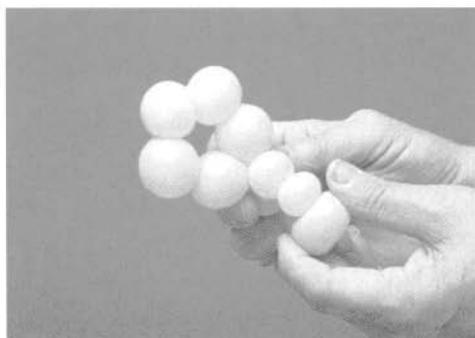


**1** Inflate a 260Q to about 3 inches, and tie it. Hold the bubble in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch tulip twist at the knot end of the balloon followed by two  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles.

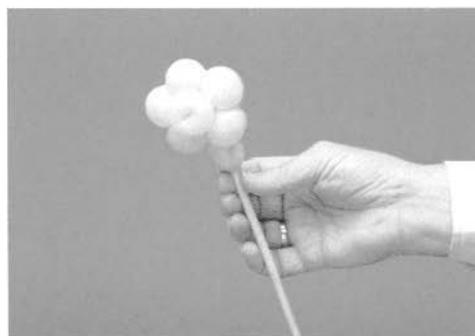


**2** Hold the tulip twist and the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles in your left hand with the uninflated end of the balloon pointing right. Make a chain of five  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bubbles.

**3** Lock twist the first and last  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bubbles together at the base to make a five-bubble loop.

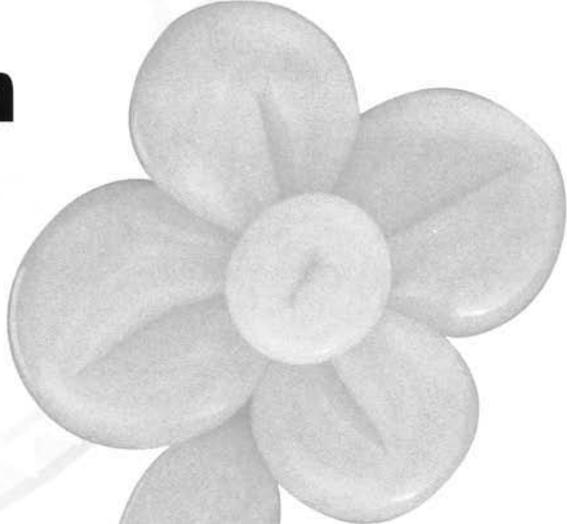


**4** Tuck the tulip twist through the five-bubble loop to make the center of the blossom and complete the Daisy.



# Sunflower

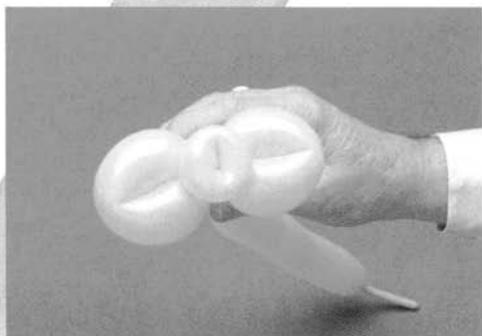
SUNFLOWERS ARE at home everywhere. Their bright color and large size make them naturals for the 260Q.



**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing left. Make a 1-inch tulip twist at the knot end of the balloon.



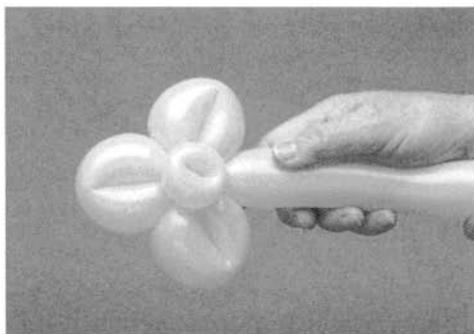
**2** Hold the tulip twist and the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together at the base of the tulip twist.



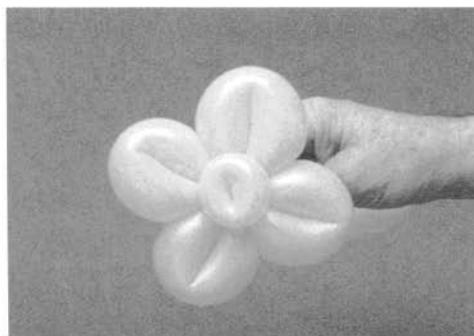
**3** Make a second 2-inch loop opposite the first one. Lock twist the ends of the loop together at the base of the tulip twist.

## Sunflower

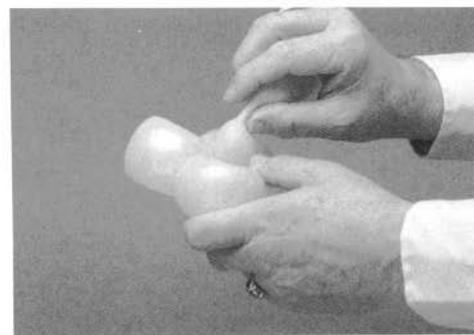
**4** Make a third 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together at the base of the tulip twist. Wedge the loop between the two existing loops.



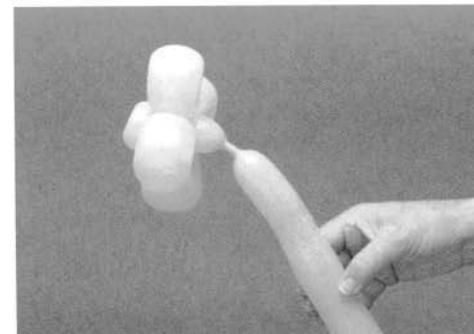
**5** Make a fourth 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together at the base of the tulip twist. Wedge the loop between the first and second loops, opposite the third loop.



**6** Make a 1-inch bubble behind the blossom.



**7** Squeeze the remaining air in the balloon to the base of the uninflated end to shape the stem and complete the Sunflower. This leaves a slender section of the balloon between the blossom and the stem, allowing it to sway gracefully.



# Pinch Twist

THE PINCH TWIST IS USED to make the ears of several animals, to give shape to a series of bubbles, and to hold bubbles in place.



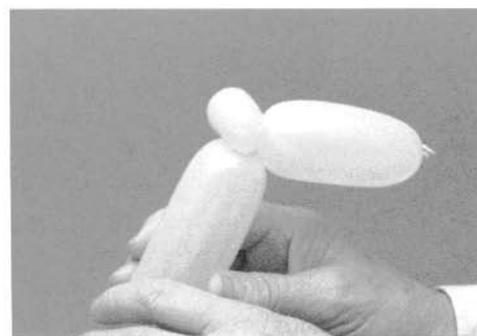
**1** Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 3-inch bubble followed by a 1-inch bubble.



**2** Fold the balloon so the 1-inch bubble is at the end. Hold the folded balloon in your left hand with your left thumb and index finger resting on the twists at the ends of the 1-inch bubble.



**3** Grasp the sides of the 1-inch bubble with your right thumb and index finger, and stretch the bubble out until you can pinch the twists at the ends of the bubble together with your left hand so the two twists touch. You must pinch the twists together at the bubble's ends, that's why it's called a "pinch" twist.

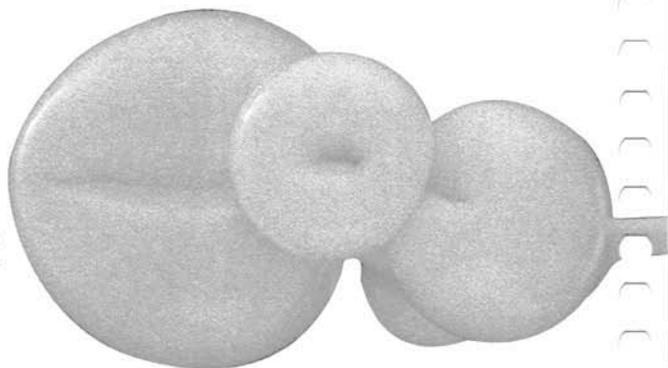


**4** Twist the pinched bubble three or more times with your right hand to complete the pinch twist. The pinch twist must be twisted at least three times to properly secure it.

*TIPS: You must pinch the bubble's ends together, that's why it's called a "pinch" twist. To secure the pinch twist, twist at least three times.*

# Orchid

THIS DELICATE BLOSSOM blooms in all of the Qualatex® 260Q colors.

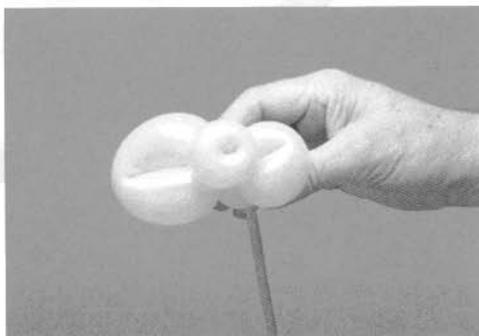


**1** Inflation a 260Q to about 8 inches, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing left. Make a 1-inch tulip twist at the knot end of the balloon.

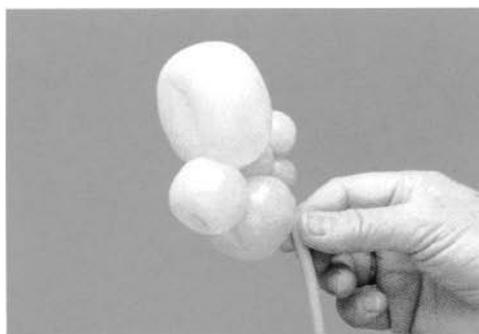


**2** Make a 1½-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the top of the blossom.





**3** Make a 1-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the bottom of the blossom. Position the tulip twist between the two loops with the uninflated end of the balloon pointing to the rear of the blossom.

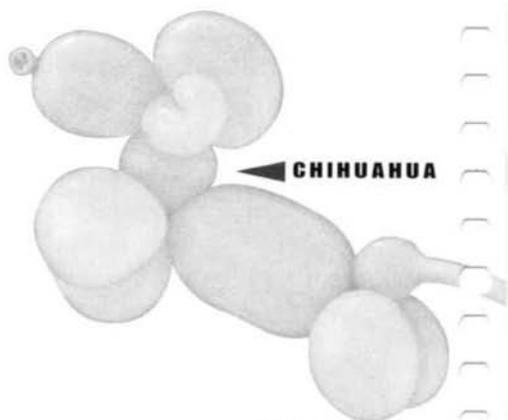


**4** Make two  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bubbles behind the blossom. Pinch twist the second  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bubble to force the uninflated end of the balloon down for the stem and complete the Orchid.

*Green 260Qs, as well as live or artificial greenery, can be added to enhance balloon flowers.*

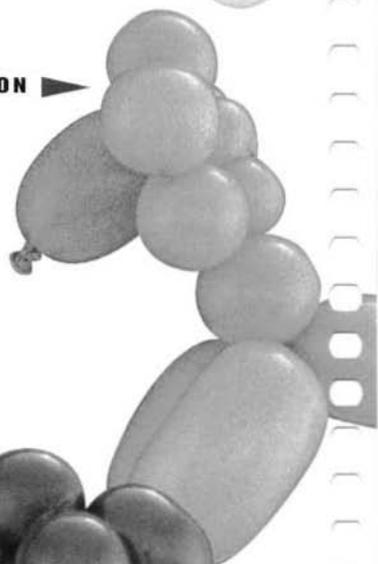
# Section 4

THE PINCH TWIST, which is used in more intricate and advanced figures, takes you to a whole new level of figures in this section.

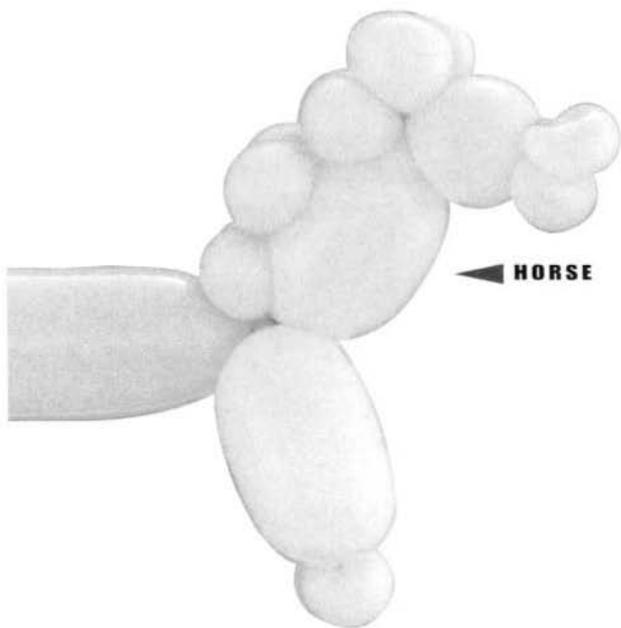


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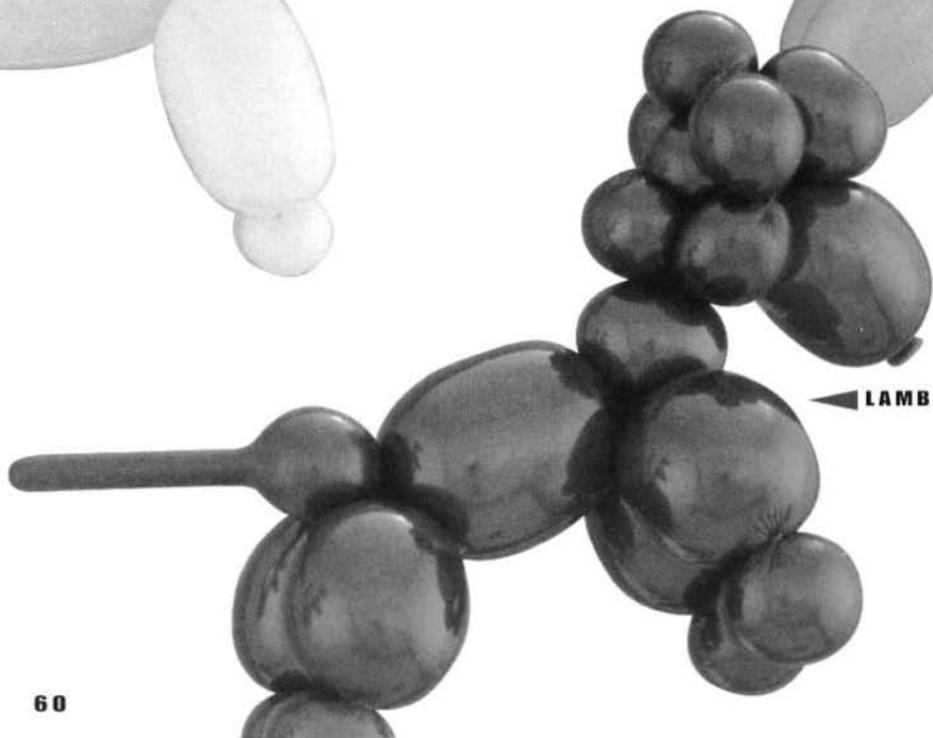
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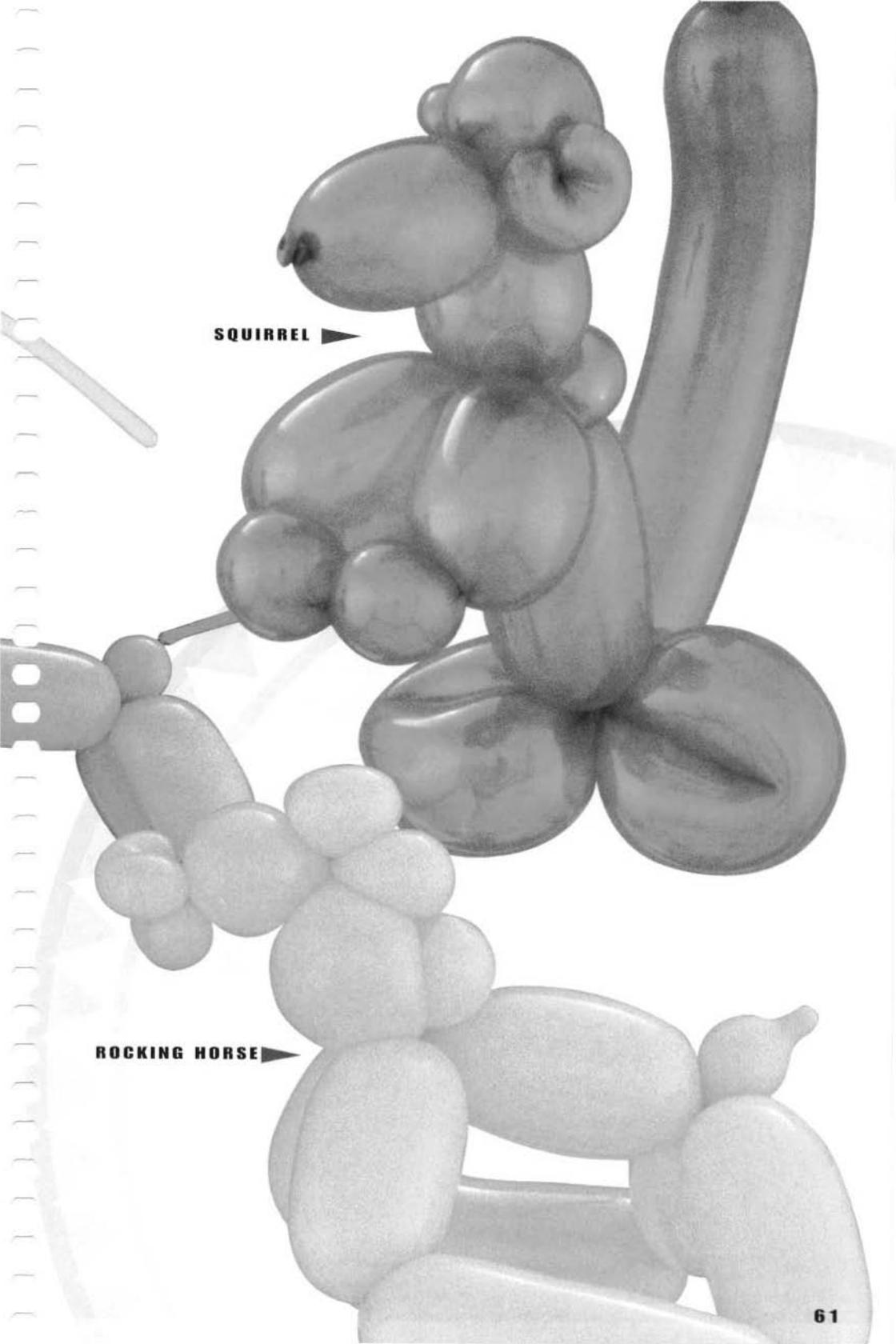


HORSE



LAMB





**SQUIRREL** ▶

**ROCKING HORSE** ▶

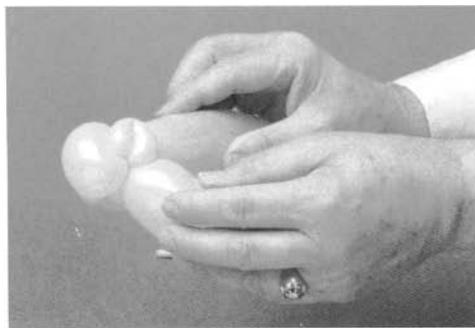
# Three-Bubble Series with Pinch Twists

THE THREE-BUBBLE SERIES with Pinch Twists is used to make the heads and ears of many animals.

**1** Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by a ½-inch bubble, a 1-inch bubble, and another ½-inch bubble.

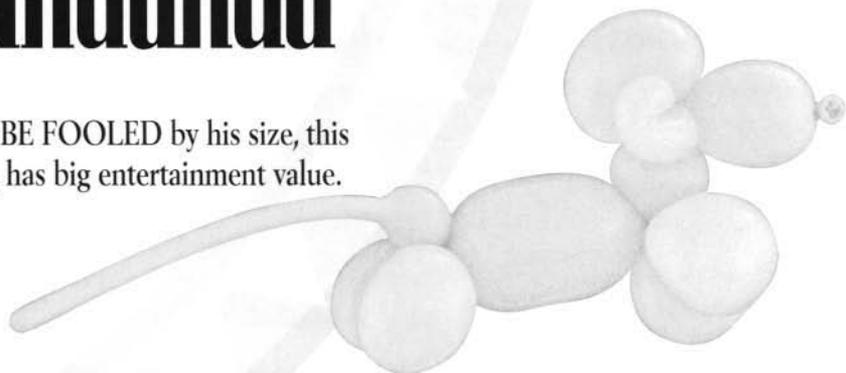
Lock twist the ½-inch bubbles together at the base.

**2** Pinch twist the ½-inch bubbles to make the ears. The 1-inch bubble makes the top of the head.

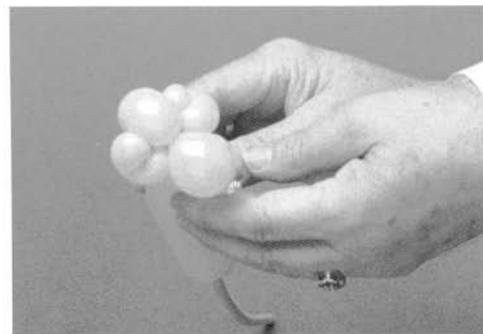


# Chihuahua

DON'T BE FOOLED by his size, this little dog has big entertainment value.



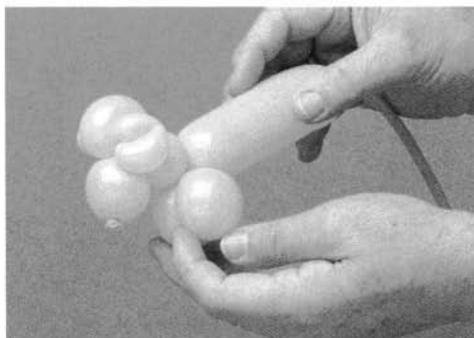
**1** Inflate a 260Q to about 6 inches, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make the following bubbles in this order: 1-inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 1-inch, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch. Lock twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base.



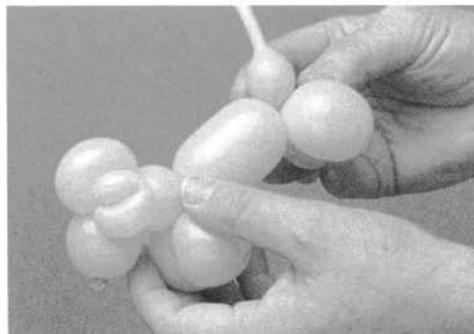
**2** Pinch twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles to make the ears.

# Chihuahua

**3** Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 1-inch bubbles. Lock twist the two 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.

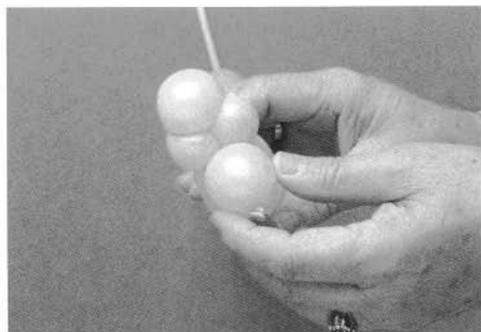
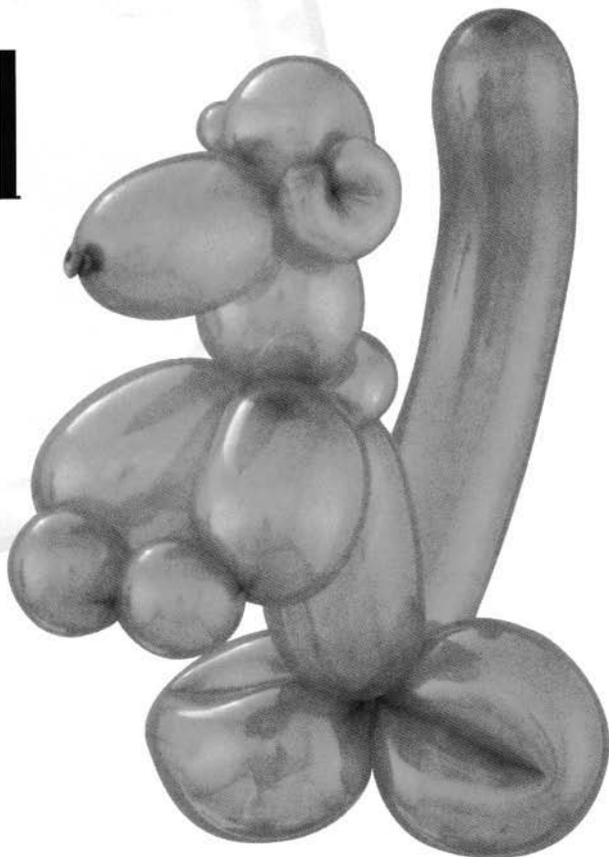


**4** Make a 2-inch bubble for the body followed by two 1-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Chihuahua.



# Squirrel

YOU WON'T FIND this cute Squirrel climbing trees or burying nuts.

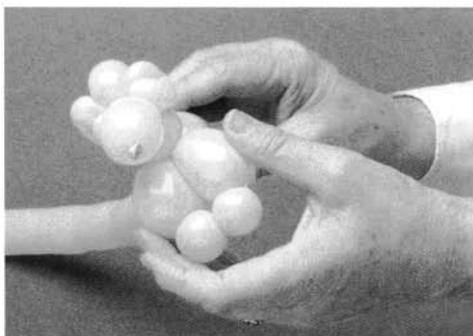


**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble, a 1-inch bubble, and a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble. Lock twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base.



**2** Pinch twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles to make the ears.

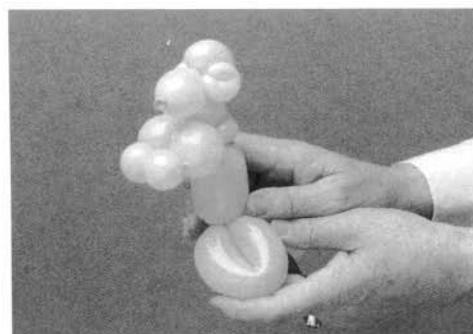
**3** Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck. Make the following bubbles in this order: 1½-inch, ½-inch, ½-inch, and 1½-inch. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.



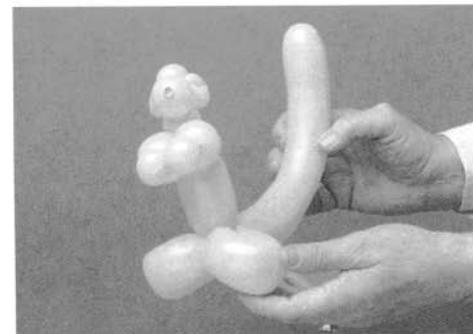
**4** Make a 1-inch bubble. Pinch twist it and position it at the back of the neck where the front legs and neck join to hold the head forward.



**5** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make one back leg.



**6** Make a 2-inch loop and lock twist the ends together for the other back leg. Curve the tail up behind the body to complete the Squirrel.

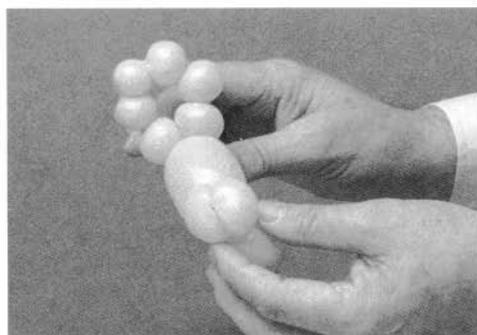


# Mane

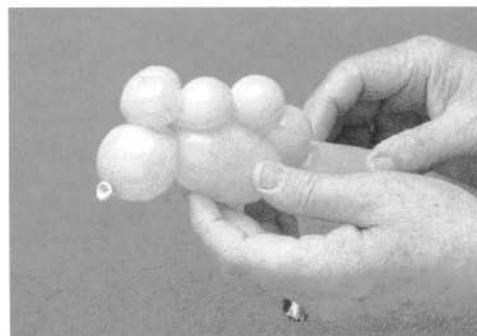
A MANE CAN BE MADE by adding a chain of small bubbles at the base of the animal's neck and stretching it over the ears.



**1** After inflating the 260Q, make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by two  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base to make the ears.

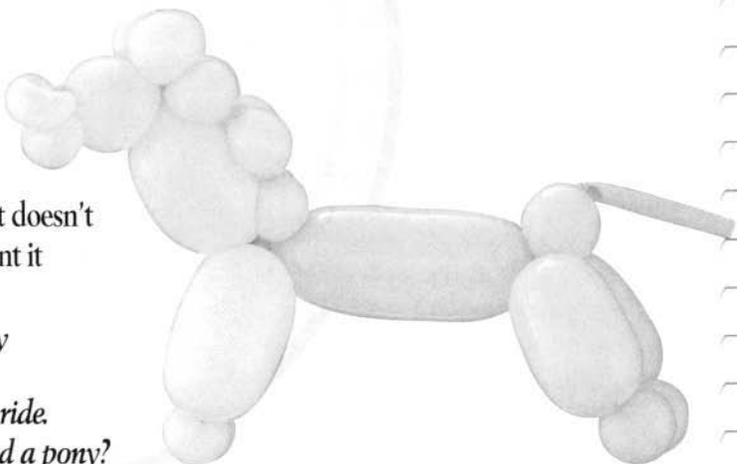


**2** Make a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble for the neck followed by six  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the first and last  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base to make a six-bubble loop.



**3** Stretch the loop up over the ears, wedging the ears between the third and fourth bubbles of the loop, to complete the Mane.

# Horse



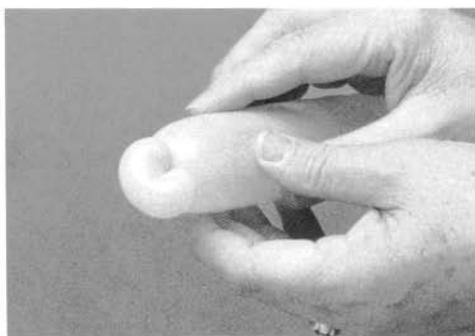
HERE'S A HORSE that doesn't need to be tamed. Present it with lines like:

*Now you kids can really horse around.*

*Saddle up and go for a ride.*

*Did you say you wanted a pony?*

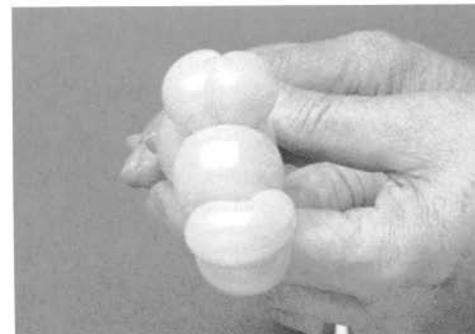
**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pinch twist at the knot end.



**2** ▶ Make another  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pinch twist. Position the pinch twists side by side at the end of the balloon to make the mouth.



**3** ▶ Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by two  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base to make the ears.

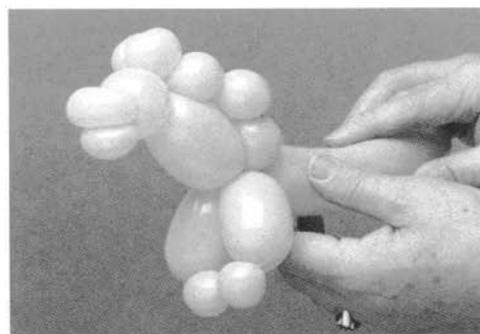




**4** Make a 2-inch bubble for the neck followed by six 1/2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the first and last 1/2-inch bubbles together at the base to make a six-bubble loop.



**5** Stretch the loop over the ears and wedge the ears between the third and fourth bubbles to make the mane.



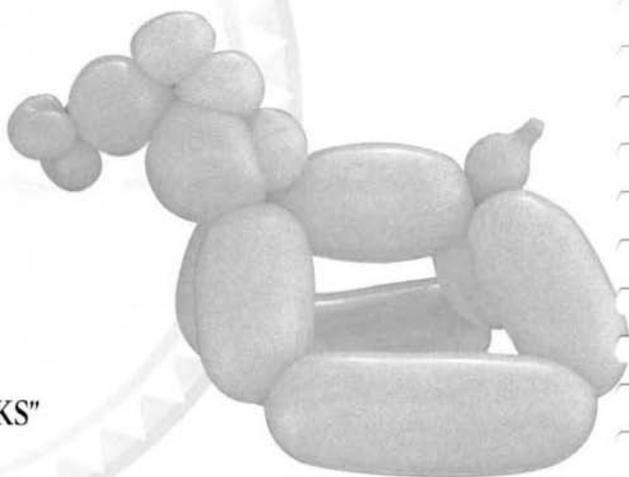
**6** Make a 2-inch bubble, two 1/2-inch bubbles, and another 2-inch bubble. Lock twist the 2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.



**7** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by a 2-inch bubble, two 1/2-inch bubbles, and another 2-inch bubble. Lock twist the 2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place.

# Rocking Horse

THE HORSE REALLY "ROCKS" when you add rockers.



**1** Inflation a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1/2-inch pinch twist at the knot end.



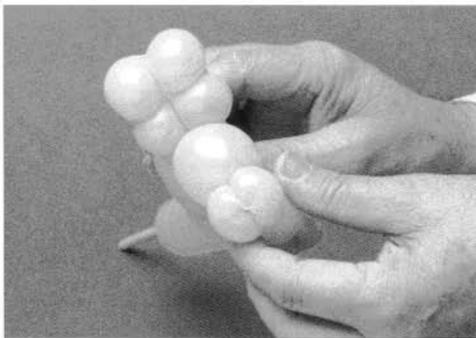
**2** Make a second 1/2-inch pinch twist. Position the pinch twists side by side at the end of the balloon to make the mouth.



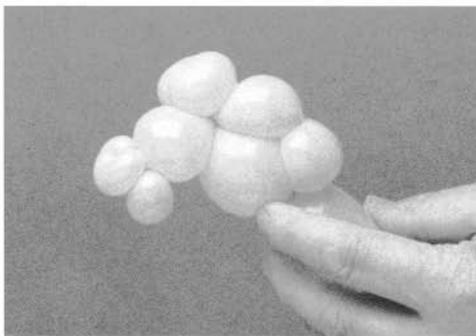
**3** Make a 3/4-inch bubble for the head followed by two 1/2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 1/2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the ears.



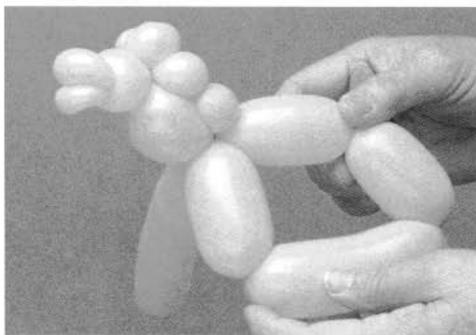
## Rocking Horse



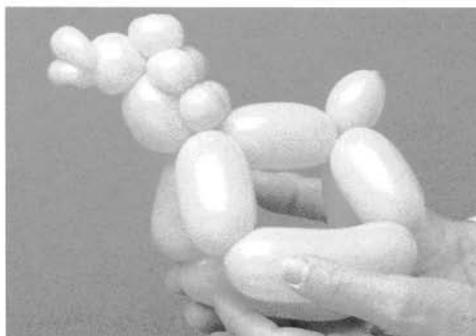
**4** Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck followed by four  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the first and last  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together to make a four-bubble loop.



**5** Stretch the loop over the ears and wedge them between the second and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles to make the mane.



**6** Make a 2-inch bubble followed by a 3-inch bubble and two 2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the first and third 2-inch bubbles together at the base to make two legs, the body, and one rocker.



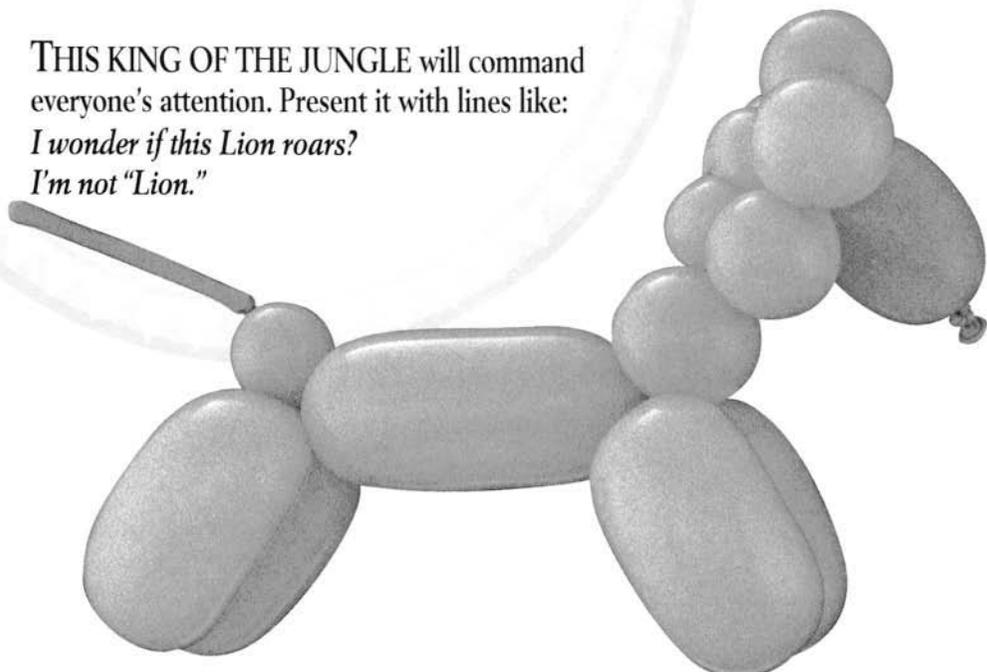
**7** Make a 2-inch bubble, a 3-inch bubble, and a 2-inch bubble. Lock twist the second 2-inch bubble where the back leg joins the body and tail to make the other two legs and the second rocker. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Rocking Horse.

# Lion

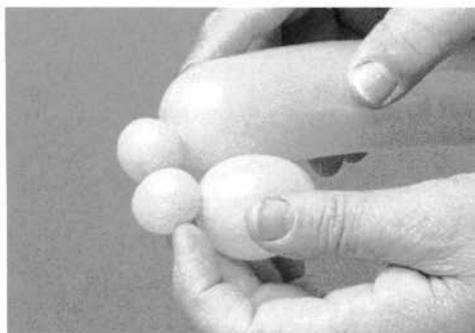
THIS KING OF THE JUNGLE will command everyone's attention. Present it with lines like:

*I wonder if this Lion roars?*

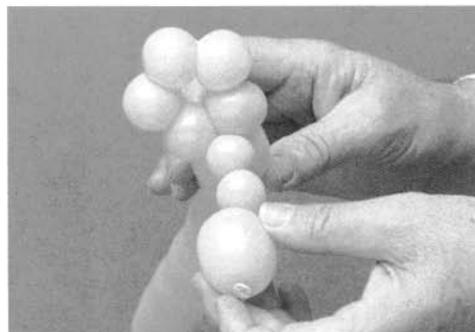
*I'm not "Lion."*

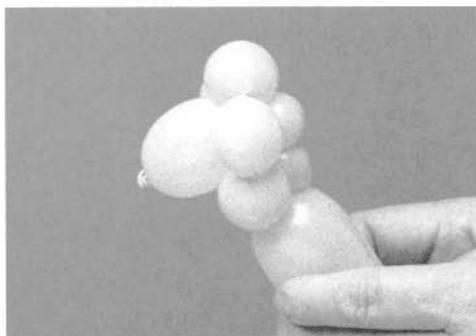


**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1½-inch bubble for the head followed by two ½-inch bubbles.

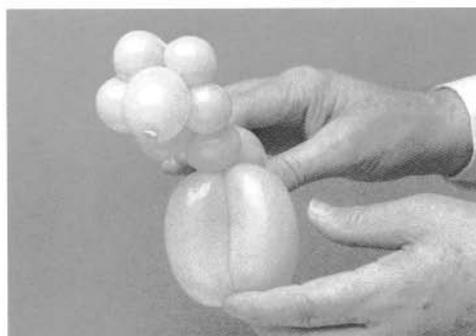


**2** ▶ Hold the bubbles in your left hand to keep them from untwisting, and make five ¾-inch bubbles. Lock twist the first and last ¾-inch bubbles together at the base to make a five-bubble loop.

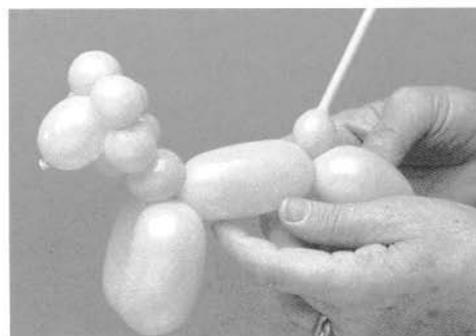




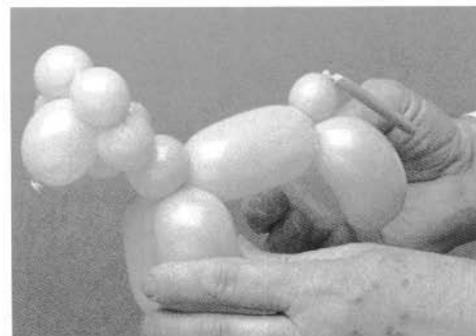
3 Tuck the 1½-inch bubble made in Step 1 through the loop to make the head and mane.



4 Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 1½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.



5 Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by two 1½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place.



6 Tie a knot next to the end of the small bubble to make the tail hang down and complete the Lion.

# Lamb

THIS PRECIOUS LITTLE LAMB will quickly become a crowd favorite. Present it with lines like:

*Mary had a little Lamb, and now you do too.  
You're not going to get any wool off  
of this Lamb.*

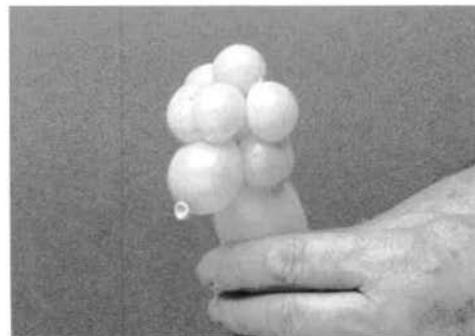
**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by two  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base to make the ears.

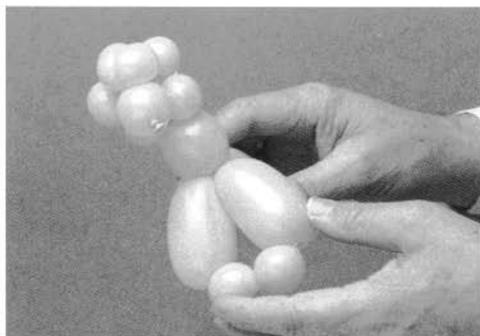


**2** ▶ Make seven  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles. Lock twist the third and last  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base to make a five-bubble loop.



**3** ▶ Tuck the head and ears through the loop to make the head.

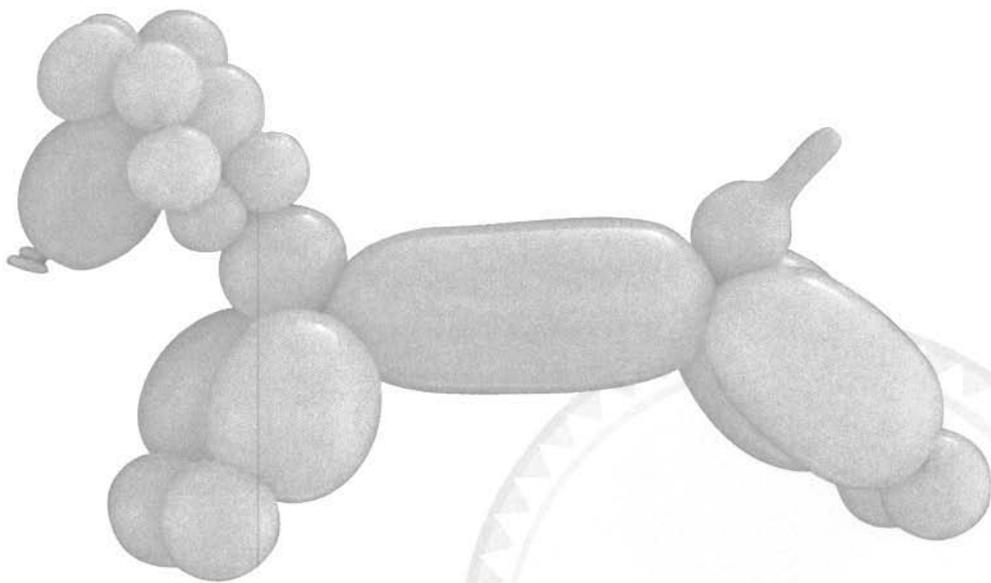




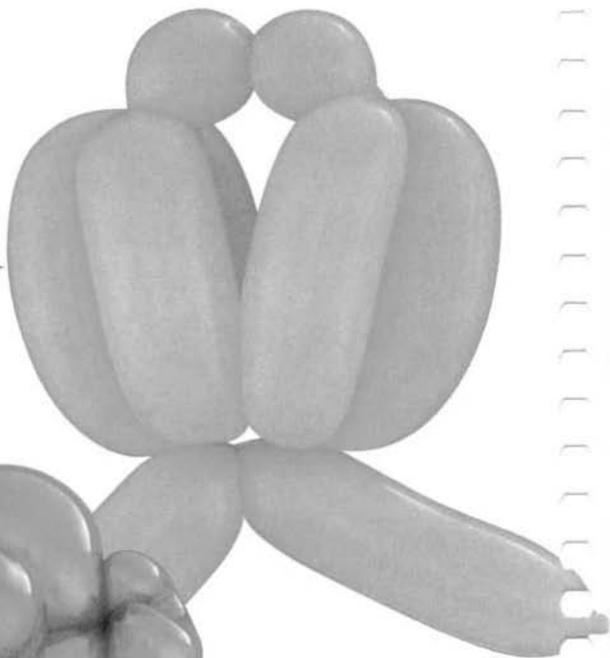
**4** Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck followed by a 1½-inch bubble, two ½-inch bubbles, and a 1½-inch bubble. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.



**5** Make a 2-inch bubble for the body followed by a 1½-inch bubble, two ½-inch bubbles, and a 1½-inch bubble. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Lamb.



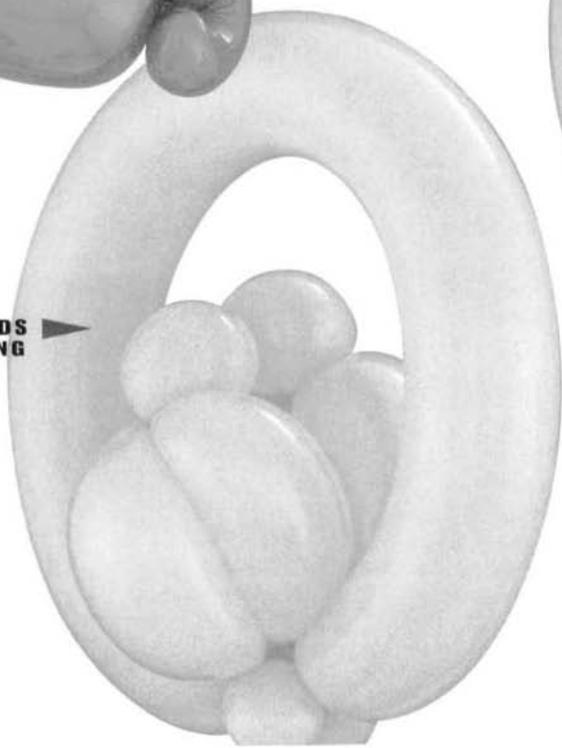
LOVE BIRDS



TEDDY BEAR



LOVE BIRDS  
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**TEDDY BEAR  
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**PARROT IN  
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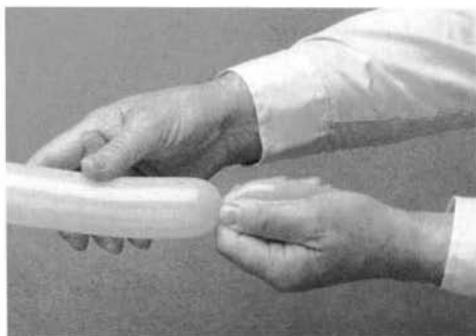
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THE FIGURES BECOME MORE DETAILED in this section. Here, you'll learn how to separate a balloon by making a series of bubbles and popping the middle one.

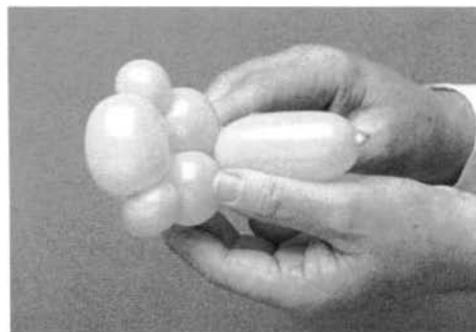
# Five-Bubble Series with Pinch Twists

A FIVE-BUBBLE SERIES with Pinch Twists is used to make the heads of several figures.

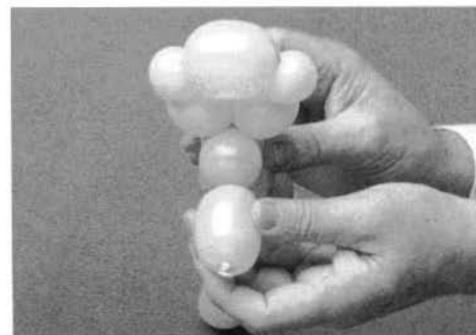
**1** Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Squeeze a small amount of air from the knot end to make a soft 3-inch bubble.



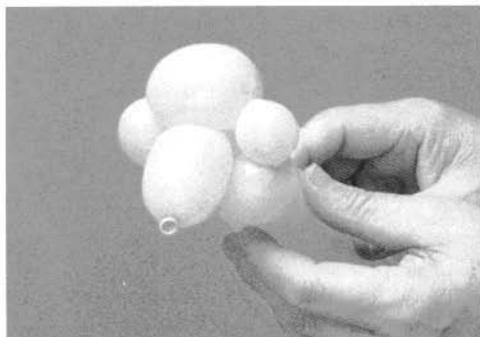
**2** Make the following bubbles in this order: 1-inch, 1/2-inch, 1 1/2-inch, 1/2-inch, and 1-inch. Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make a five-bubble loop.



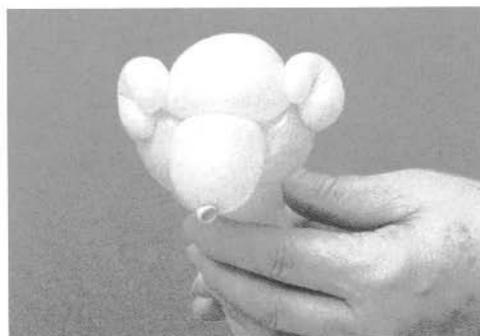
**3** Make a 2-inch bubble at the knot end of the soft 3-inch bubble.



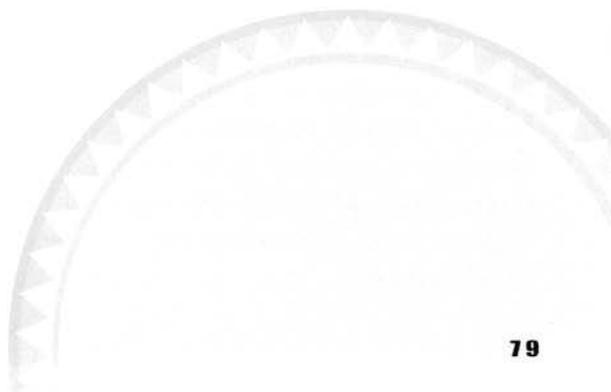
## Five-Bubble Series with Pinch Twists



4 Tuck the 2-inch bubble through the center of the loop.



5 Pinch twist the two  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles to make the ears and complete the head.



# Five-Bubble Series with Pinch & Pop

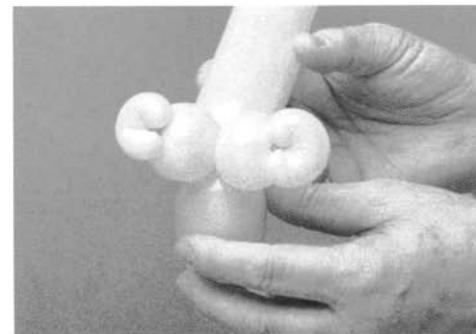
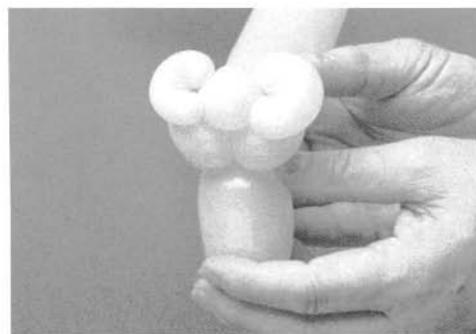
THE FIVE-BUBBLE SERIES with Pinch and Pop is used when two segments of a figure must be separated, such as arms, legs, handlebars, or wings.

**1** Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make the following bubbles in this order: 2-inch, 1-inch, 1/2-inch, 1/2-inch, 1/2-inch, and 1-inch. Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base.

**2** Pinch twist the first and third 1/2-inch bubbles, twisting them several times to secure.

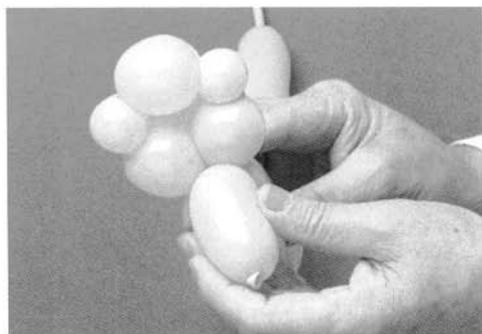
**3** Pop the second 1/2-inch bubble to separate the pinch-twisted bubbles.

When popping bubbles in a pinch-and-pop series, it's important to twist the pinch twists several times to secure. If you don't twist them several times, they may come undone once the bubble is popped.

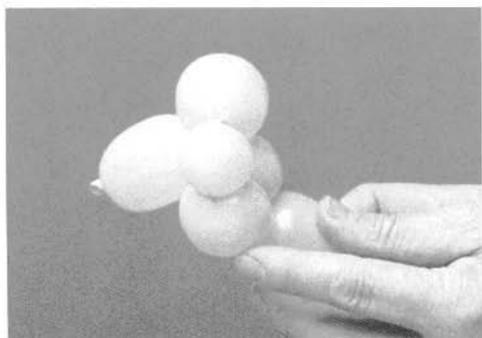


# Teddy Bear

TEDDY BEARS ARE POPULAR with people of all ages, and this one's no exception.



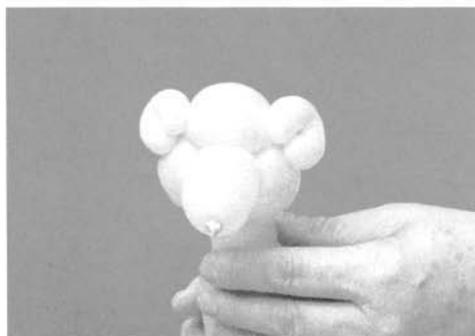
**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Squeeze a small amount of air from the knot end to make a soft 3-inch bubble. Make the following bubbles in this order: 1-inch, 1/2-inch, 1 1/2-inch, 1/2-inch, and 1-inch. Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make a five-bubble loop.



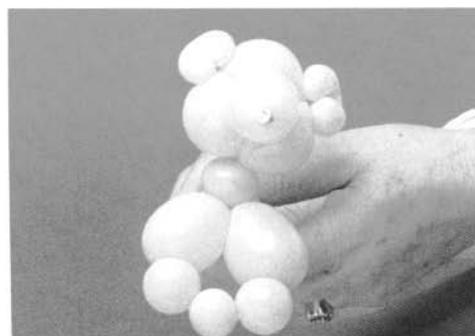
**2** Make a 2-inch bubble at the knot end of the 3-inch bubble. Tuck the 2-inch bubble through the center of the five-bubble loop.

## Teddy Bear

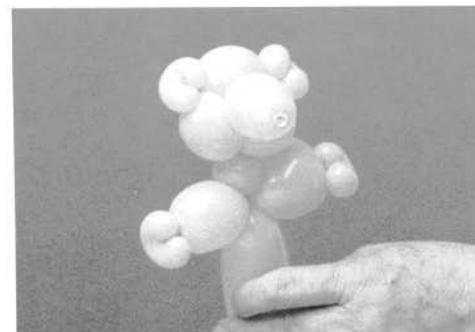
**3** Pinch twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles to make the ears.

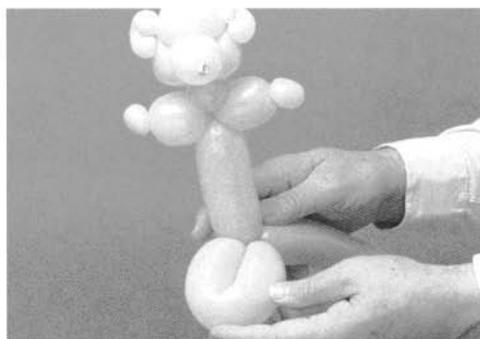


**4** Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck followed by a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble, three  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles, and a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble. Lock twist the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base to make the arms.

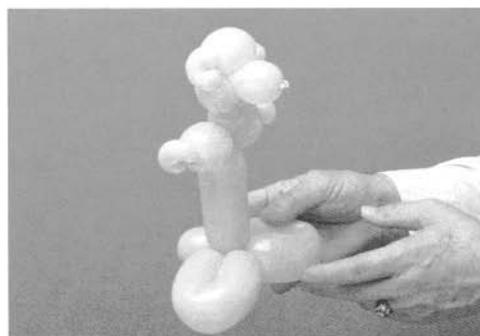


**5** Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles, twisting them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble to separate the arms.





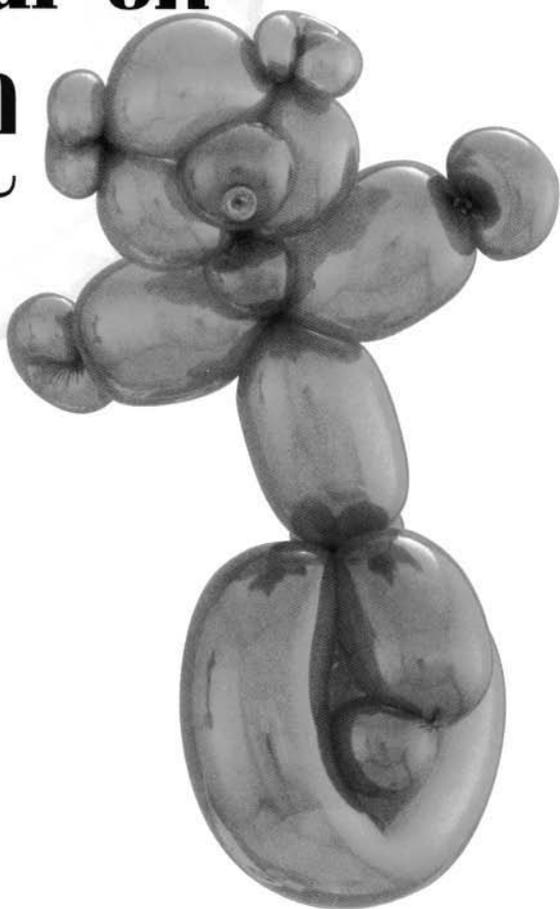
**6** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by a 3-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the 3-inch loop together to make one leg.



**7** Make another 3-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the other leg. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Teddy Bear.

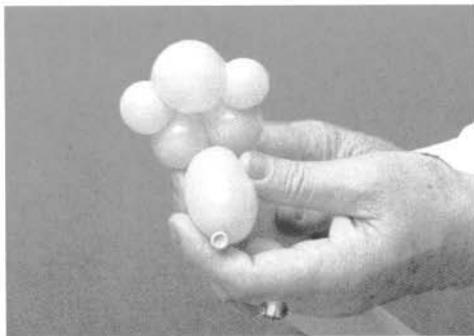
*Adjustments for too little or too much air can be made to bubble sizes in the body and legs of the Teddy Bear.*

# Teddy Bear on a Unicycle

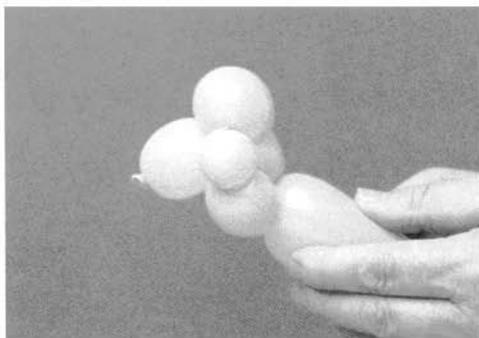


WHO KNEW A TEDDY BEAR could ride a unicycle? With a little air and a few twists, this one can.

**1** Inflation a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Squeeze a small amount of air from the knot end and make a soft 2½-inch bubble. Make the following bubbles in this order: ¾-inch, ½-inch, 1-inch, ½-inch, and ¾-inch. Lock twist the ¾-inch bubbles together at the base to make a five-bubble loop.



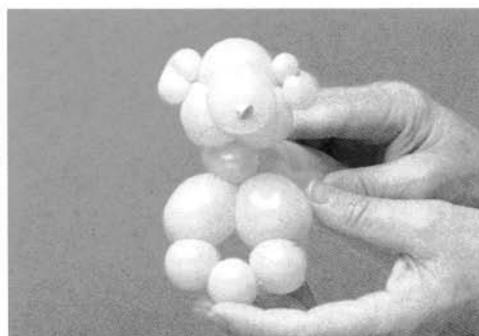
## Teddy Bear on a Unicycle



**2** Make a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble at the knot end of the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble and tuck it through the center of the loop.



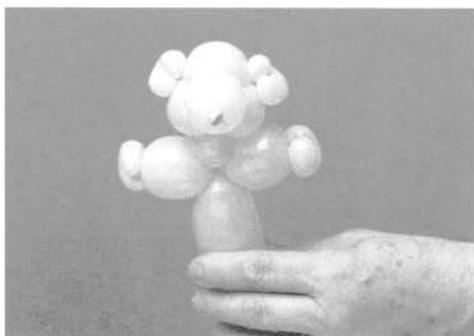
**3** Pinch twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles of the loop to make the ears.



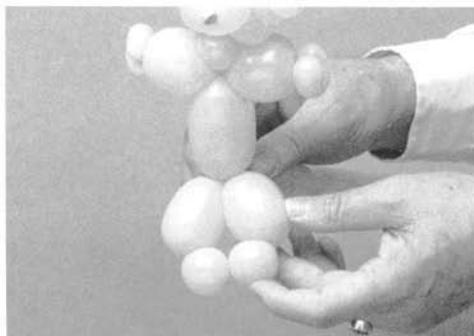
**4** Make a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bubble for the neck followed by a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble, three  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles, and a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble. Lock twist the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base to make the arms.

## Teddy Bear on a Unicycle

**5** Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles, twisting each of them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble to separate the arms.



**6** Make a 2-inch bubble for the body followed by a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble, two  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles, and a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble. Lock twist the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base to make the legs.

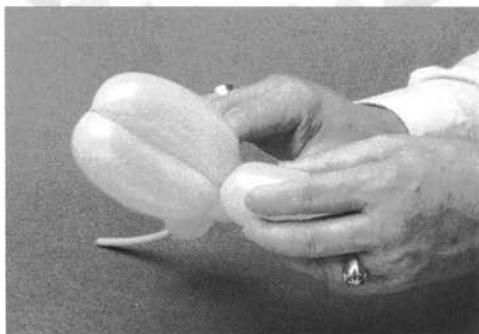


**7** Make a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble at the tip of the inflated portion of the balloon. Wrap the remaining inflated portion of the balloon around the legs so one leg is on each side of the loop. Lock twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble around the twist where the legs and the body are joined to make the tail and complete the Teddy Bear on a Unicycle.

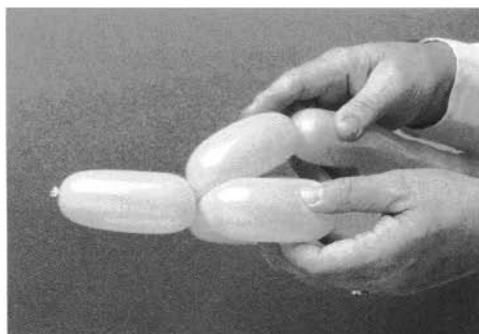


# Three-Bubble Roll Through

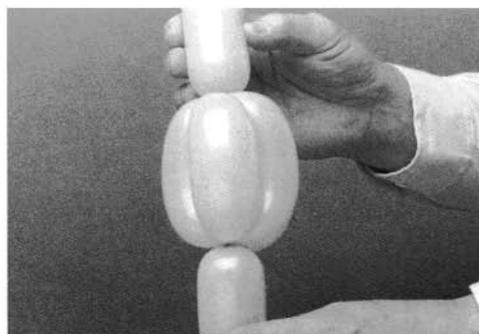
THE THREE-BUBBLE ROLL THROUGH is used for the body of several figures.



**1** Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a bubble at the knot end followed by two bubbles of equal length. Lock twist the two bubbles together at the base.



**2** Make a third bubble the same size as the first two and hold it alongside the two bubbles.



**3** Roll the two bubbles over the single bubble until the single bubble passes completely between the two bubbles. The twists at each end of the three-bubble roll through should be tightly wedged together.

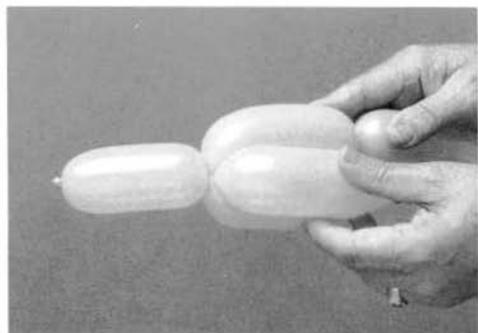
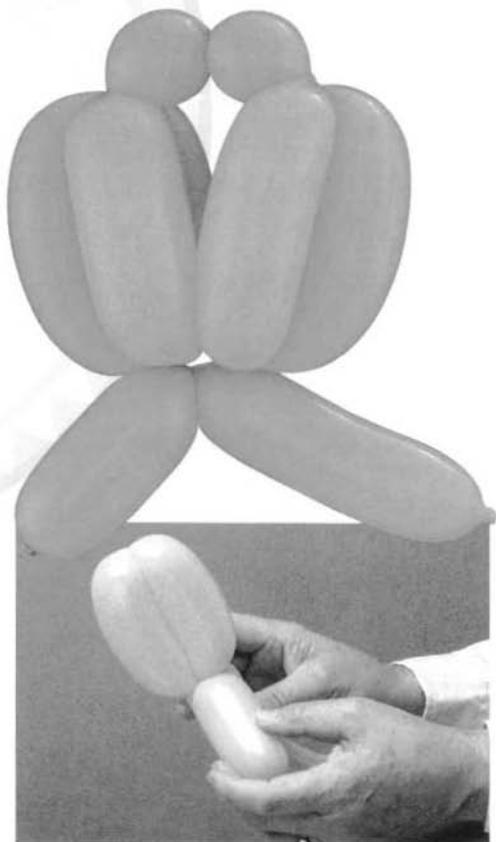
# Love Birds

LOVE BIRDS ARE A CLASSIC SYMBOL of romance. Present them to couples in the crowd, or use them to decorate a wedding or anniversary party.

**1** Inflation a 260Q, leaving about 3 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 3-inch bubble followed by two 4-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 4-inch bubbles together at the base.

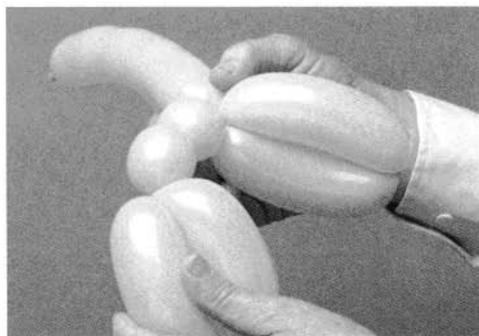
**2** Make a 4-inch bubble and hold it alongside the two 4-inch bubbles.

**3** Roll the two 4-inch bubbles over the single 4-inch bubble until it passes between the two 4-inch bubbles to make the body of the first Love Bird.

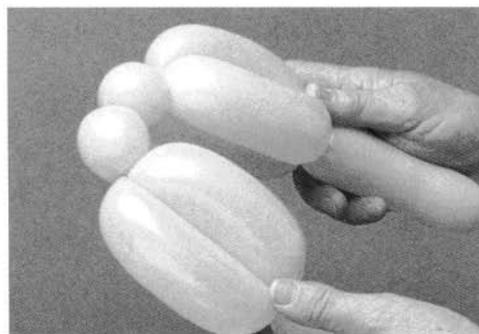




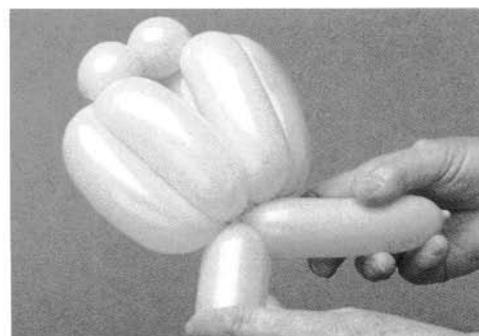
4 Make two 1-inch bubbles for the heads.



5 Make two 4-inch bubbles and lock twist them together at the base.



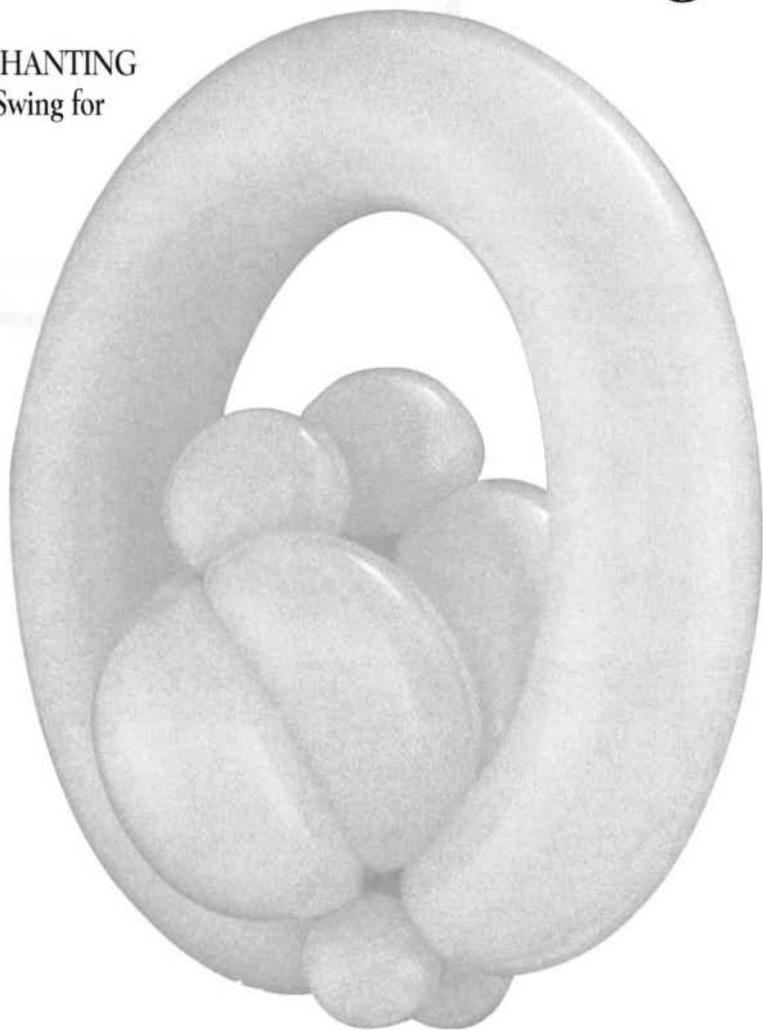
6 Repeat Steps 2-3 to make the body of the second Love Bird.



7 Lock twist the 3-inch bubble at the knot end of the balloon and the remaining inflated portion of the balloon together at the base of the bodies to make the tails and complete the Love Birds.

# Love Birds in a Swing

PUT THE ENCHANTING  
Love Birds in a Swing for  
added appeal.



**1** Fully inflate a 260Q. Allow a fairly large amount of air to escape to soften the balloon, and tie it. Make a ½-inch bubble followed by two 1½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base.

*TIP: If you stretch the balloon as you inflate it, it will be longer and thinner, making this figure easier to make.*



## Love Birds in a Swing



**2** Make another 1½-inch bubble and hold it alongside the two 1½-inch bubbles.



**3** Roll the two 1½-inch bubbles over the single 1½-inch bubble until it passes between the two 1½-inch bubbles to make the body of the first Love Bird.



**4** Make two ¾-inch bubbles for the heads.



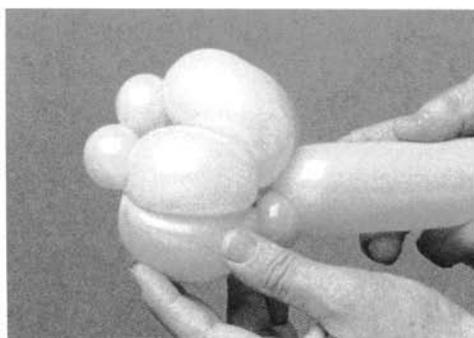
**5** Make two 1½-inch bubbles and lock twist them together at the base.

## Love Birds in a Swing

**6** Repeat Steps 2-3 to make the body of the second Love Bird.



**7** Lock twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble at the knot end of the balloon and the remaining inflated portion of the balloon together at the base of the Love Birds.



**8** Make a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble at the end of the remaining inflated portion of the balloon. Make a loop around the two Love Birds with the rest of the balloon so one bird is on each side of the loop. Lock twist the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together to make the tails and complete the Love Birds in a Swing.



# Parrot in a Swing



HERE'S A PARROT that won't talk back and comes with his own swing. Present him with lines like:

*Polly want a cracker?*

*Don't let him fly away.*

*I wonder if he talks.*



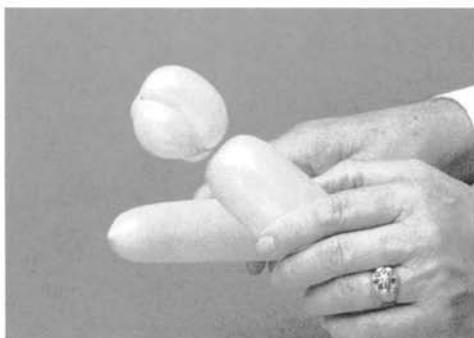
**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a soft  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble for the beak followed by a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble for the head.



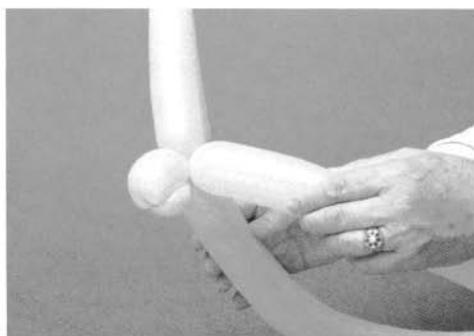
**2** Grasp the knot end of the balloon with your right hand and stretch it over the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble until it crosses the twist at the base of the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble. Hold the knot and the twist at the base of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble together.

## Parrot in a Swing

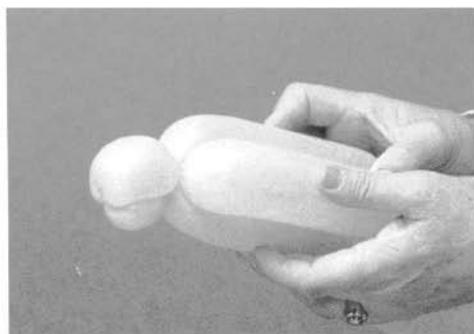
**3** ▶ Wrap the knot around the base of the 1½-inch bubble to make the head.



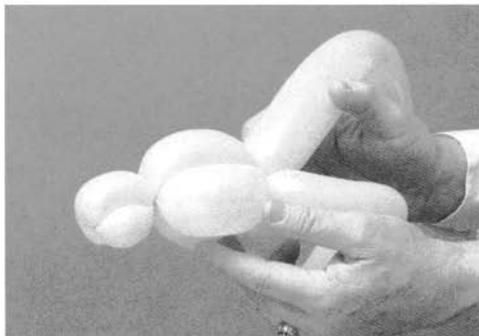
**4** ▶ Make a 6-inch bubble at the tip end of the balloon. Lock twist the 6-inch bubble and the twist at the base of the head together.



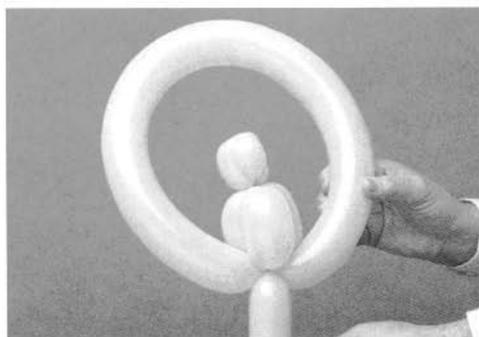
**5** ▶ Bring the end of the balloon and the two sides of the loop together.



## Parrot in a Swing

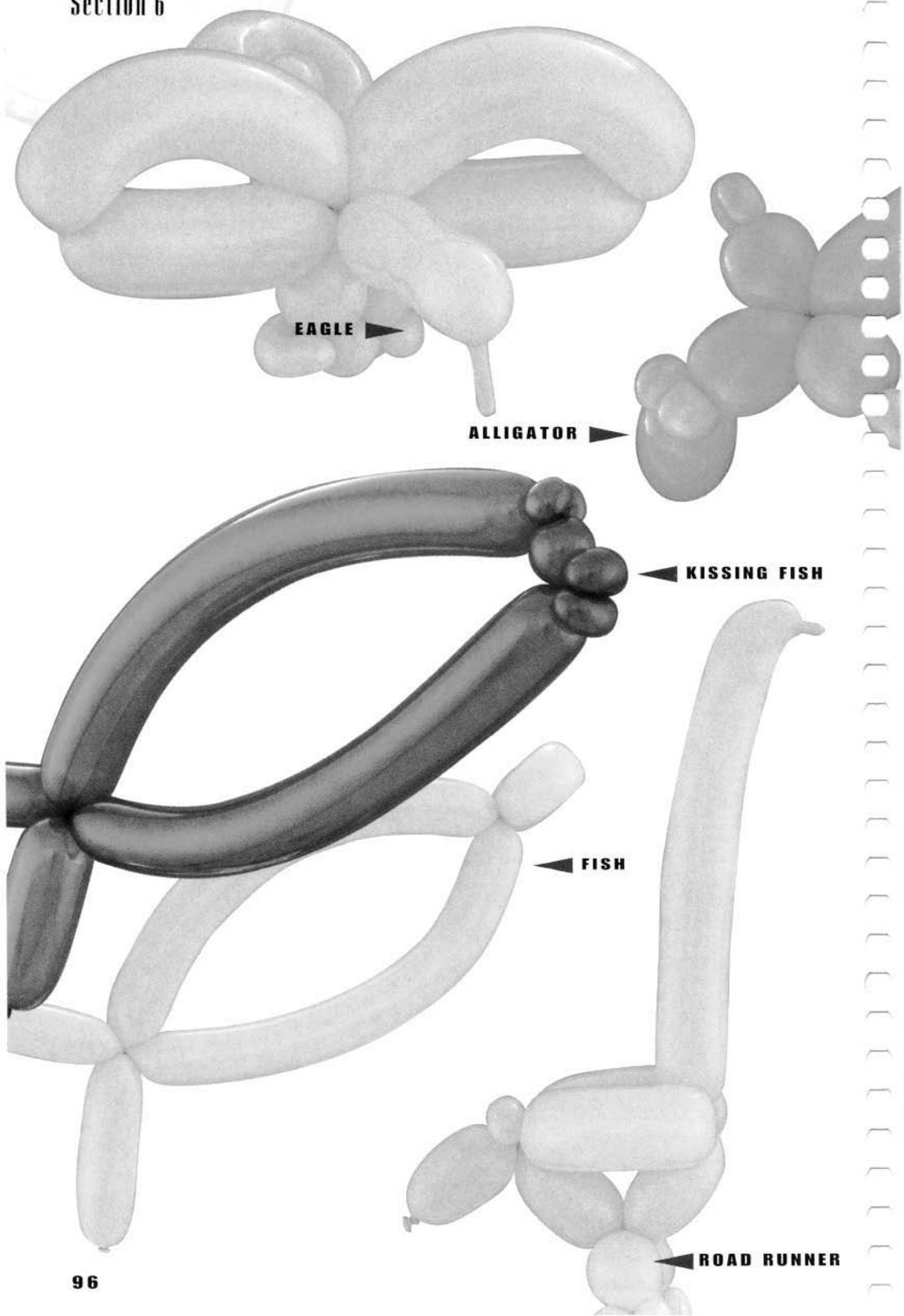


**6** Lock twist these three sections together in the middle of the 6-inch bubble to make the body and tail.



**7** Place the body inside of the loop, leaving the tail hanging down to complete the Parrot in a Swing.





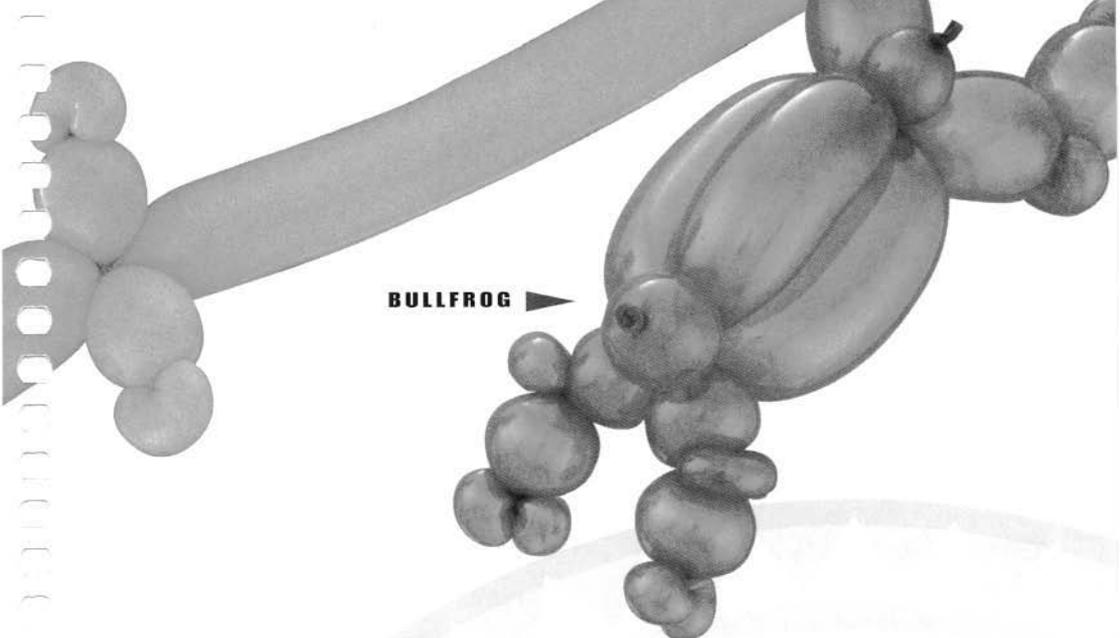
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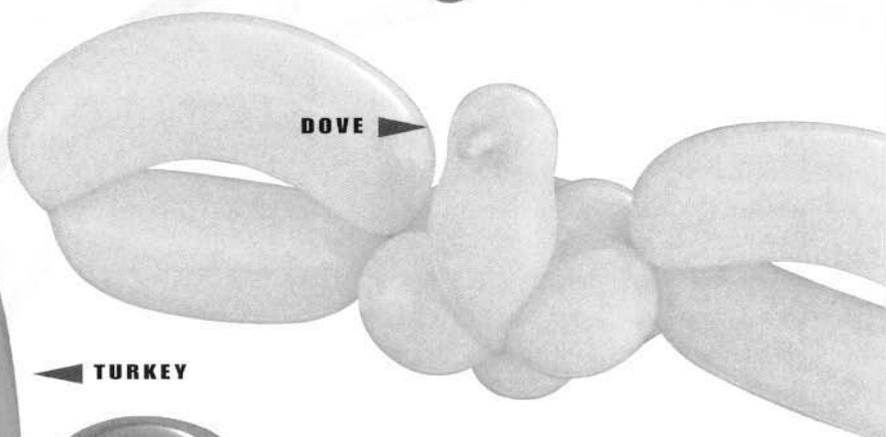
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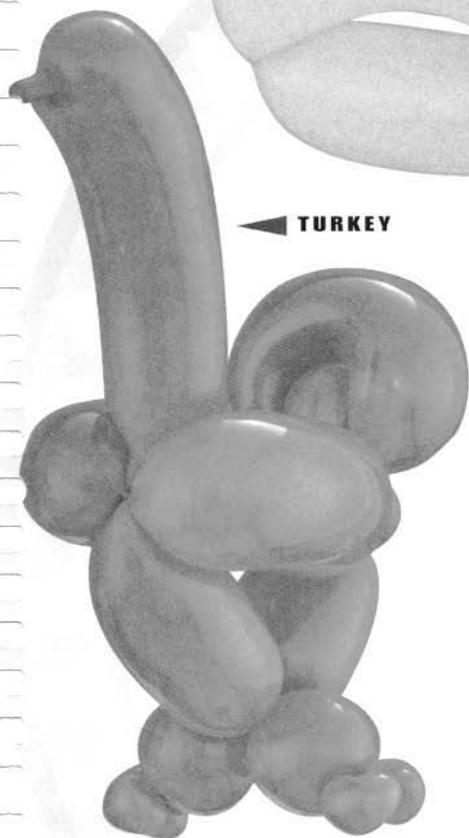


**BULLFROG**



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**TURKEY**



# Section 6

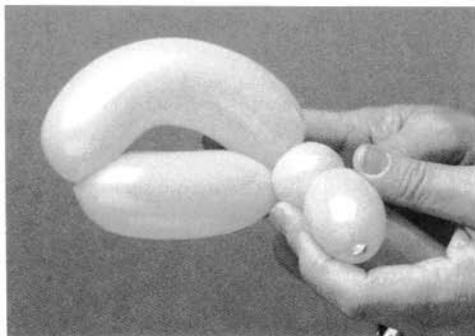
IN THIS SECTION, you'll be putting everything you've learned up to this point to use. Some of these figures use a combination of techniques to produce spectacular results.

# Dove

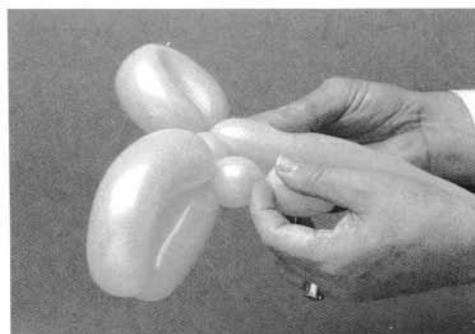
GIVE THE DOVE as a symbol of peace and a gesture of goodwill.



**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 4 inches uninflated, and tie it. Make the following bubbles in this order: 1½-inch, 1-inch, 5-inch, and 3-inch. Twist the 5-inch bubble and the 3-inch bubble together opposite the normal direction to make one wing. Wrap the 1½-inch bubble and 1-inch bubble through the wing and around the twist to secure.



**2** ▶ Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a 3-inch loop. Twist the ends of the loop together to make the tail. Wrap the remaining inflated portion of the balloon through the loop that makes the tail and around the twist to secure.



**3** ▶ Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a 3-inch bubble and a 5-inch bubble. Twist the 3-inch bubble and the 5-inch bubble together to make the second wing. Wrap the remaining inflated portion of the balloon through the second wing and around the twist to secure.

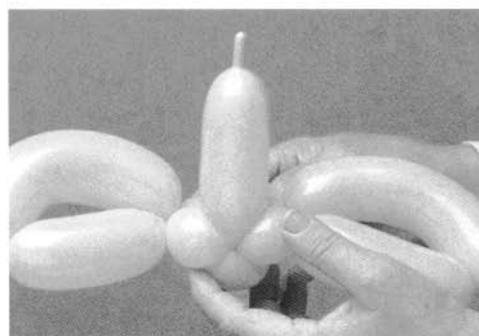




**4** Make a 1-inch bubble. Twist it and the 1½-inch bubble made in Step 1 together.



**5** Stretch the 1½-inch bubble to the rear, and wrap the knot end of the balloon around the twist at the base of the tail to make the body.

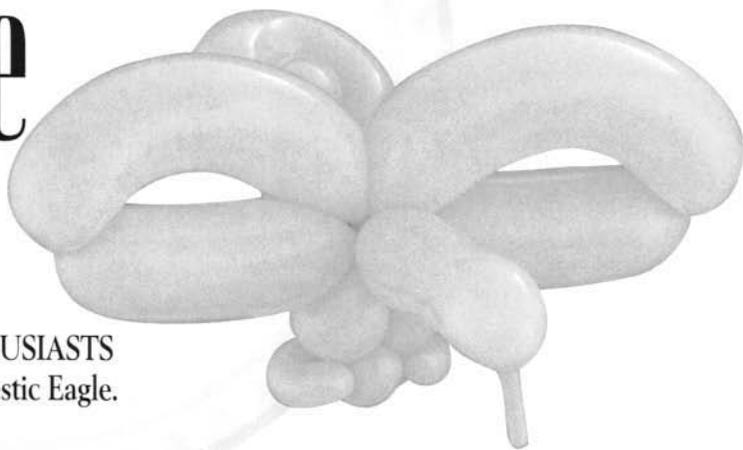


**6** Wedge the base of the remaining inflated portion of the balloon between the two adjacent 1-inch bubbles at the front of the body to hold it upright.



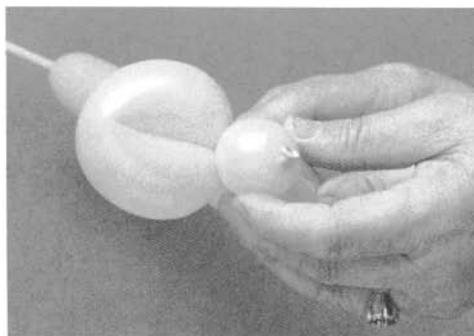
**7** Fold the uninflated tip of the balloon down along the bottom of the end bubble, and hold it there while squeezing the end bubble. This makes the head and beak to complete the Dove.

# Eagle

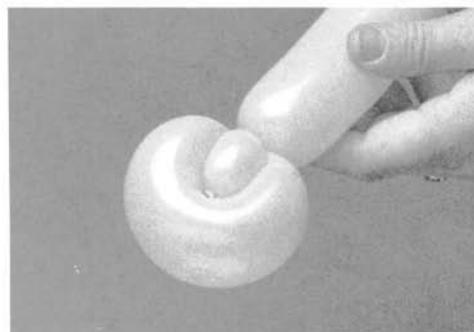


**NATURE ENTHUSIASTS**  
will love this majestic Eagle.

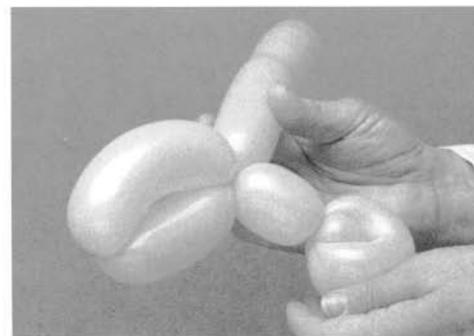
**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a 1½-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together.

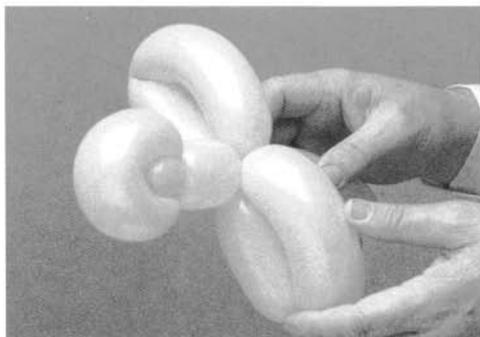


**2** ▶ Tuck the 1-inch bubble inside the 1½-inch loop to make the tail.



**3** ▶ Make a 2-inch bubble for the body followed by a 4-inch bubble and a 3-inch bubble. Lock twist the 4-inch bubble and the 3-inch bubble together at the base to make one wing. Wrap the remaining inflated portion of the balloon through the wing and around the twist to secure.

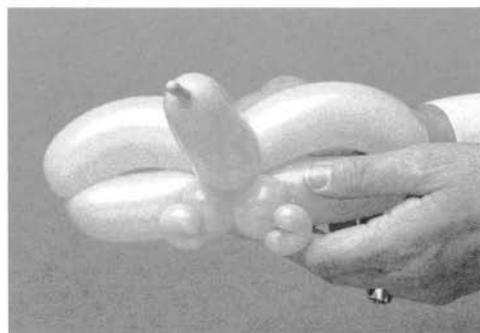




**4** Make a 4-inch bubble and a 3-inch bubble and lock twist them together at the base to make the second wing. Wrap the remaining inflated portion of the balloon through the wing and around the twist to secure.



**5** Make a five-bubble pinch-and-pop series with the following bubbles: 1-inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, and 1-inch. Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make the legs.



**6** Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles of the leg assembly, twisting them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble to separate the legs.

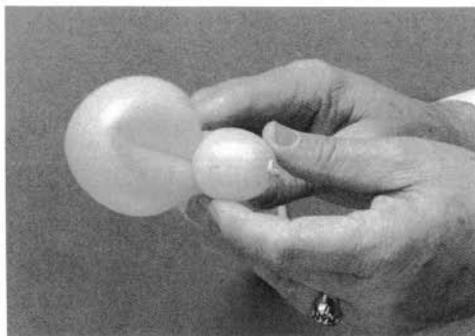


**7** Fold the uninflated tip of the balloon down along the inflated portion of the balloon. Squeeze the inflated portion of the balloon with both hands until the air is forced into the uninflated tip to make the head and beak, completing the Eagle.

# Turkey

THIS TRADITIONAL Thanksgiving treat can be presented with lines like: *Gobble, gobble. This Turkey's stuffed with air. Don't carve this Turkey. It looks good, but I wouldn't eat it.*

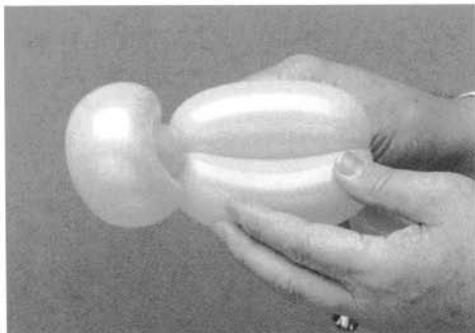
**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together. Tuck the 1-inch bubble inside the 2-inch loop to make the tail.



**2** Make a 1-inch bubble. Pinch twist it, and position it at the base of the tail to hold the tail up.

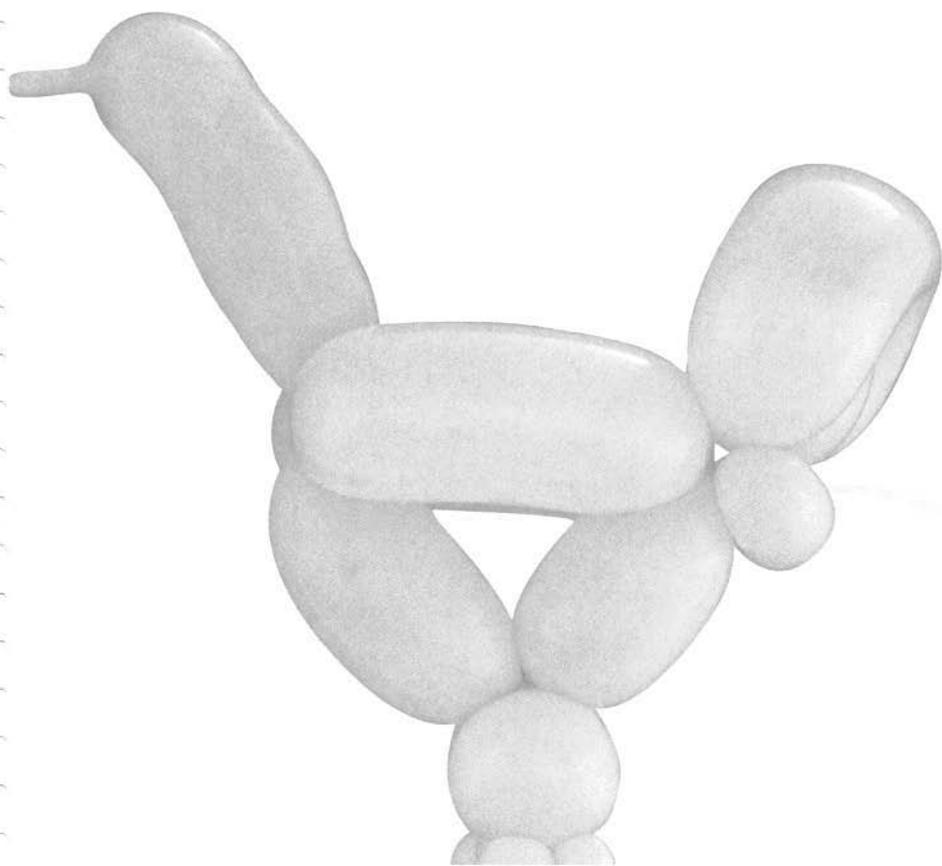


**3** Make two 4-inch bubbles. Lock twist them together at the base.





**4** Make the following bubbles in this order: 1½-inch, 1-inch, ½-inch, ½-inch, ½-inch, and 1-inch. Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make the legs. Wrap the remaining inflated portion of the balloon through the five-bubble loop and around the twist to secure.



**5** Make a 1½-inch bubble and pull the remaining inflated portion of the balloon through the 4-inch bubbles. Wedge the twist at the end of the 1½-inch bubble between the ends of the 4-inch bubbles from Step 3 to make the body.



**6** Pinch twist the first and third ½-inch bubbles of the leg assembly, twisting each of them several times to secure. Pop the second ½-inch bubble to separate the legs.



**7** Fold the uninflated tip of the balloon down along the neck. Squeeze the neck with both hands until air is forced into the tip to make the head and beak and complete the Turkey.



# Road Runner

HERE'S A ROAD RUNNER that won't get away from you. Present it with lines like:

*You can outrun this Road Runner.*

*Don't get run over by the Road Runner.*

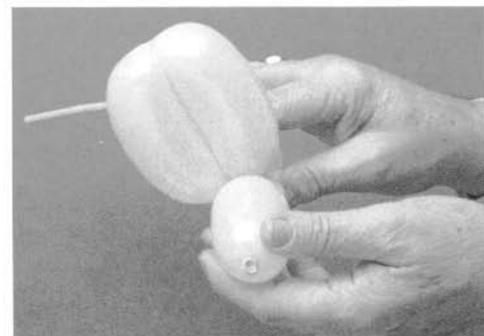
*He's a funny looking bird, but boy is he fast.*



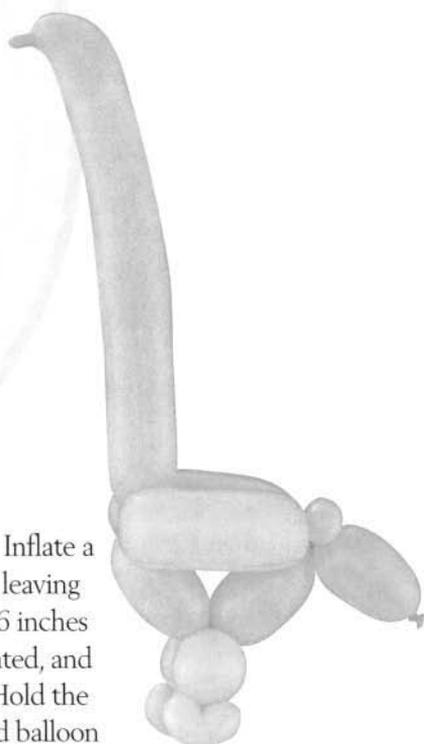
**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 2½-inch bubble for the tail followed by a ¾-inch bubble.



**2** Pinch twist the ¾-inch bubble, and position it at the base of the tail to hold the tail down.

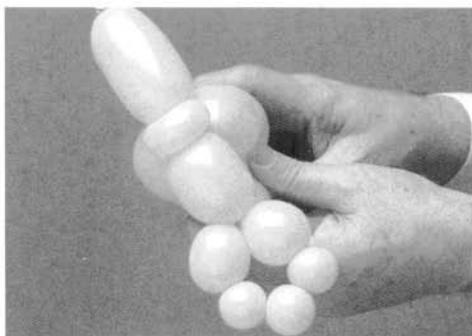


**3** Make two 2½-inch bubbles. Lock twist them together at the base.

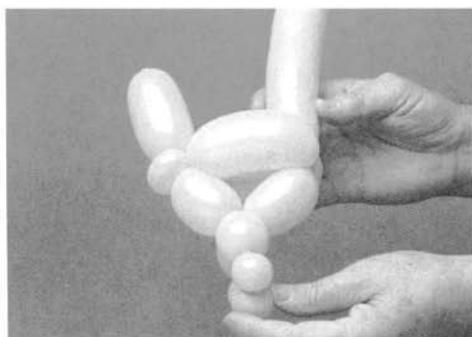


## Road Runner

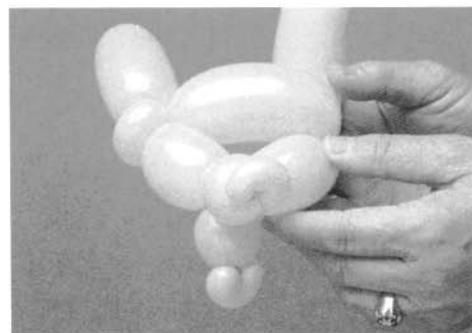
**4** Make the following bubbles in this order: 1½-inch, 1-inch, ½-inch, ½-inch, ½-inch, and 1-inch. Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make the legs. Wrap the remaining inflated portion of the balloon through the five-bubble loop and around the twist to secure.



**5** Make a 1½-inch bubble and pull the remaining inflated portion of the balloon between the bubbles that make the body. Wedge the twist at the end of the 1½-inch bubble between the ends of the two 2½-inch bubbles made in Step 3 to make the body and hold the head upright.



**6** Pinch twist the first and third ½-inch bubbles of the leg assembly, twisting each of them several times to secure. Pop the second ½-inch bubble to separate the legs.



**7** Fold the uninflated tip of the balloon down along the neck and hold it there with the tip of one finger. Squeeze the neck with both hands until the air is forced into the uninflated tip to make the head and beak and complete the Road Runner.



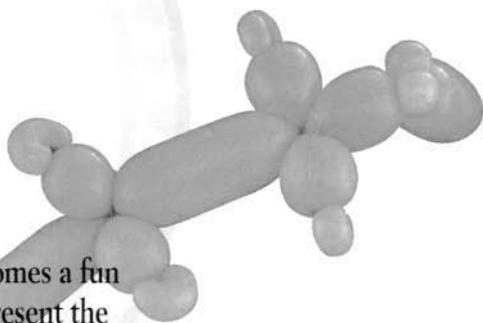
# Alligator

THE DANGEROUS ALLIGATOR becomes a fun playmate when made out of a balloon. Present the Alligator with lines like:

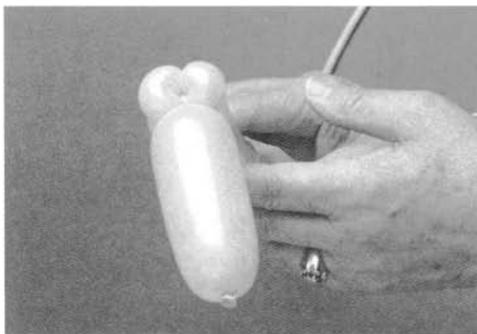
*Don't get caught in the Alligator's jaws.*

*This Alligator doesn't live in a swamp.*

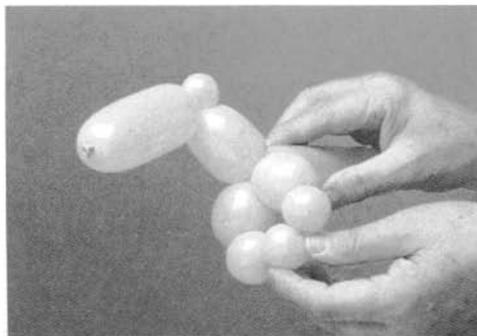
*This is a friendly Alligator.*



**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 3-inch bubble for the head followed by a 1-inch pinch twist.



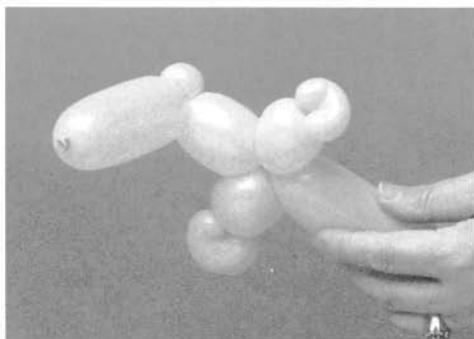
**2** Twist the pinch-twisted bubble in half to make the eyes.



**3** Make a 1½-inch bubble for the neck, followed by a 1-inch bubble, three ½-inch bubbles, and a 1-inch bubble. Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base for the front legs.

## Alligator

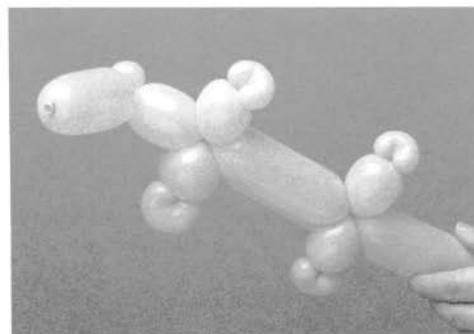
**4** Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles, twisting each of them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble to separate the front legs.



**5** Make a 5-inch bubble for the body followed by a 1-inch bubble, three  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles, and a 1-inch bubble. Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs.



**6** Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles, twisting each of them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble to separate the back legs and complete the Alligator.



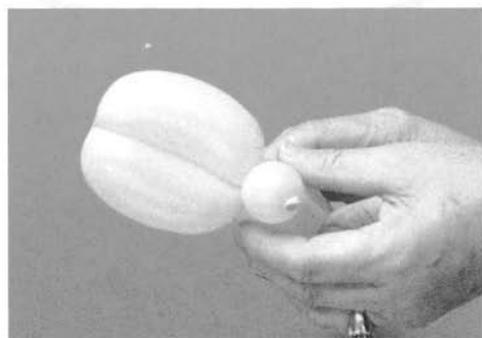
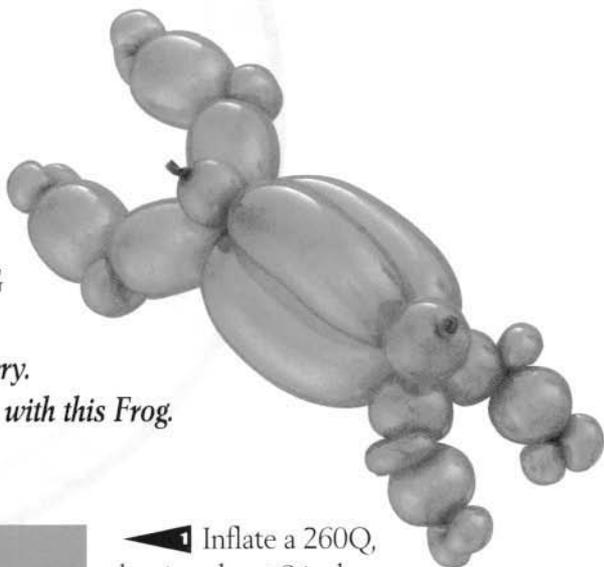
# Bullfrog

THIS BIG, NOISY BULLFROG

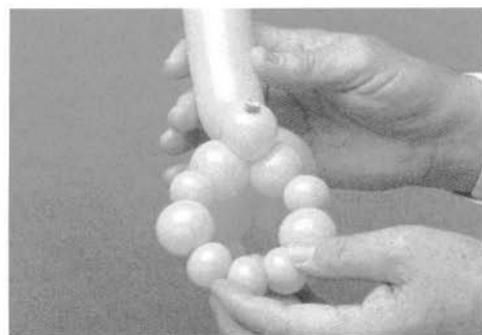
can be presented with lines like:  
*These Frog legs are a little rubbery.*

*You can get a jump on everyone with this Frog.*

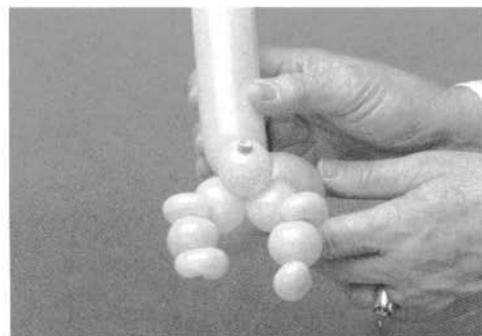
Or simply: *Ribbit, Ribbit.*



**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble for the head followed by two 3-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 3-inch bubbles together at the base.



**2** Make the following bubbles in this order: 1-inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, and 1-inch. Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base to form a nine-bubble loop.



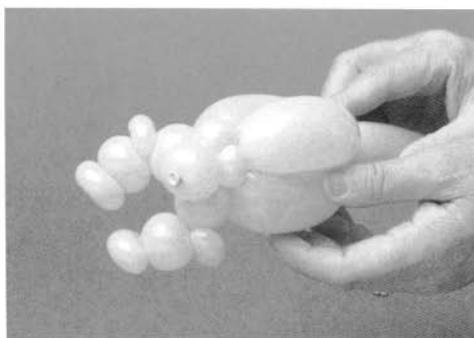
**3** Pinch twist the two single  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles to make the joints of the front legs. Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles of the three-bubble chain, twisting each of them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble to separate the front legs.

## Bullfrog

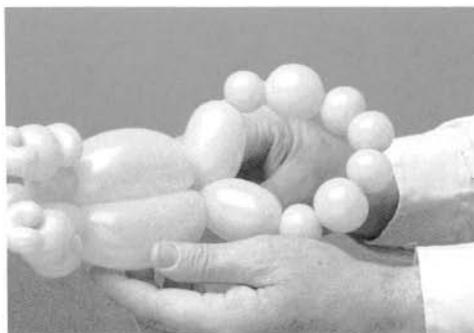
**4** Make a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch pinch twist at the base of the head. Twist the pinch-twisted bubble in half to make the eyes.



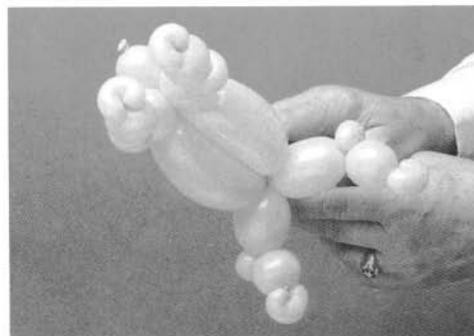
**5** Make a 3-inch bubble, and hold it alongside the two 3-inch bubbles made in Step 1. Roll the two 3-inch bubbles over the single 3-inch bubble until the single 3-inch bubble passes between the two 3-inch bubbles to make the body.



**6** Make the following bubbles in this order:  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 1-inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 1-inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch. Lock twist the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles together at the base for the back legs.



**7** Pinch twist the two single  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles to make the joints of the back legs. Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles of the three-bubble chain, twisting each of them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble to separate the back legs. The tip of the balloon becomes the tail to complete the Bullfrog.



# Fish

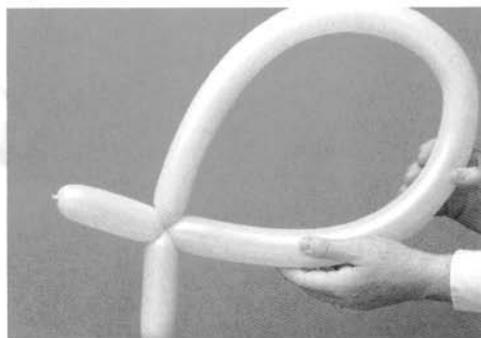
PRESENT THIS FISH out of water with lines like:

*There's something "fishy" here.*

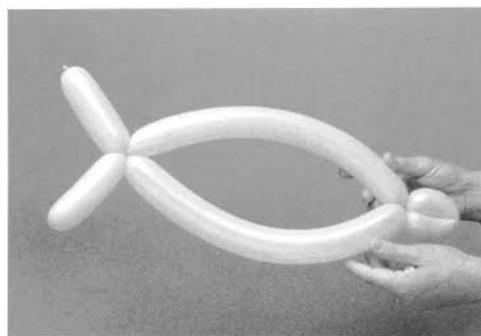
*Let's get in the swim of things.*

*Whatever you do, don't eat this Fish.*

*This Fish is a little rubbery.*



**1** Fully inflate a 260Q, allowing a small amount of air to escape, and tie it. Twist the balloon together 4 inches from the ends to make the tail fins.



**2** Make a 2-inch loop opposite the tail fins. Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the mouth and complete the Fish.



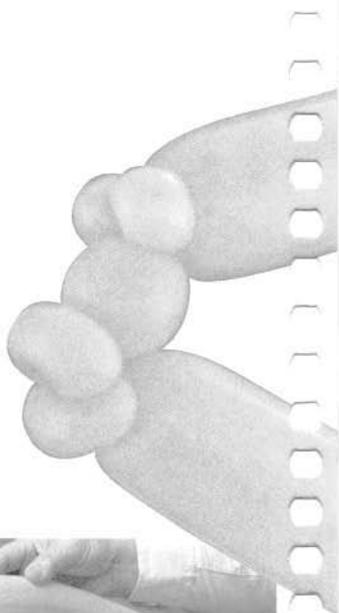
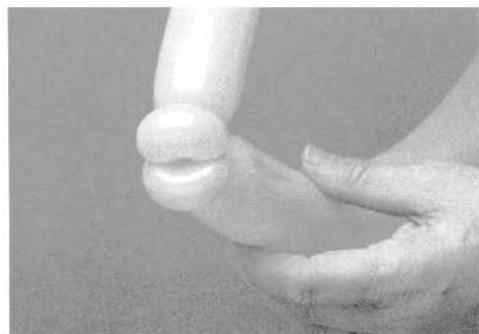
# Kissing Fish

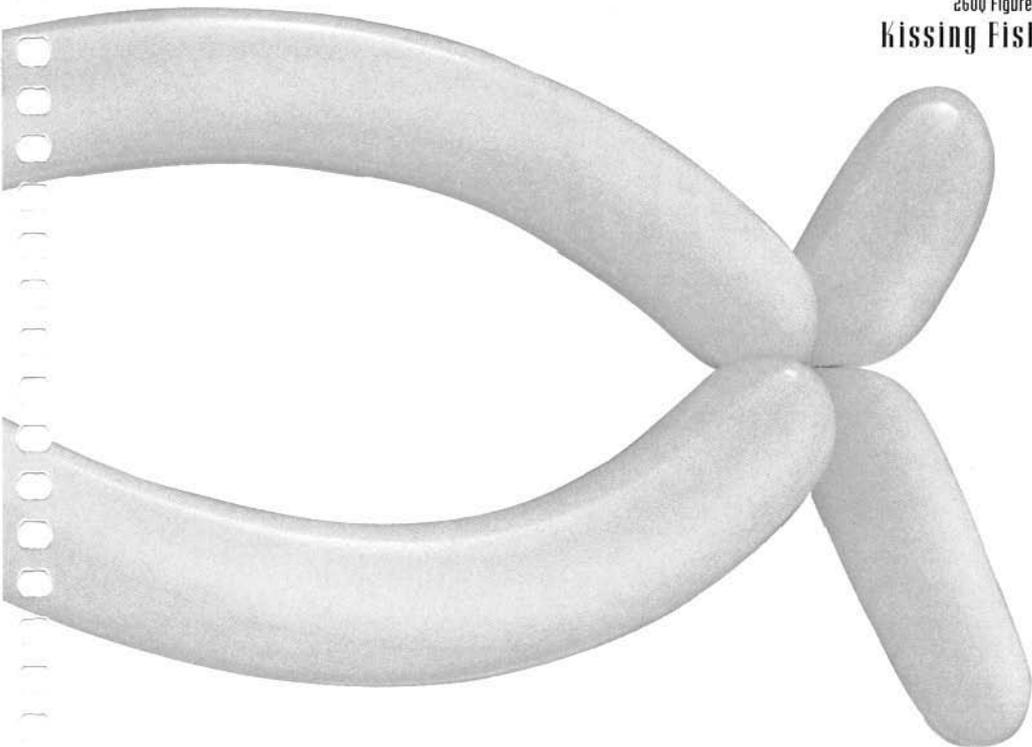
ROMANTICS WILL BE TICKLED  
by this Kissing Fish.

**1** Fully inflate a 260Q. Allow a fairly large amount of air to escape from the balloon to soften it, and tie it. Fold the balloon to find the middle, and twist it at that point.

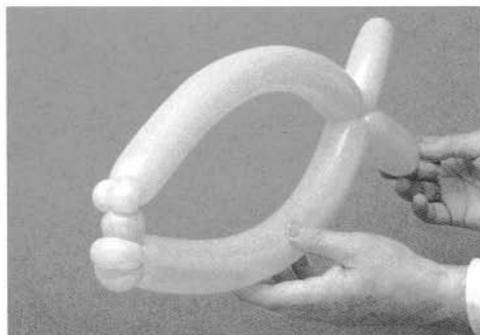
**2** Make two 1-inch pinch twists on one side of the middle twist for the mouth.

**3** Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a 1-inch pinch twist on the opposite side of the middle twist.





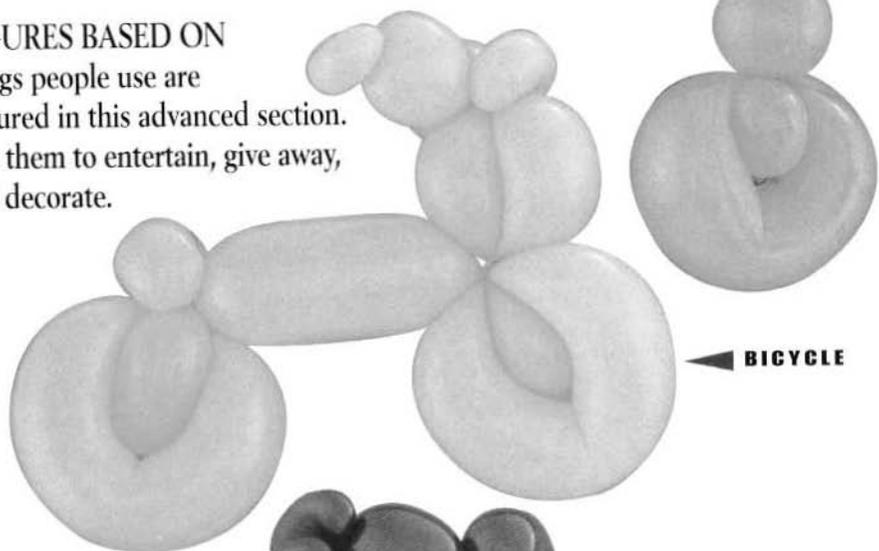
**4** Twist the pinch-twisted bubble in half to make the eyes.



**5** Twist the balloon together 3 inches from the ends to make the tail fins and complete the Kissing Fish.

# Section 7

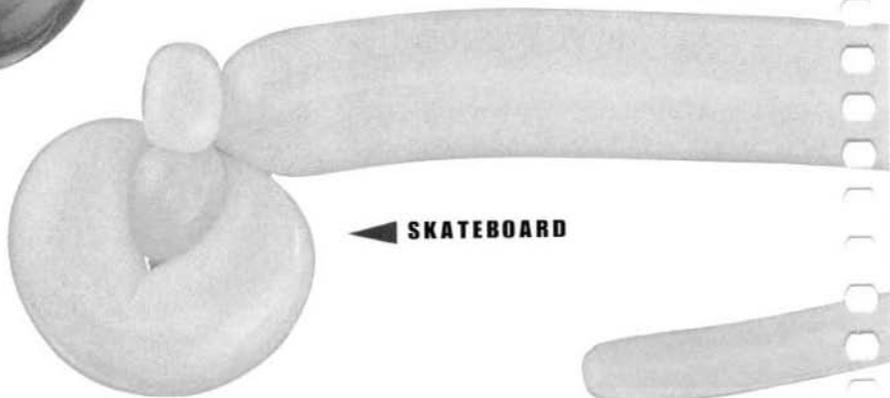
FIGURES BASED ON things people use are featured in this advanced section. Use them to entertain, give away, and decorate.



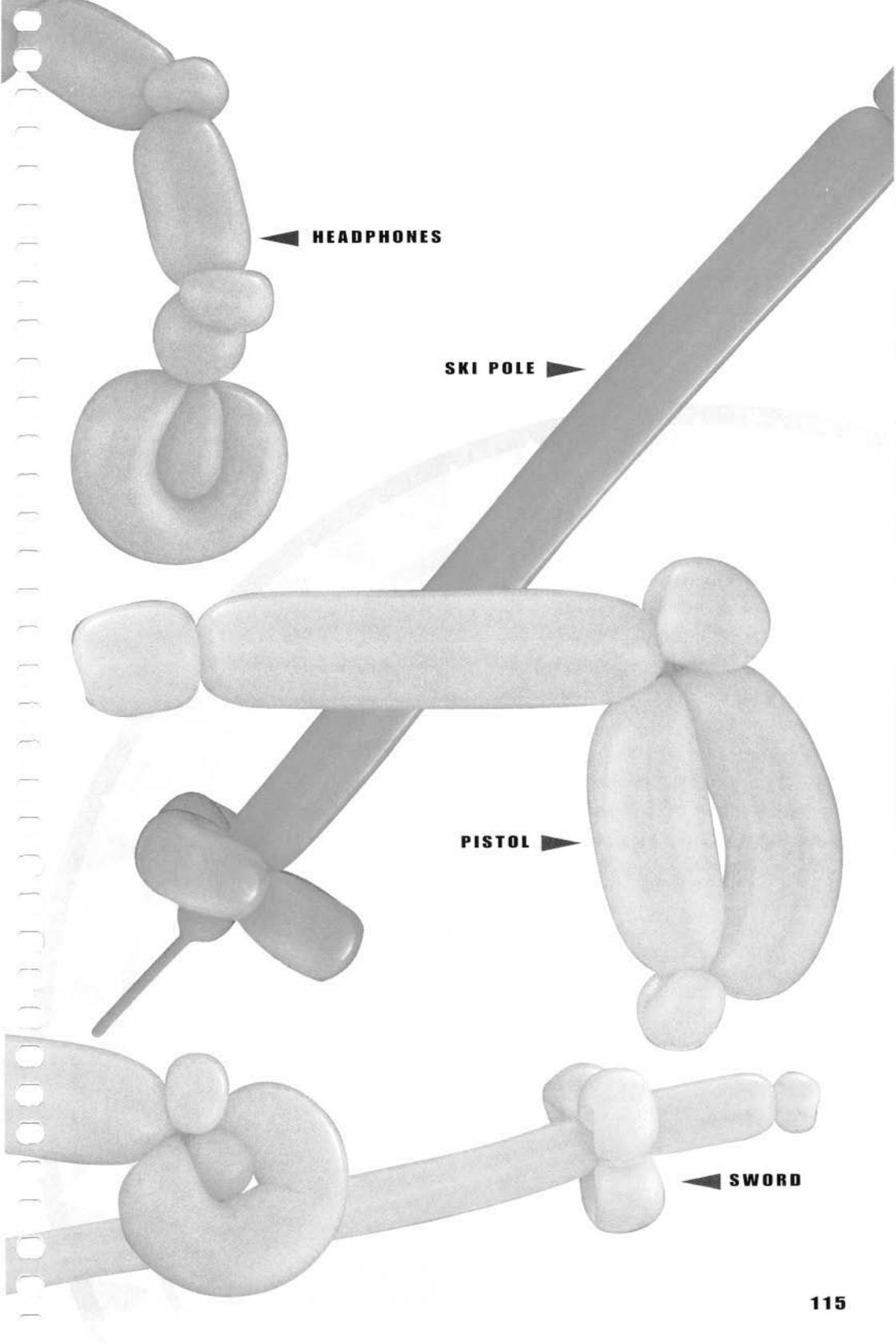
◀ BICYCLE



◀ CHOPPER



◀ SKATEBOARD



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SWORD

# Sword

MANY BALLOON SWORDS are made with only two baskets. This quick and easy Sword has three baskets to keep it from bending sideways, and to keep those who receive it from running back to you for repairs. Present the Sword with lines like:

*En Garde.*

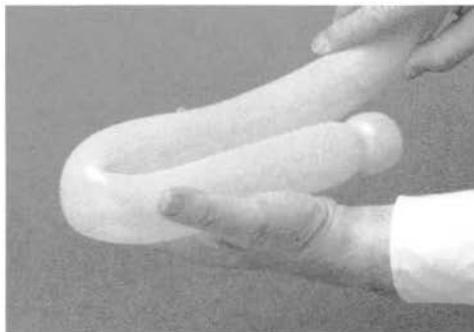
*Touché.*

*Don't hurt anyone with this.*

**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 2 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing left. Make a 1-inch tulip twist at the knot end of the balloon.



**2** ▶ Hold the balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing up and the tulip twist slightly below the bottom of your hand. Bend the balloon down about 2 inches above your hand.

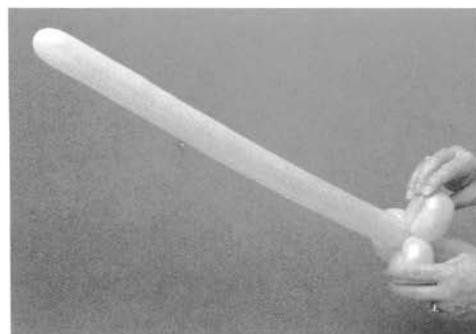


**3** ▶ Bend the balloon up at a point even with the bottom of your hand, making a cluster of three segments.

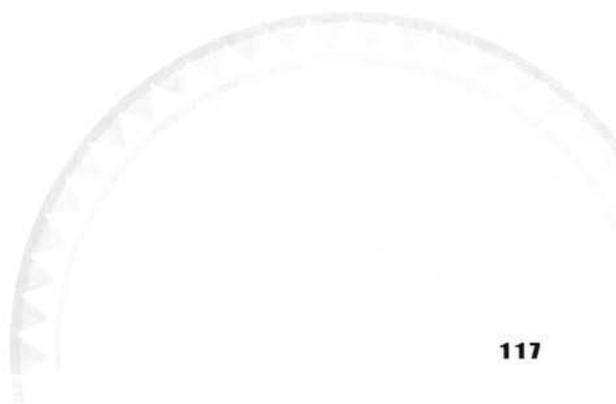




**4** Bend the balloon down again about 2 inches above your hand, making a cluster of four segments.

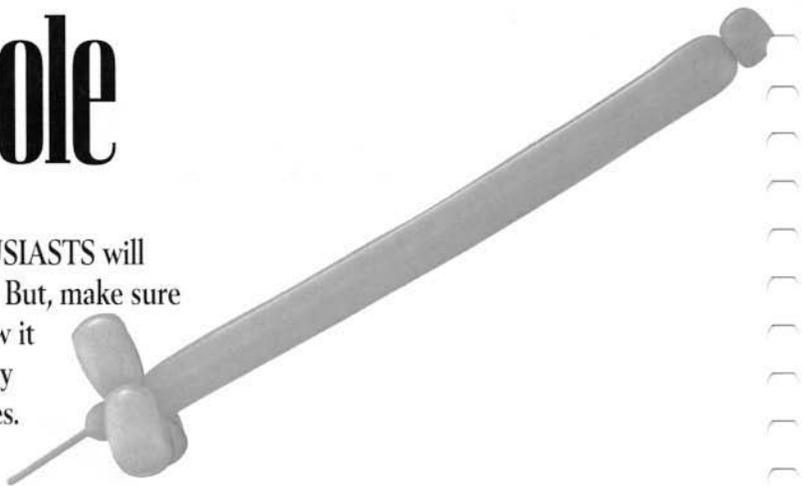


**5** Using both hands, twist the cluster of balloons in the middle at least one full twist. Adjust the three loops made around the top of the handle to complete the three-basket Sword.

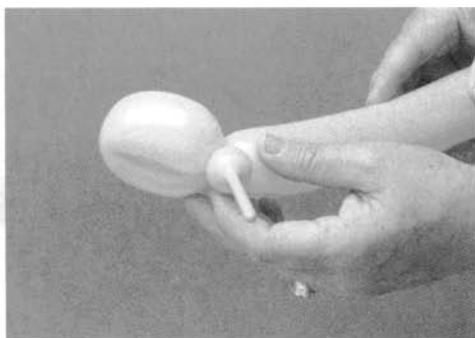


# Ski Pole

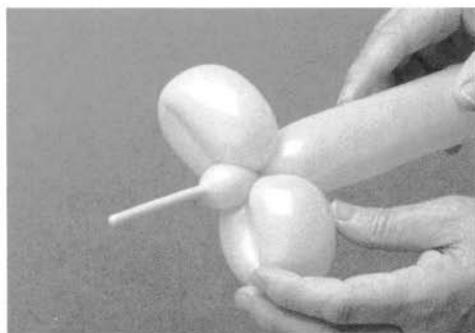
SKIING ENTHUSIASTS will love this Ski Pole. But, make sure you let them know it won't do them any good on the slopes.



**1** Inflation a 260Q, leaving about 3 inches uninflated. Allow a small amount of air to escape from the balloon, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble next to the uninflated tip of the balloon followed by a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the first section of the basket.

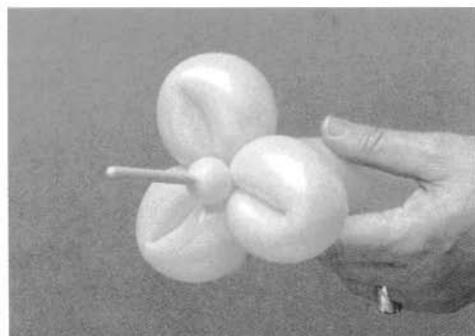


**2** Make a second 2-inch loop and lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the second section of the basket.



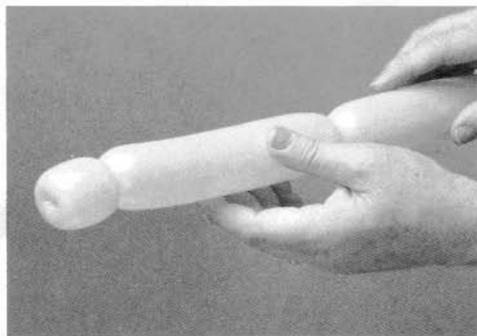
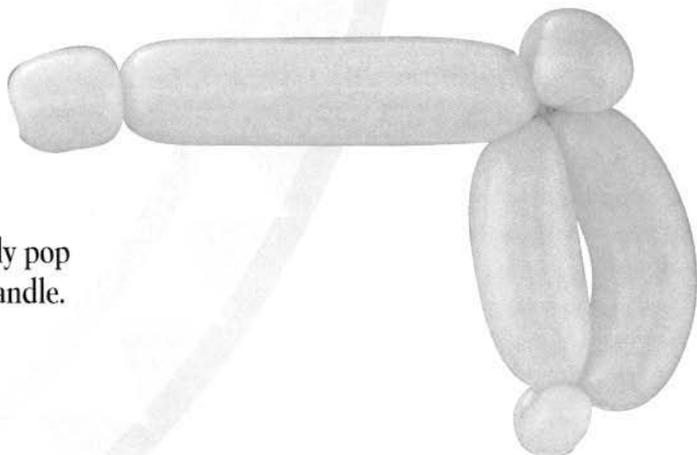
**3** Make a third 2-inch loop and lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the third section of the basket to complete the Ski Pole.

*TIP: You can even add a tulip twist to the other end for a fancier effect.*

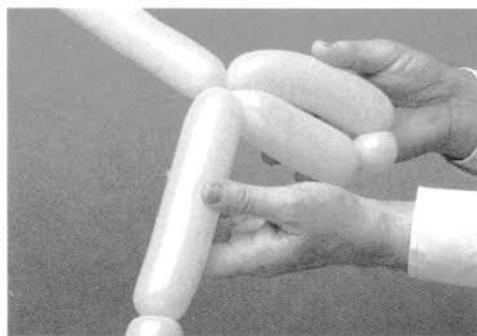


# Pistol

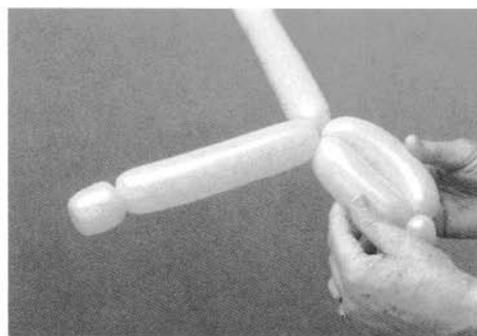
THIS PISTOL can really pop when you squeeze its handle.



**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing left. Make a 1-inch tulip twist at the knot end followed by an 8-inch bubble.



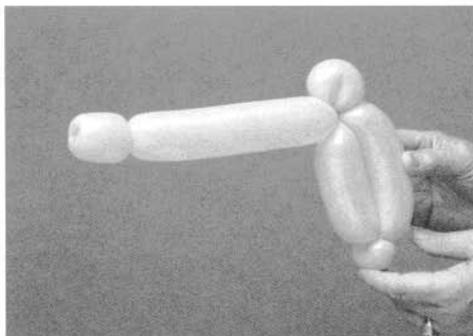
**2** Make a 4-inch bubble followed by a 1-inch bubble and a 5-inch bubble. Lock twist the 4-inch bubble and the 5-inch bubble together at the base, positioning the 5-inch bubble so it ends up at the rear of the hand grip.



**3** Pinch twist the 1-inch bubble at the end of the hand grip, twisting it several times to secure.

**Pistol**

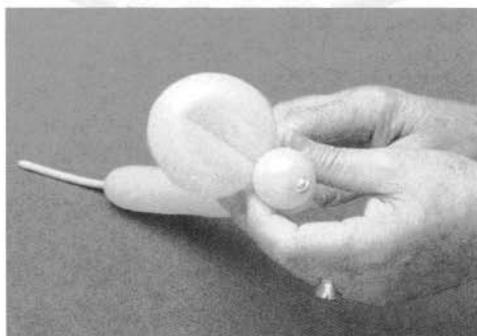
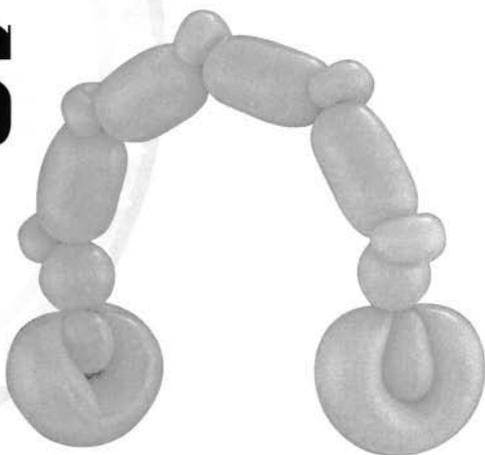
**4** Make a 1-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together, twisting it several times to secure, and position the loop where the hand grip and barrel are joined. Remove the remaining inflated portion of the balloon by popping it to complete the Pistol.



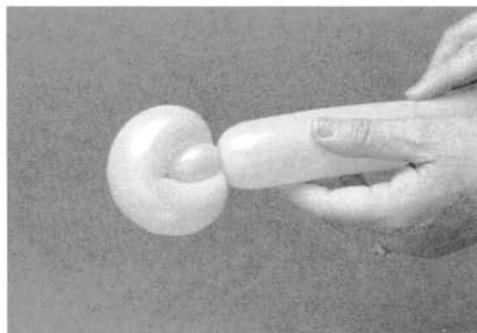
*The pistol can be "fired" by squeezing the hand grip hard enough to pop one of the bubbles in the hand grip.*

# Headphones

TUNE INTO THE MUSIC LOVERS  
in your audience with Headphones.



**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a 1½-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together.



**2** Tuck the 1-inch bubble inside the 1½-inch loop to make one ear piece.



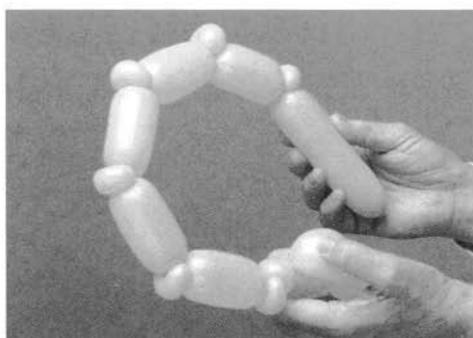
**3** Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a ½-inch bubble. Pinch twist the ½-inch bubble, and position it on the outside of the curve of the balloon.

## Headphones

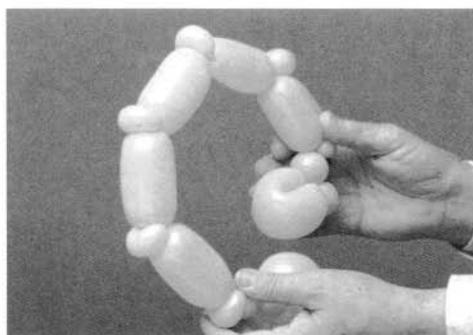
**4** Make a 2-inch bubble followed by a 1/2-inch bubble. Pinch twist the 1/2-inch bubble, and position it on the outside of the curve of the balloon.



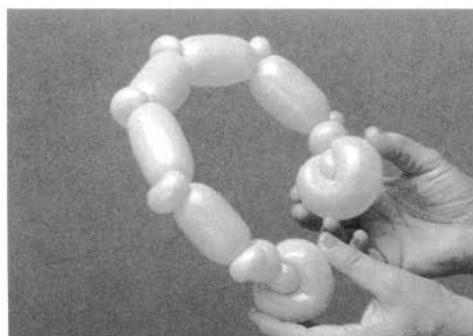
**5** Continue making 2-inch bubbles followed by 1/2-inch pinch-twisted bubbles until about 5 inches of the balloon are left.



**6** Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a 1 1/2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together.

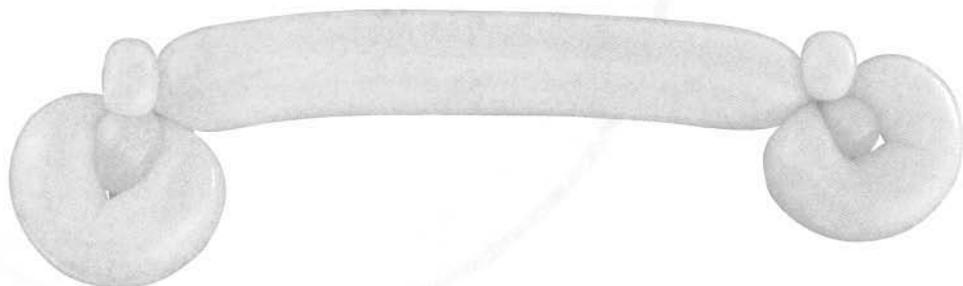


**7** Tuck the remaining end of the balloon inside the 1 1/2-inch loop to finish the second ear piece and complete the Headphones.



# Skateboard

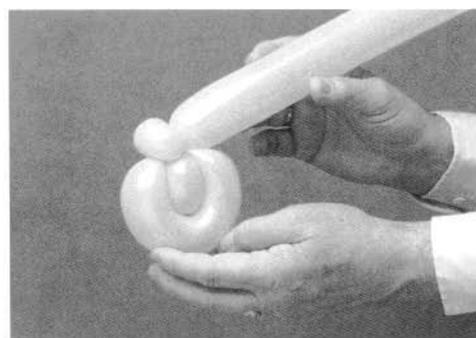
SKATEBOARDING'S POPULARITY will make this figure a hit with the younger crowd.



**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 4 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together.



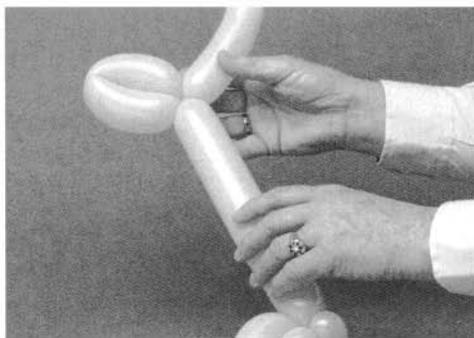
**2** Tuck the 1-inch bubble inside the 2-inch loop to make one wheel.



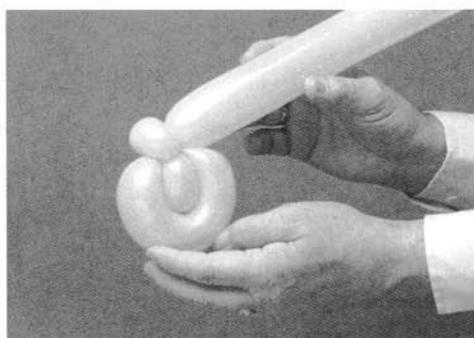
**3** Make a 1-inch bubble. Pinch twist it and position to hold the wheel in place.

# Skateboard

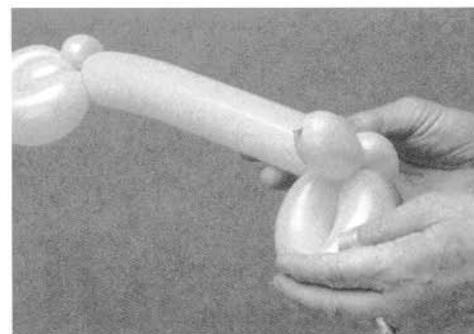
**4** Make a 12-inch bubble for the board followed by a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together.



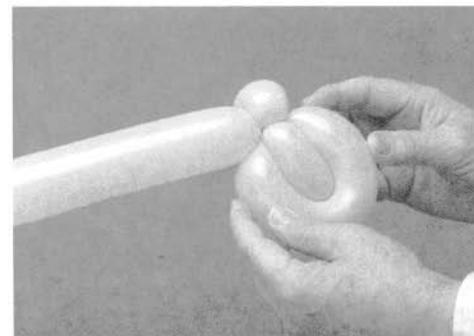
**5** Make a 1-inch bubble. Pinch twist it and position to hold the wheel in place.



**6** Make a 1-inch bubble, deflate the remaining inflated portion of the balloon, and tie a knot at the end of the 1-inch bubble.



**7** Tuck the 1-inch bubble inside the 2-inch loop to finish the second wheel and complete the Skateboard.



# Chopper

INVITE YOUR AUDIENCE to take a joy ride on the popular Chopper. Present it with lines like:

*I make toys for big boys, too.*

*A helmet isn't required.*

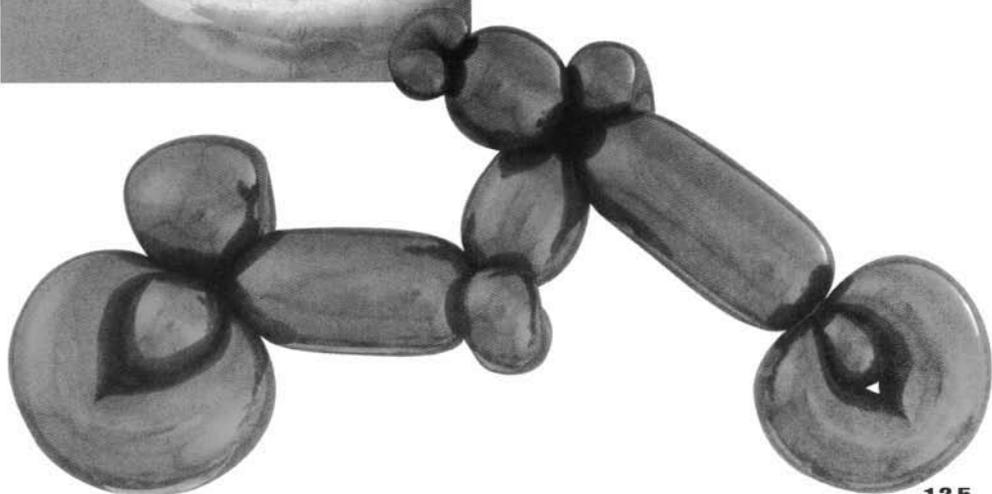
*Watch the speed limit.*



**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together.



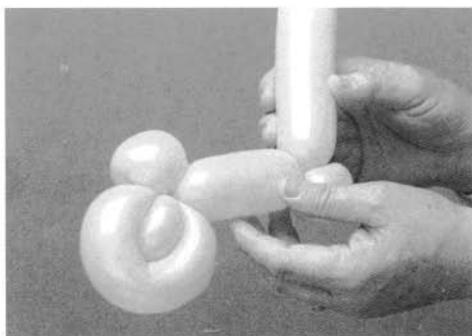
**2** Tuck the 1-inch bubble inside the 2-inch loop to make the rear wheel.



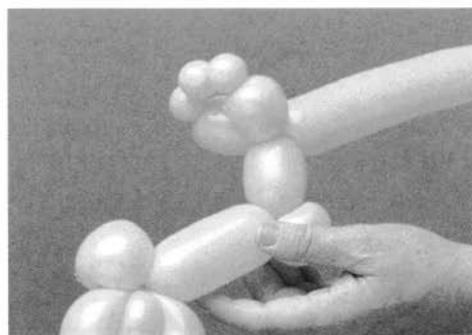
**3** Make a 1-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the seat and hold the rear wheel in place.



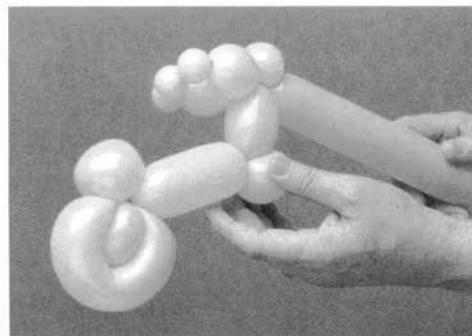
**4** Make a 3-inch bubble for the frame followed by a 1½-inch bubble. Pinch twist the 1½-inch bubble to make the motor.

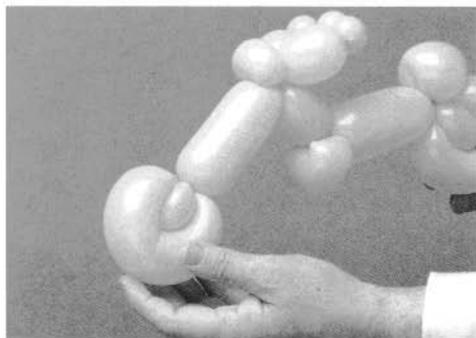


**5** Make a 2-inch bubble for the upright followed by a five-bubble pinch-and-pop series with the following bubbles in this order: 1½-inch, ½-inch, ½-inch, ½-inch, and 1½-inch. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base for the handlebars.

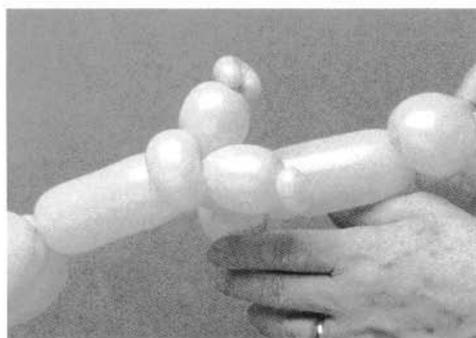


**6** Make a 1-inch bubble. Pinch twist it, and position it in front of the handlebars to hold them in place.

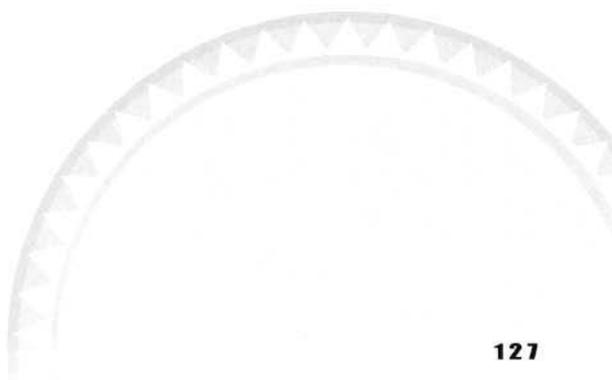




**7** Make a 3-inch bubble for the front forks followed by a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together and tuck the remaining end of the balloon inside the loop to make the front wheel.

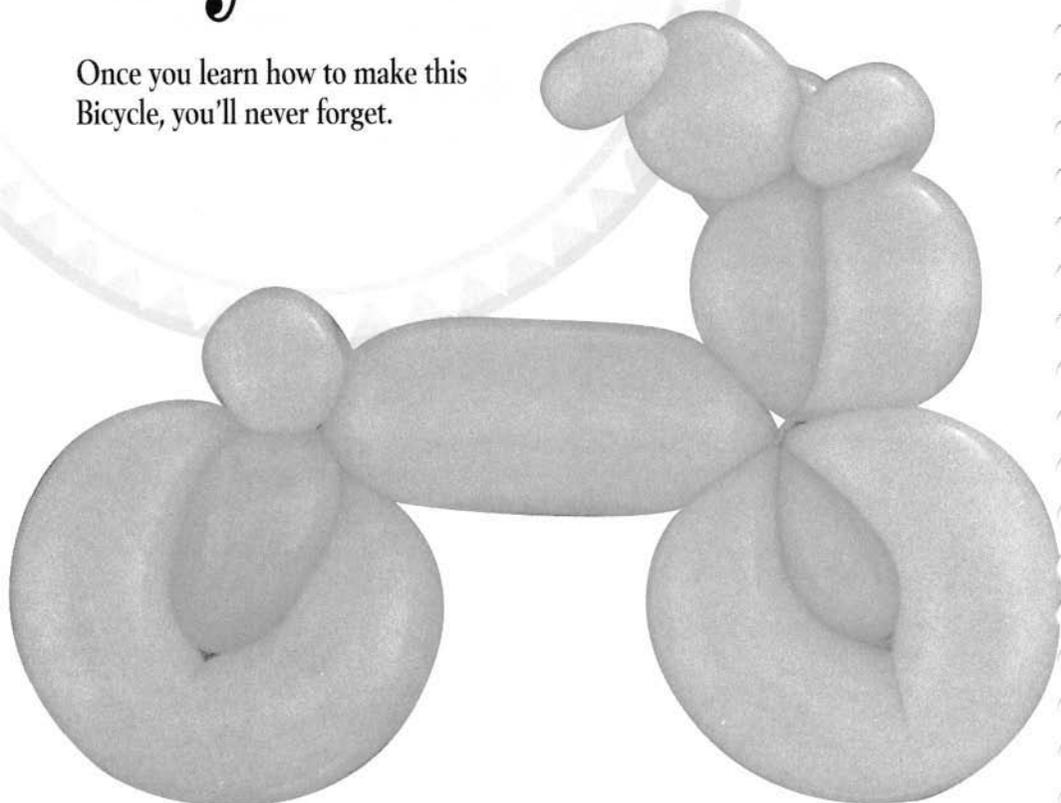


**8** Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles of the handlebar assembly, twisting each of them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble to separate the handlebars and complete the Chopper.

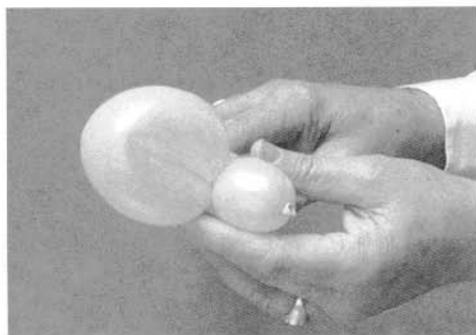


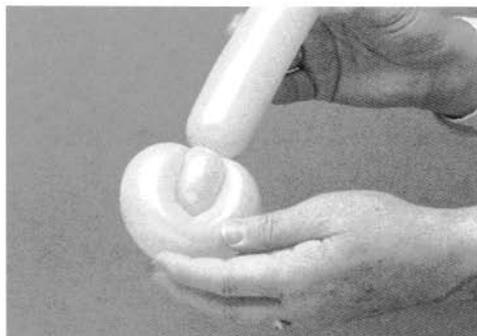
# Bicycle

Once you learn how to make this Bicycle, you'll never forget.

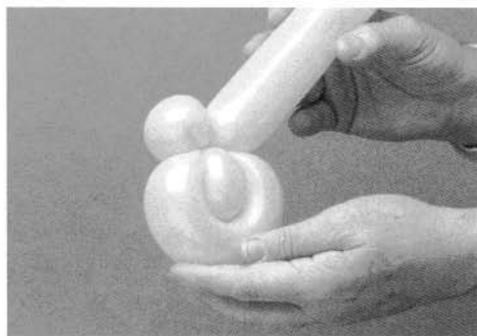


**1** Inflation a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a 1-inch bubble followed by a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together for the rear wheel.

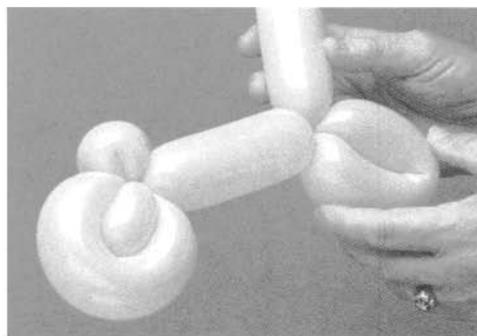




**2** Tuck the 1-inch bubble inside the 2-inch loop to make the rear wheel.

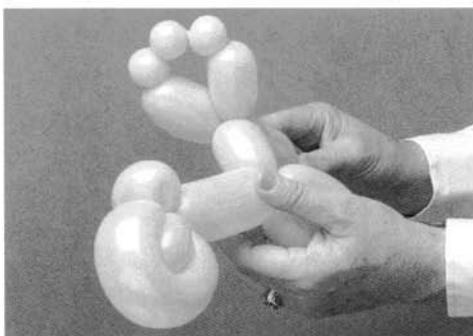


**3** Make a 1-inch loop, and lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the seat and hold the rear wheel in place.

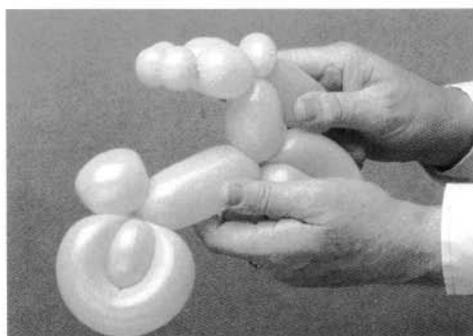


**4** Make a 4-inch bubble for the frame followed by a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the front wheel.

**5** Make a 1½-inch bubble for the upright followed by a 1½-inch bubble, three ½-inch bubbles, and a 1½-inch bubble. Lock twist the second and third ½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the handlebars.

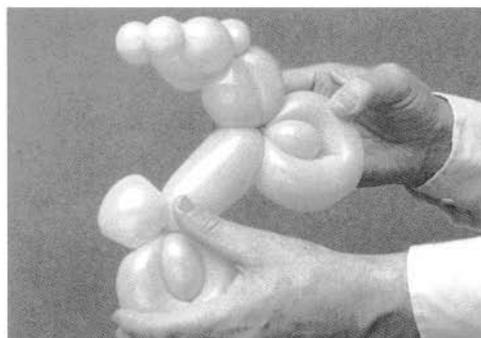


**6** Make a 1-inch bubble and pinch twist it. Position the pinch twist in front of the handlebars to hold them in place.

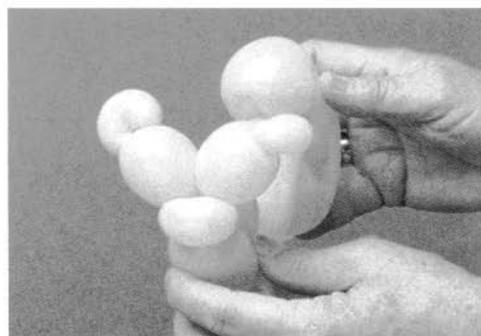


**7** Make a 2-inch bubble. Twist the base of this bubble and the base of the upright together.





8 Tuck the remaining inflated portion of the balloon inside the 2-inch loop to make the front wheel.



9 Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles of the handlebar assembly, twisting each of them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble to separate the handlebars and complete the Bicycle.

# Section 8

IN THIS FINAL SECTION, you'll learn how to leave an uninflated section at both ends of the balloon to create some extraordinary figures.

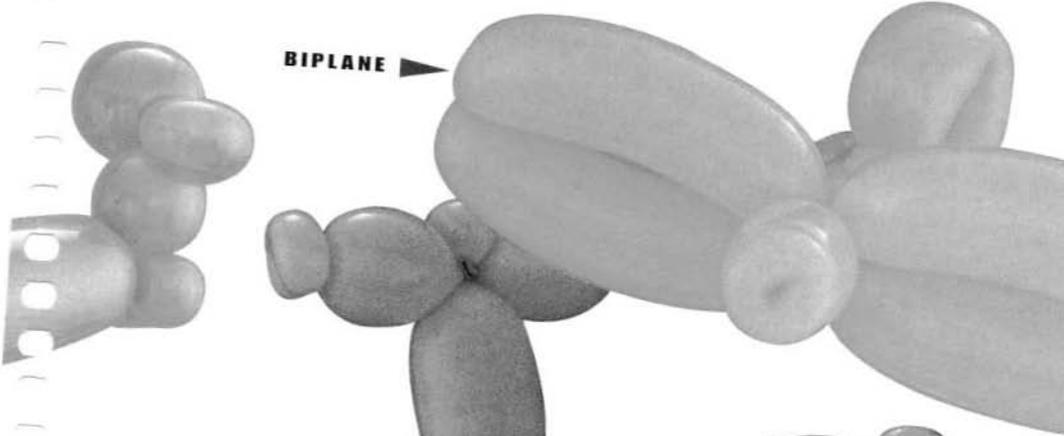
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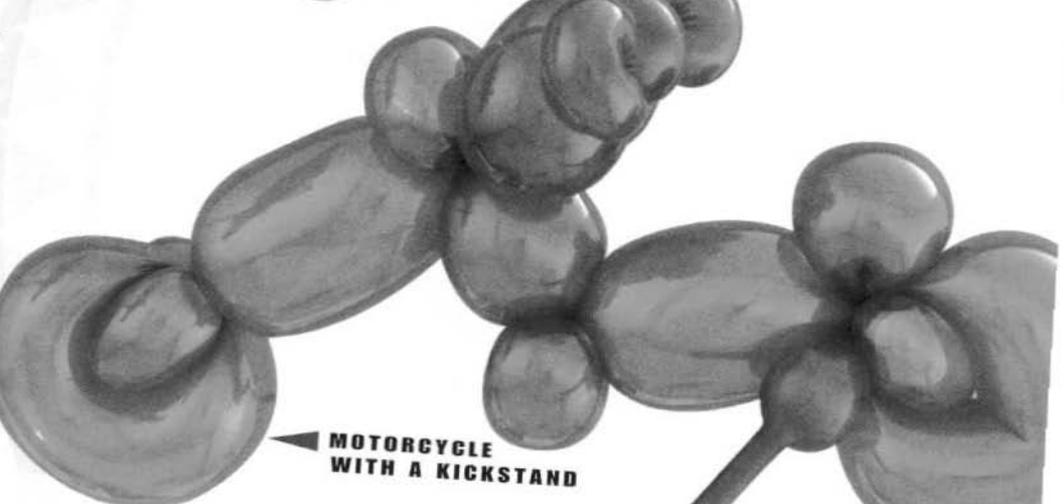
**BIPLANE**



**JET-727**



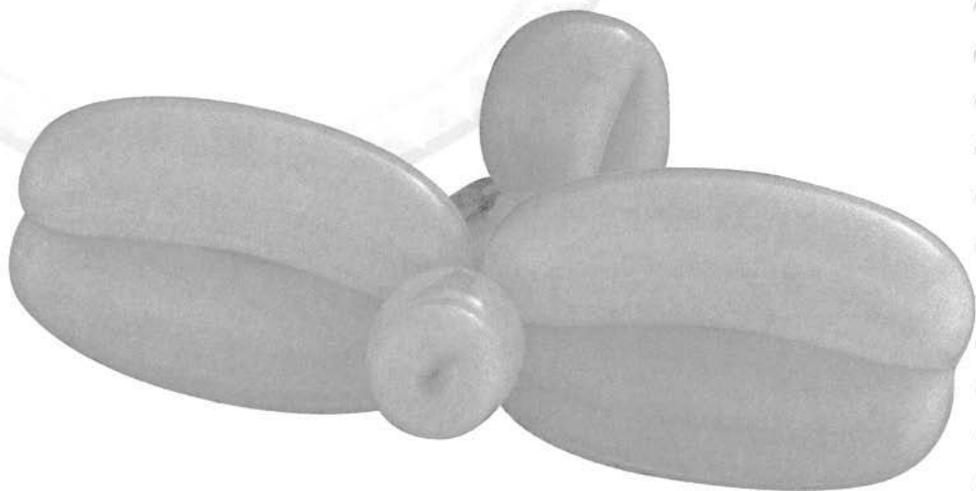
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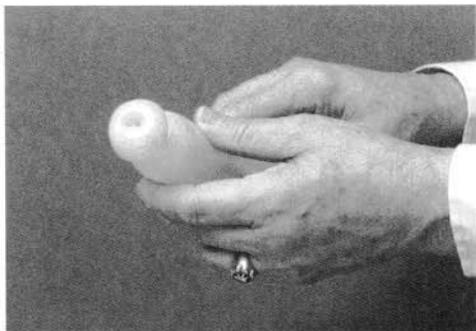
**MOTORCYCLE  
WITH A KICKSTAND**

# Biplane

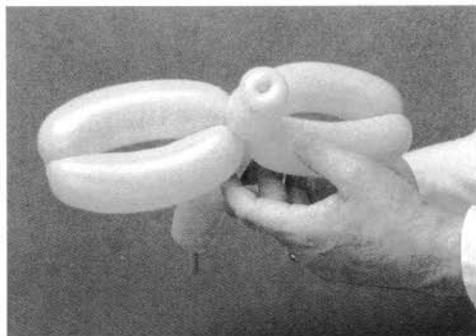
OLD-TIMERS AND PLANE BUFFS  
will love this flying figure from the past.

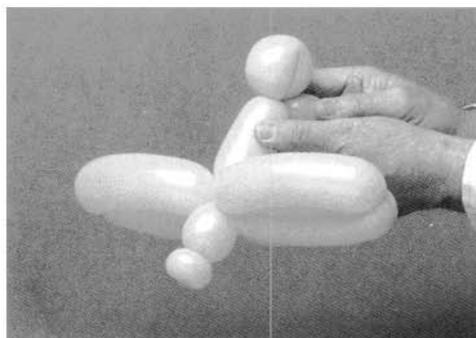


**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing left. Make a ½-inch tulip twist at the knot end for the propeller.

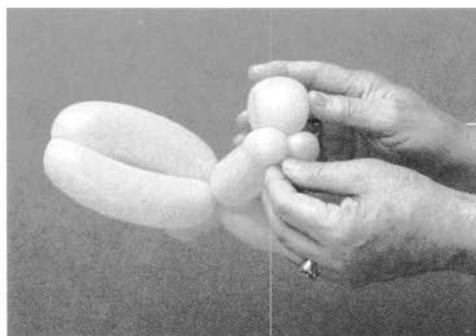


**2** ▶ Make a 1-inch bubble for the fuselage, followed by two 5-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 5-inch bubbles together at the base to make one pair of wings. Repeat the 5-inch bubbles and lock twist them together for the other pair of wings.





**3** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body followed by a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together to make the rudder.



**4** Make a 1-inch pinch twist to make one elevator. Repeat to make the other elevator. The tip of the balloon rests between the elevators for the rear wheel to complete the Biplane.

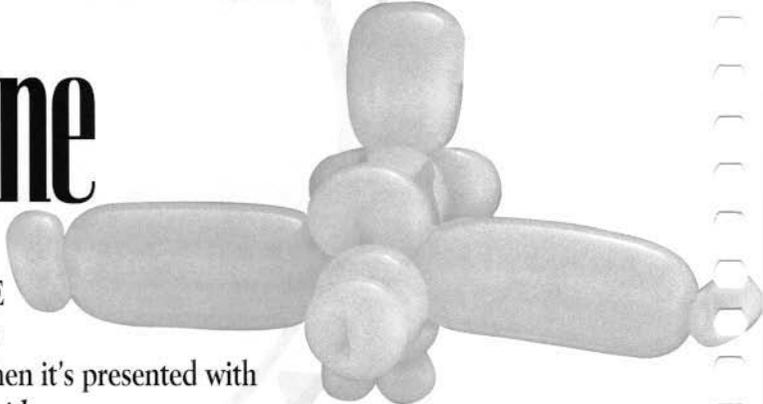
# Airplane

PEOPLE WILL LOVE

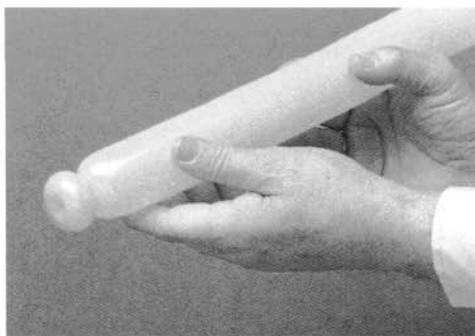
piloting their very own Airplane, especially when it's presented with lines like: *Come fly with me.*

*Now you're going places.*

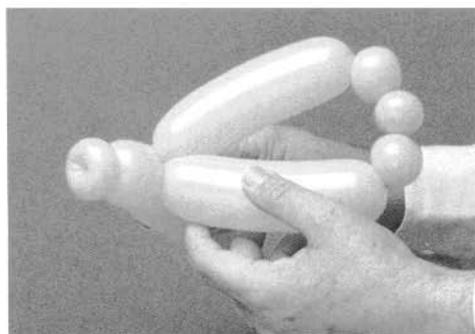
Or sing: *Would you like to fly in my beautiful balloon?*



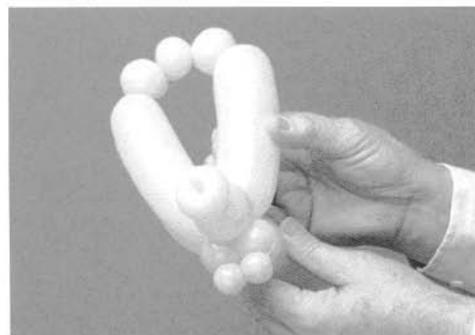
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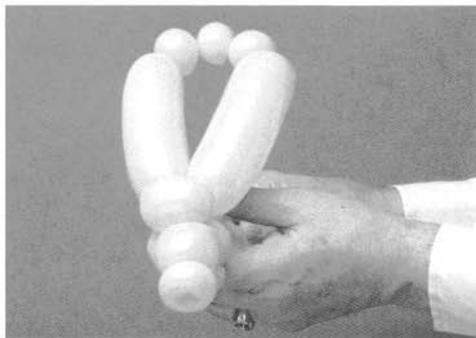


**2** Make a 1-inch bubble for the nose followed by a 4-inch bubble, three ½-inch bubbles, and a 4-inch bubble. Lock twist the 4-inch bubbles together at the base for the wings.

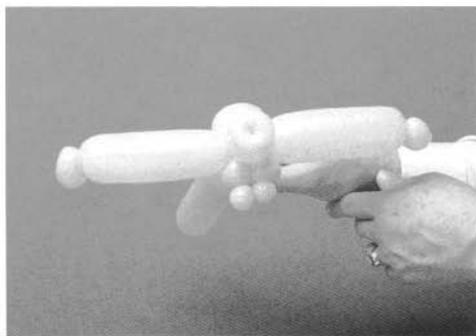


**3** Make a 1-inch bubble followed by two ½-inch bubbles and a 1-inch bubble. Lock twist the 1-inch bubbles together at the base for the landing gear.

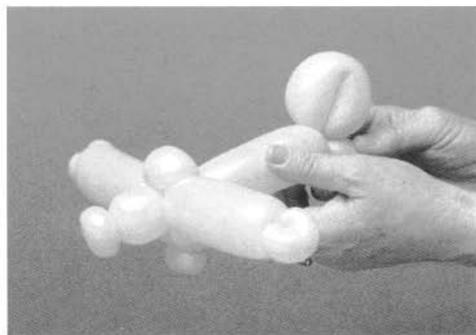




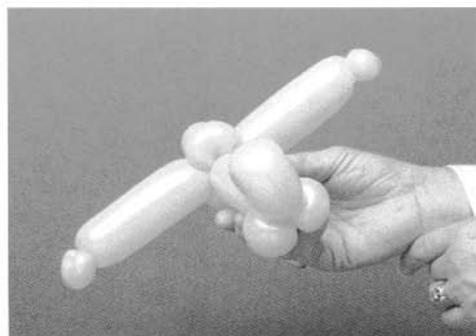
**4** Make a 1-inch bubble for the cockpit. Pinch twist it, and position it in front of the wings.



**5** Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles of the wing, twisting them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble to separate the wings. Position the pinch twist that makes the cockpit crossways between the wings to hold them in place. Position the landing gear crossways between the wings opposite the cockpit.



**6** Make a 3-inch bubble for the body, followed by a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together for the rudder.



**7** Make a 1-inch pinch twist for one elevator. Repeat to make a second elevator. The tip of the balloon rests between the elevators for the rear wheel to complete the Airplane.

# Jet-727

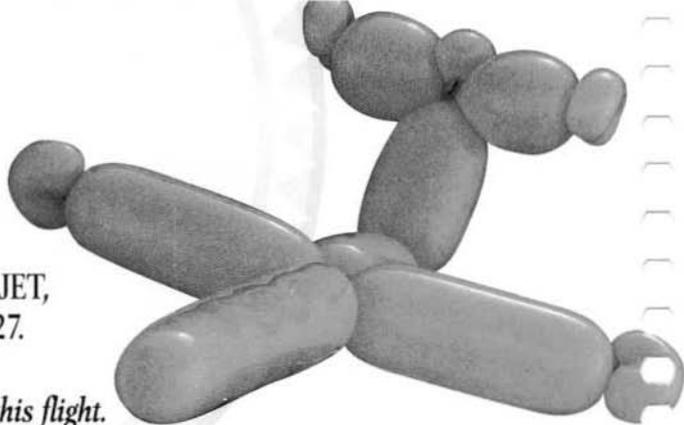
DON'T MAKE JUST ANY JET,  
make the world-renowned 727.

Present it with lines like:

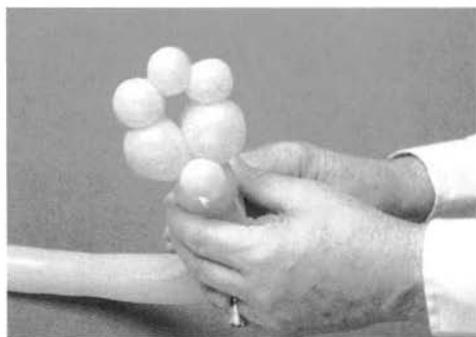
*They don't serve a meal on this flight.*

*You look like a jet-setter.*

*Now you can say you own your own Jet.*



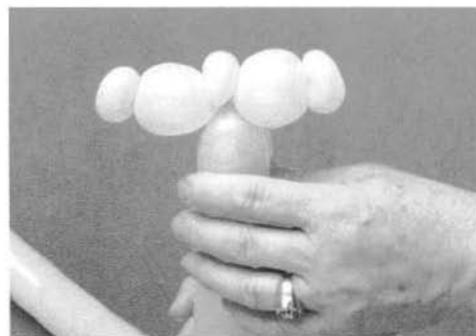
**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 4 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make the following bubbles in this order: 1-inch, 1½-inch, ½-inch, ½-inch, ½-inch, and 1½-inch. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base.

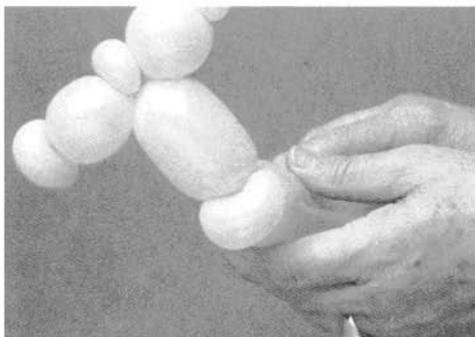


**2** ▶ Pinch twist the first and third ½-inch bubbles, twisting them several times to secure. Pop the second ½-inch bubble to separate the elevators.

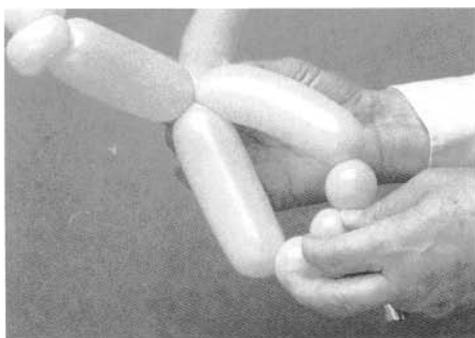


**3** ▶ Pinch twist the 1-inch bubble at the knot end of the balloon, and position it between the two elevators to hold them in a horizontal position, making the tail section.

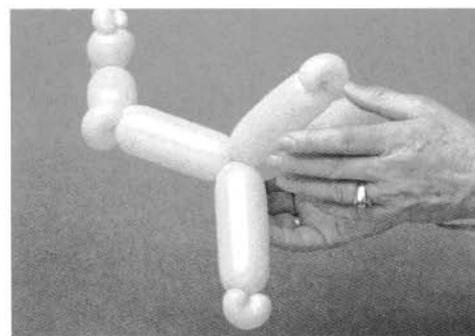




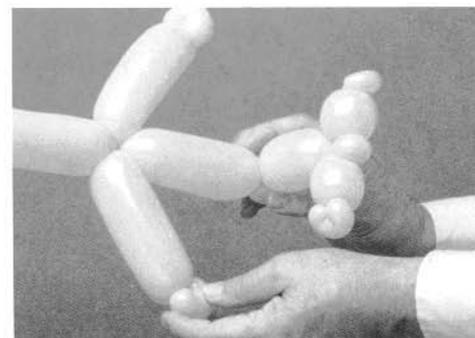
**4** Make a 2-inch bubble for the rudder followed by a 1-inch bubble. Pinch twist the 1-inch bubble, and position it to hold the tail section up and force the remaining inflated portion of the balloon forward.



**5** Make the following bubbles in this order: 4-inch, 4-inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, and 4-inch. Lock twist the second and third 4-inch bubbles together at the base to make the wings. Wrap the remaining inflated portion of the balloon through the five-bubble loop and around the twist to secure.



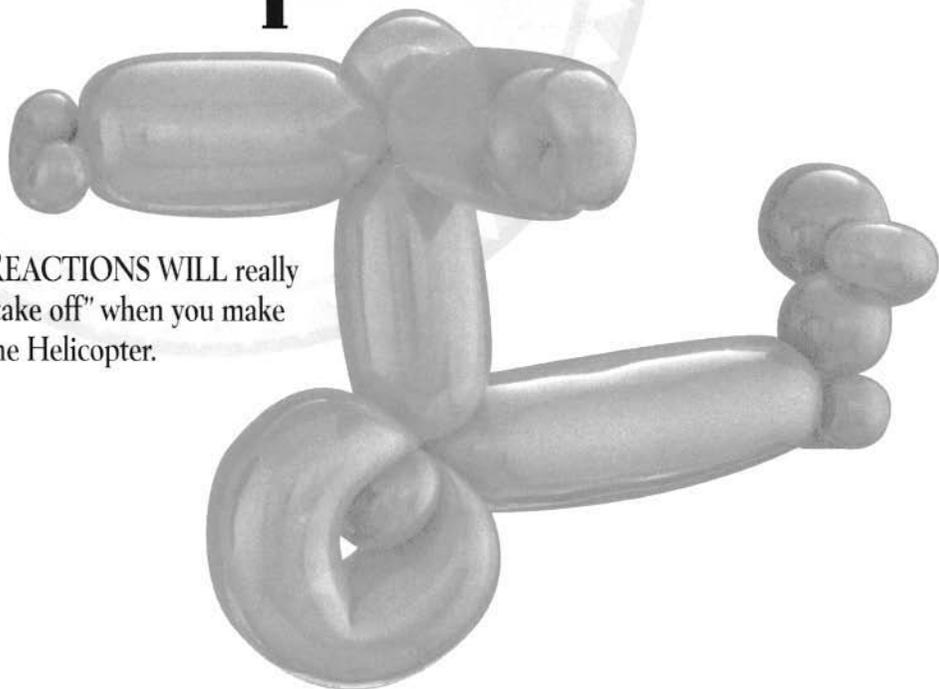
**6** Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles, twisting them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble to separate the wings.



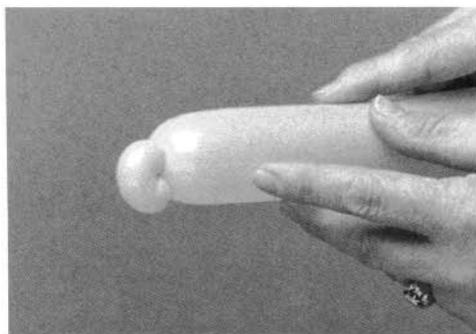
**7** Position the wings to slant toward the tail section to complete the Jet.

# Helicopter

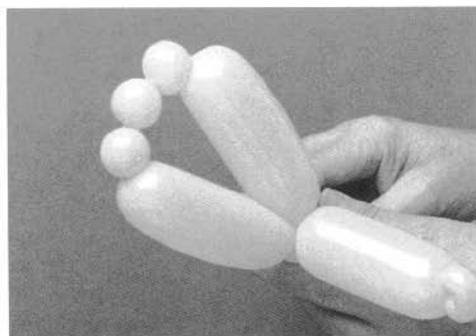
REACTIONS WILL really “take off” when you make the Helicopter.



**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a ½-inch pinch twist at the knot end.

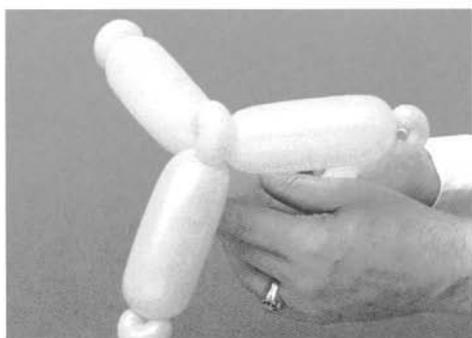


**2** ▶ Make a 5-inch bubble followed by a five-bubble pinch-and-pop series with a 5-inch bubble, three ½-inch bubbles, and a 5-inch bubble. Lock twist the last two 5-inch bubbles together at the base.

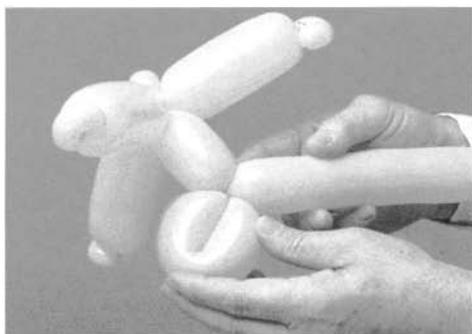




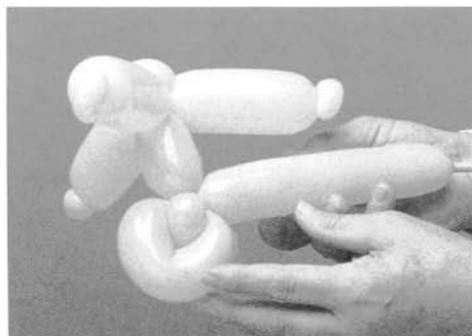
**3** Make a 1-inch bubble. Pinch twist it, and position the pinch twist so it covers the twist in the middle of the three 5-inch bubbles. The remaining inflated portion of the balloon should extend down, opposite the 1-inch pinch twist.



**4** Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles of the three-bubble chain, twisting each of them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble to separate the second and third blades of the rotary wing.



**5** Make a 2-inch bubble for the upright followed by a 2-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together.



**6** Make a 1-inch bubble. Pinch twist it, and tuck the pinch twist into the middle of the 2-inch loop to make the cockpit.

# Helicopter

**7** Make a 4-inch bubble for the tail frame followed by a 1-inch pinch twist, and position it so it holds the end of the tail section up.

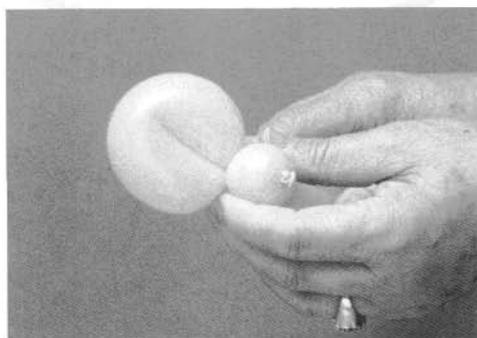
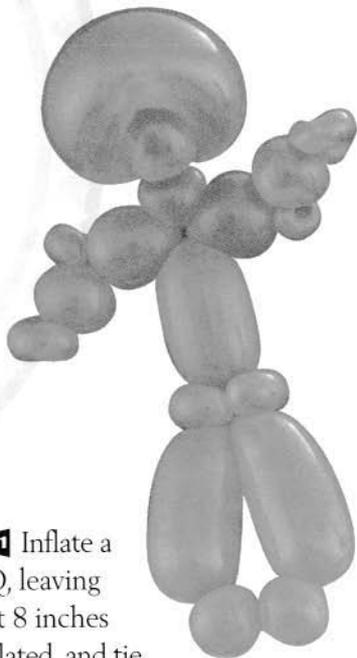


**8** Make two 1-inch bubbles. Pinch twist the second bubble, and position it so it turns the rest of the balloon to the side to make the stabilizer propeller and complete the Helicopter.

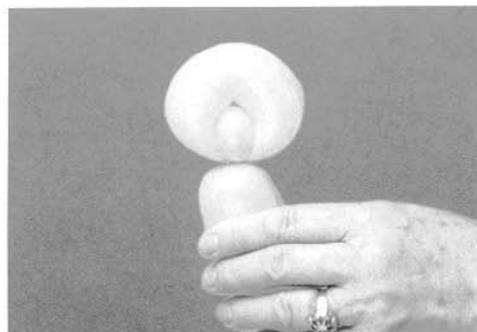


# Doll

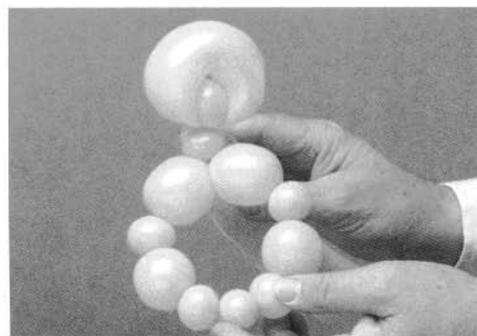
WHAT LITTLE GIRL could resist this Doll? And, it makes a great puppet.



**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 8 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing right. Make a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bubble followed by a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together.

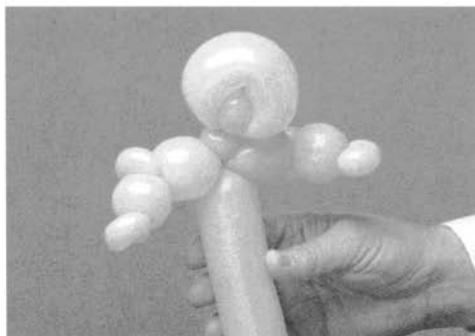


**2** Tuck the  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bubble inside the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch loop to make the head.

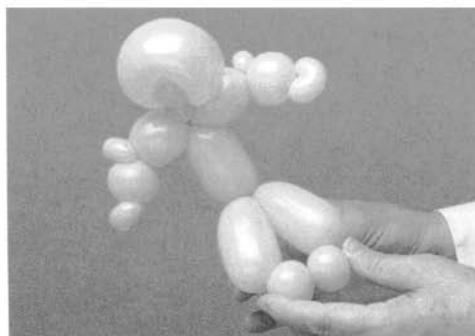


**3** Make a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble for the neck followed by the following bubbles in this order: 1-inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 1-inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 1-inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, and 1-inch. Lock twist the first and fourth 1-inch bubbles together at the base to make a nine-bubble loop.

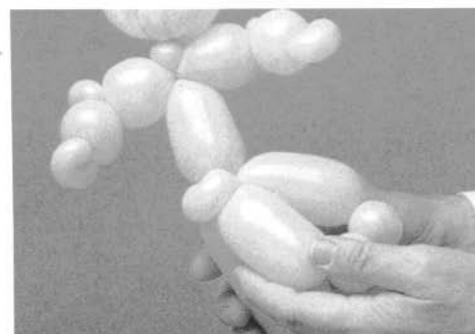
**4** Pinch twist the two single  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles to make the elbows. Pinch twist the first and third  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles of the three-bubble chain, twisting each of them several times to secure. Pop the second  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble of the three-bubble chain to separate the arms.



**5** Make a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble for the body followed by a 2-inch bubble, two  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubbles, and a 2-inch bubble. Lock twist the 2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the legs.



**6** Make a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bubble. Pinch twist it, and position it at one side of the point where the legs and body are joined to make a hip.

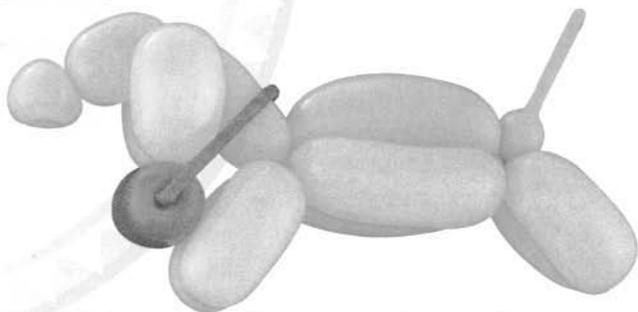


**7** Repeat Step 6 to make the other hip. Remove the remainder of the balloon to complete the Doll.



# St. Bernard

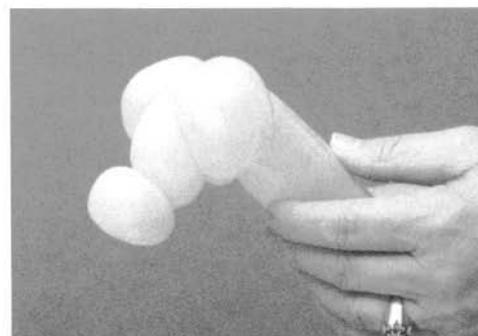
HERE'S A FIGURE you'll want to take along during a snowstorm. He'll not only lead the way, but he'll also be an enjoyable companion.



**1** Inflate a 260Q, leaving about 6 inches uninflated, and tie it. Hold the inflated balloon in your left hand with the uninflated end pointing left. Make a 1-inch tulip twist at the knot end, and leave it offset.



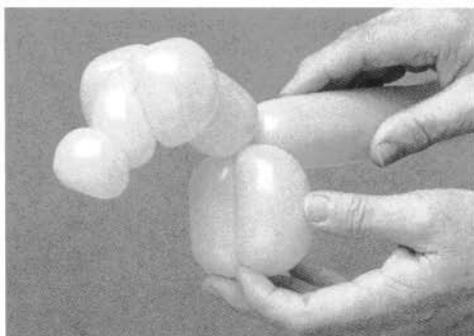
**2** Make a 1-inch bubble and two 1½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles at the base for the ears.



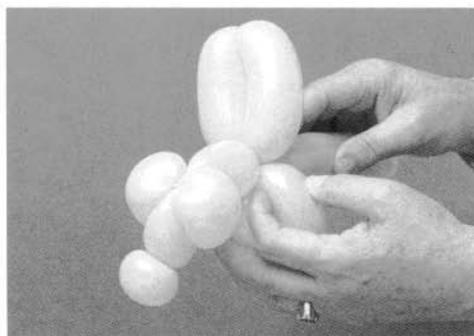
**3** Turn the balloon so the ears point down. Slightly pull apart the ears, and wedge the head and neck between them so they all point down.

## St. Bernard

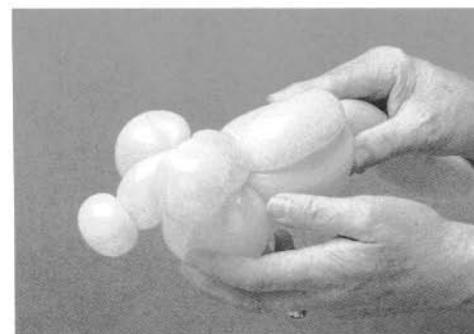
**4** Make a 1½-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 1½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.



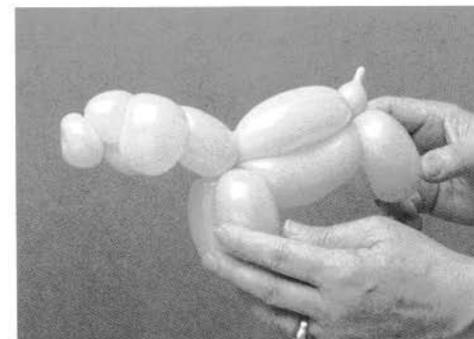
**5** Make two 3-inch bubbles, and lock twist them together at the base.



**6** Make a 3-inch bubble. Hold it next to the two made in Step 5. Roll the two 3-inch bubbles over the single 3-inch bubble until the single 3-inch bubble passes through the middle of the two 3-inch bubbles to make the body.



**7** Make two 1½-inch bubbles and lock twist them together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place.





**8** Use a second balloon to make a Tulip.



**9** Tuck the end of the stem of the Tulip in the opposite end of the Tulip, making a loop.



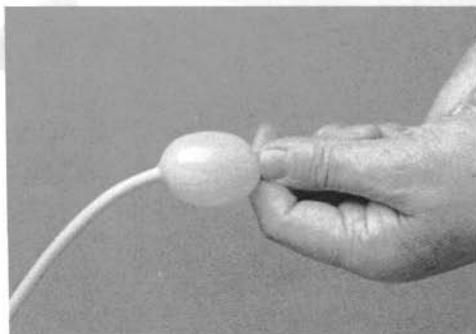
**10** Place this loop over the head of the St. Bernard to represent a brandy (or root beer) keg and complete the St. Bernard.

# Inflating in the Middle

A NUMBER OF DETAILED FIGURES require a part of the balloon to remain uninflated at both ends. The trunk of the Elephant, tail of the Unicorn, and kickstand of the Motorcycle, are all details made at the uninflated lip (knot) end of the balloon.

**1** Hold the length of balloon you wish to remain uninflated at the lip end in your loosely closed hand to prevent it from inflating.

The knot can be tied at the end of the inflated portion of the balloon for some figures and at the lip end of the balloon for others. Instructions will tell you which is required.



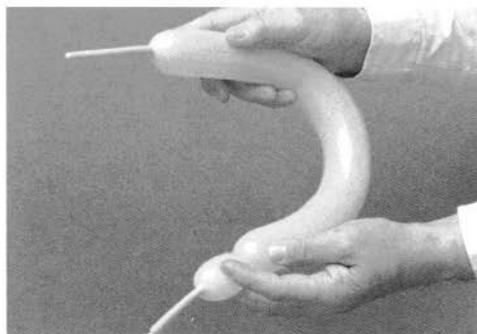
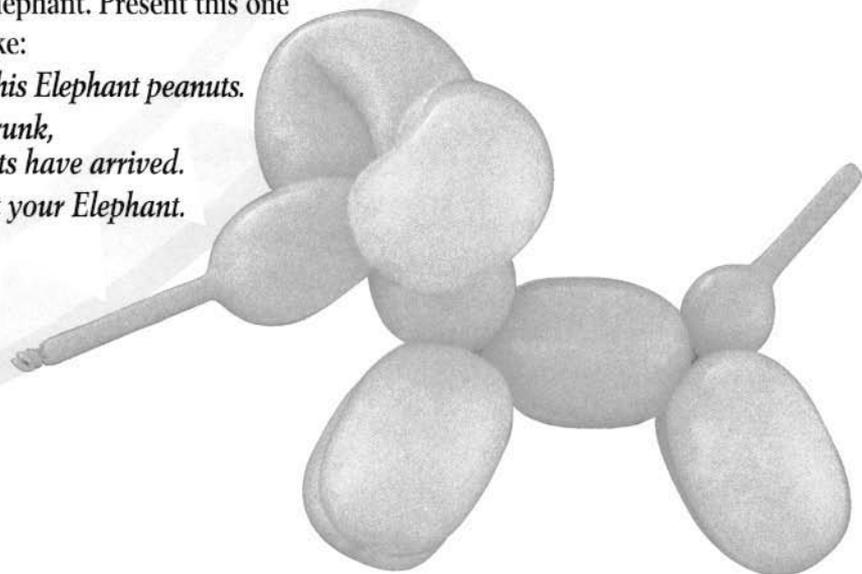
# Elephant

THE ZOO ISN'T THE ONLY PLACE to find an Elephant. Present this one with lines like:

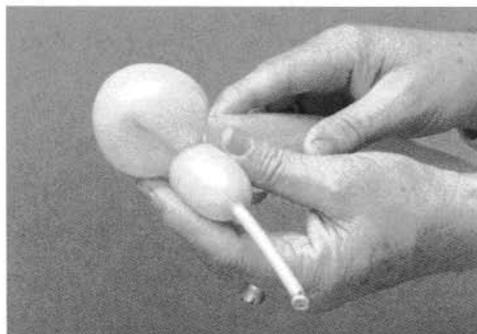
*Don't feed this Elephant peanuts.*

*Pack your trunk, the Elephants have arrived.*

*Don't forget your Elephant.*

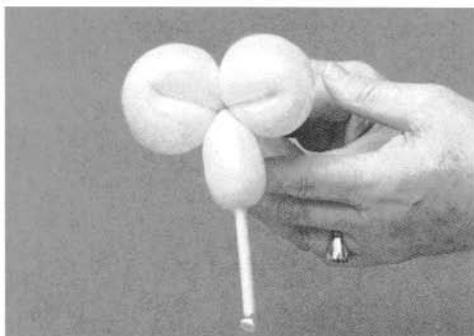


**1** Inflate a 260Q so that 3 inches remain uninflated at the lip end and 4 inches remain uninflated at the opposite end. Tie the knot at the lip end of the balloon for the head. Make a 1-inch bubble at the end of the inflated portion of the balloon at the lip (knot) end.

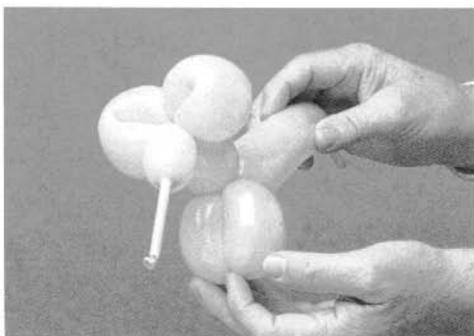


**2** Make a 1½-inch loop. Lock twist the ends together for one ear.

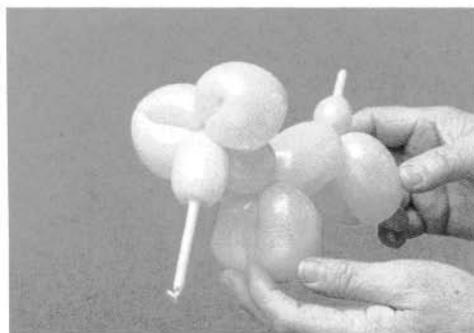
**3** Repeat Step 2 to make the second ear. Position the ears side by side at the top of the head with the loops forward.



**4** Make a 1-inch bubble for the neck followed by two 1½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.



**5** Make a 2-inch bubble for the body followed by two 1½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. Leave a small bubble of air at the base of the tail to hold the back legs in place and complete the Elephant.

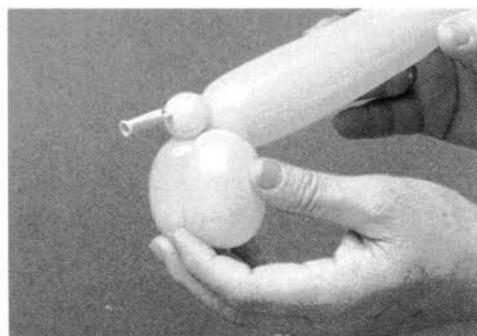


# Unicorn

THIS MYSTICAL  
FIGURE possesses  
special powers.



**1** Inflate a 260Q so that 1 inch remains uninflated at the lip end and 8 inches remain uninflated at the opposite end. Tie the knot at the end of the inflated portion of the balloon.

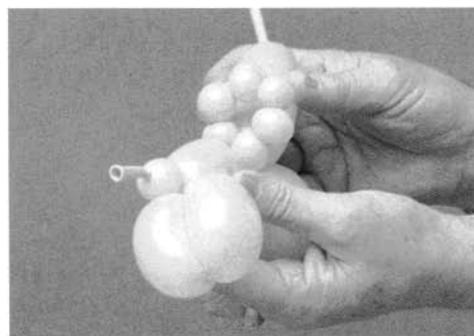


**2** Make a 1/2-inch bubble next to the knot followed by two 1 1/2-inch bubbles. Lock twist the 1 1/2-inch bubbles together at the base to make the back legs. The uninflated lip end of the balloon makes the tail.

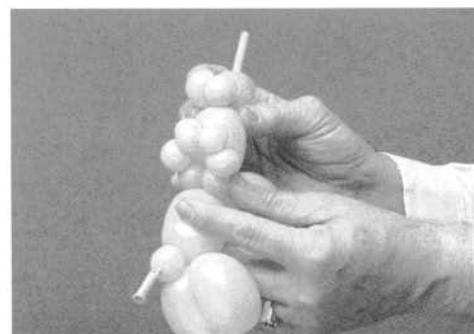
**3** Make a 1½-inch bubble for the body followed by two 1½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the last two 1½-inch bubbles together at the base to make the front legs.



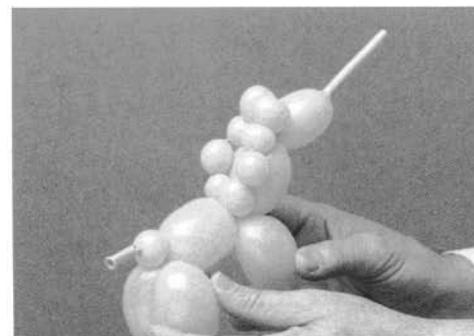
**4** Make six ½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the first and last ½-inch bubbles together at the base to make a six-bubble loop.

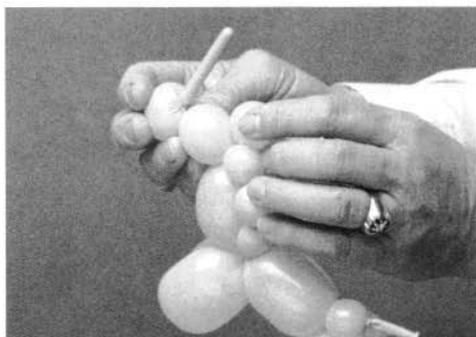


**5** Make a 1½-inch bubble for the neck followed by two ½-inch bubbles. Lock twist the ½-inch bubbles together at the base for the ears.

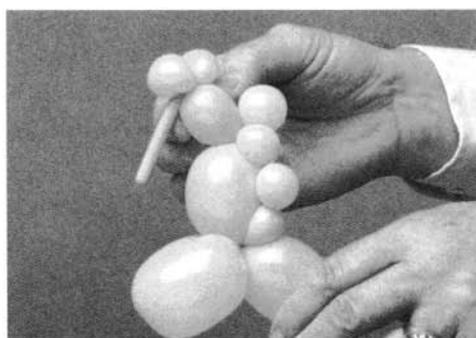


**6** Stretch the six-bubble loop over the ears, wedging the ears between the third and fourth ½-inch bubbles of the six-bubble loop.

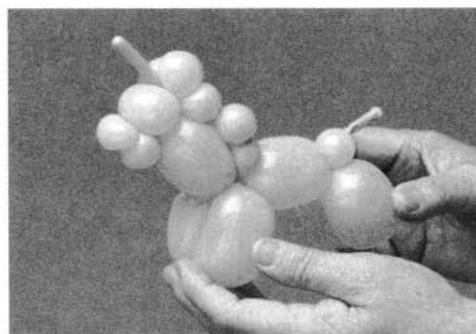




**7** Twist the inflated portion of the balloon that makes the head in half, and tie a knot around the end bubble with the uninflated tip of the balloon.



**8** Twist the end bubble in half to make the mouth.



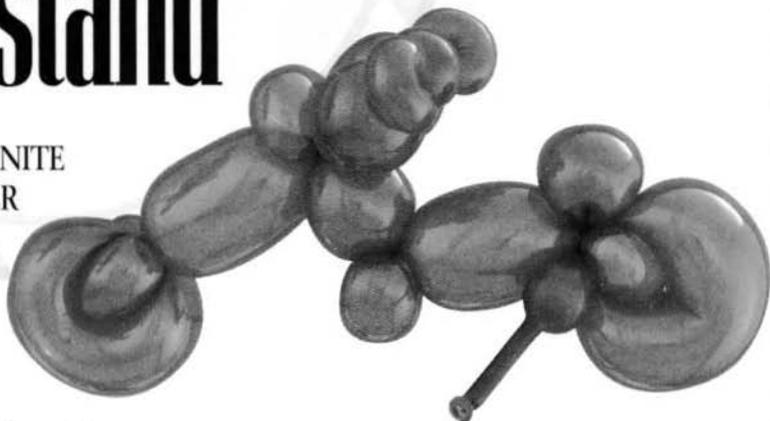
**9** Stretch the uninflated tip of the balloon under the bubble that makes the head and around the ears so it sticks out from the front of the ears to complete the Unicorn.

*TIP: By leaving more of the balloon uninflated, and using four bubbles instead of two bubbles for the legs, you can add hooves.*

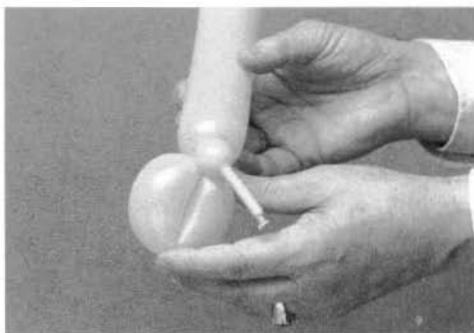
# Motorcycle with a Kickstand

HERE'S A DEFINITE SHOW-STOPPER

that will get everyone excited about balloons. People won't believe you can make a Motorcycle until they see it with their own eyes.



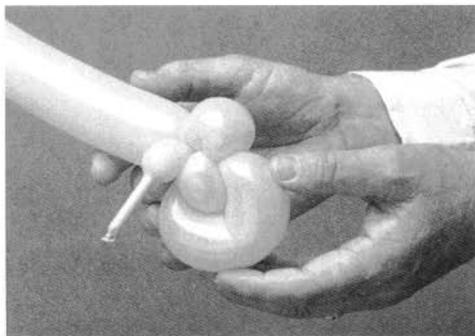
**1** ▶ Inflate a 260Q so that 3 inches remain uninflated at the lip end and 6 inches remain uninflated at the opposite end. Tie a knot at the lip end. Make a ½-inch bubble at the beginning of the inflated portion of the balloon at the lip (knot) end followed by a 1½-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together.



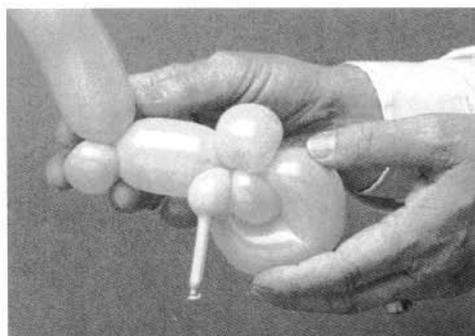
**2** ▶ Make a 1-inch bubble. Pinch twist it, and tuck the pinch twist in the center of the 1½-inch loop to make the back wheel.



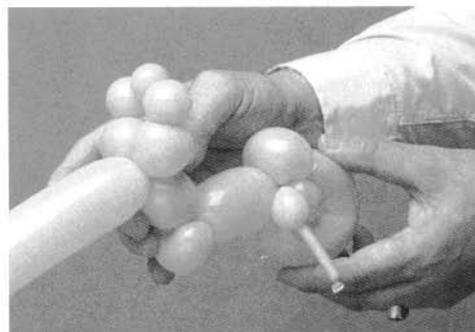
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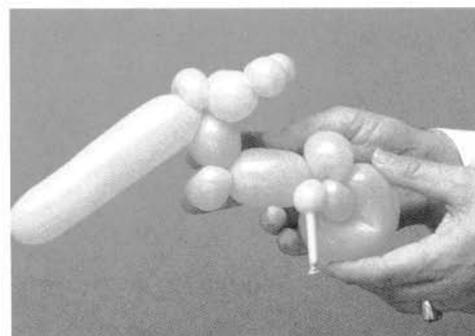
**3** Make a 1-inch loop and lock twist the ends together. Position the loop at the top of the back wheel for the seat back with the uninflated lip end of the balloon on the left side of the rear wheel.



**4** Make a 1½-inch bubble for the frame followed by a 1-inch bubble. Pinch twist the 1-inch bubble, and position it at the end of the frame for the motor.



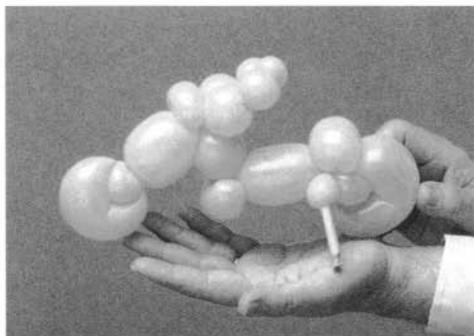
**5** Make a 1-inch bubble for the upright followed by a five-bubble pinch-and-pop series for the handlebars with the following bubbles: ¾-inch, ½-inch, ½-inch, ½-inch, and ¾-inch. Lock twist the ¾-inch bubbles together at the base.



**6** Make a 1-inch bubble. Pinch twist it, and position it in front of the handlebars to hold them in place.

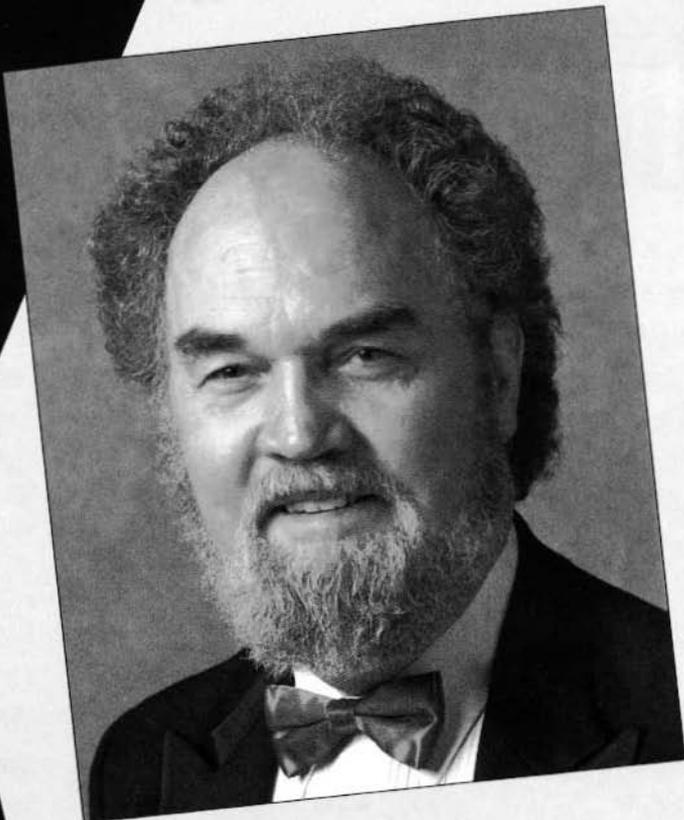
## Motorcycle with a Kickstand

**7** Make a 2-inch bubble for the front forks followed by a 1½-inch loop. Lock twist the ends of the loop together. Tuck the remaining inflated portion of the balloon in the center of the 1½-inch loop to make the front wheel.



**8** Pinch twist the first and third ½-inch bubbles of the handlebar assembly, twisting each of them several times to secure. Pop the second ½-inch bubble to separate the handlebars and complete the Motorcycle.





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