

HOW TO MAKE A BALLOON DOG:

STEP 1

Blow up and tie a balloon, leaving a 7cm tail that is un-inflated at the end. Leave this section at the tip so that as you make your twists, the air you force out will have somewhere to go (this is how you stop the balloon from popping as you work).



STEP 2

Make the first twist (A) 7cm from the tied end of the balloon. This will be your dog's nose.



STEP 3

Make two more twists (B and C) to create two more 7cm sections of a similar length.



STEP 4

Line up the points where you twisted A and C and then twist these together at the join to form what is called a lock twist. This will form your dog's ears.



STEP 5

Make three twists (D, E and F) each 12cm apart. The first of these sections (D) will be your dog's neck.



STEP 6

The second two sections will be your dog's front legs. To secure them, line up the points where you twisted D and F and twist at the join a few times to lock the twist and secure the legs.



STEP 7

Leave a 15cm section then make your next twist (G) – this will make your dog's body. Make two more twists (H and I) to make the dog's back legs. Hold all three of these sections so they don't unravel.



STEP 8

Now line up the points where you twisted G and I and twist them together to lock the legs into place.



STEP 9

This just leaves one last section – your dog's tail. Adjust the different sections if you need to get the right angles and perfect your finished dog.



STEP 10

Optional: if you want to give your dog an extra detail, you can draw a face on to him with a marker pen or sharpie.