**INFLATION BASICS**

1. Twist the air nozzle onto the pump. Check to make sure the nozzle is secure.

2. Insert tip of pump nozzle into balloon opening, and hold onto the balloon lip to ensure a proper seal.

3. Begin to pump up balloon. Leave approximately 1/2 inch of un-inflated area for each twist segment you will be making. Be careful not to over inflate balloon.

Tie a simple knot at end.

**BALLOON ANIMAL BASICS 3-LOOP DOG**

1. Start by folding the inflated balloon over onto itself to create a loop.

2. Twist the folded end of the balloon with your left hand, holding down the two open ends of the balloon with your right. Twist the closed end 3-4 times to create a secure loop.

3. Now you have a segment at the knotted end of the balloon, connected to a single loop. The segment will become the tail of the 3-loop dog, and the loop will become the hind legs. Always work from the tied end of the balloon and work towards the un-inflated tip.

4. Continue this process to make two additional loops, as shown. You have now finished creating a 3-loop dog, and are ready to move onto more difficult animals!

Next time, try varying the sizes of the loops to make a truly unique creature.
**Balloons Dog!**

1. Gently pinch the balloon about 1.5 inches from the end, and twist to create the first segment. This will become the dog’s face.
2. Using this method, create 2 more segments, each about 1 inch long. These will become the ears.
3. Fold the balloon so that the last two segments are next to each other. Twist these two segments together to create the ears of the dog.
4. Twist and create three more segments, which will become the neck and the front legs of the dog.
5. Fold the balloon again, so that the last two segments are next to each other. Twist these segments together to create the front legs of the dog.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 to form the back legs of the dog.
7. The tail of the dog is automatically created from the final twist.

**Your Dog is Finished! Great Job!**

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**Balloons Giraffe!**

1. Gently pinch the balloon about 1 inch from the end, and twist to create the first segment. This will become the giraffe’s face.
2. Create four more segments, which will become the ears of the giraffe.
3. Fold the balloon so that the fifth segment is next to the second, and twist together to form a loop. Now you have the giraffe’s face and ears.
4. Pinch and twist about five inches away from the ears. This segment will become the long neck of the giraffe.
5. Create two more segments behind the neck, and twist them together to form the front legs.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 to form the body and the back legs of the giraffe.
7. The tail of the giraffe is automatically created from the final twist.

**Your Giraffe is Finished! Great Job!**

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**Balloons Flower!**

1. Fold the balloon into equal thirds, making sure the ends of the balloon line up with the ends of the folds.
2. Twist the folded balloon in the middle, creating two loops and two end segments. Set aside.
3. Inflate a second balloon. This color will be the flower petals. Fold the balloon over to start the first petal.
4. Twist the balloon together to form the first loop. This is your first petal.
5. Continue to form loops in the balloon, until you run out of balloon length.
6. You should now have two balloon forms: the flower petals, and the stem.
7. Twist a small segment at the end of the stem balloon, and push through the center of the petals.

**Your Flower is Finished! Great Job!**

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**Balloons Sword!**

1. Gently pinch the balloon about 1 inch from the end, and twist to create the first segment. This will become the end of the sword.
2. Create a large segment after the smaller one, then bend the balloon to form a loop.
3. Twist the two segments together to form a closed balloon loop.
4. Twist 5 more small segments of the balloon to become the decorative handle.
5. Fold the string of small segments over, and thread the un-inflated end of the balloon through the loop we created in step 3.

**Your Sword is Finished! Great Job!**