

BEAKS

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Put a yellow 11" balloon inside a white 11" balloon.
Add 5 dried peas.
Alternatively: Raisin knots or the silver cake decorations will work ok.



Inflate the yellow balloon and clamp the nozzle closed.



Catch hold of the peas through the skin of the balloon just beyond the widest point of the balloon towards the nipple end of balloon.



Turn the white balloon inside out and you will have this.



Inflate the white balloon until it looks the right size for the head.



Cut the lip off the yellow balloon. Put a yellow 260 into the yellow round balloon.



Inflate the 260 balloon. Tie off the end. The shape of the beak can be varied. Try different sized balloons inserted. Make the beak more hooked or straighter.



Inflate a black scrap and make two small bubbles with a little bit of slack balloon between. Ease one of the black bubbles underneath the yellow balloon and out of the other side.



This is done in the same way but I inserted a 160 balloon instead of a 260.



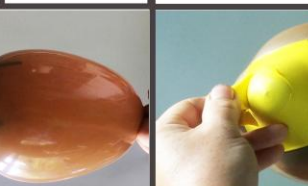
This is it turned the other way up. I blew two friendly eyes up and joined them underneath the beak. hmmm one eye needs a squeeze!



Again this was done in exactly the same way but I allowed the 260 to bend up inside.



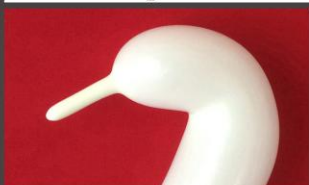
Here is another style of beak but it originates from the same Levett Link. The difference is you inflate both balloons after you have linked them.



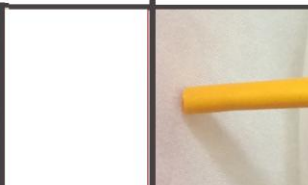
Cut the lip and knot off the yellow balloon. Make sure the area you cut is nice and slack so it does not cause the balloon to pop. Then cut the top layer away. Don't worry about it being exact to the knots. Excessive cutting away will cause it to tear.



Hear it is looking fine. The top layer of the balloon was not cut all the way down but it has settled into the area of the pea knots and does not look at all tatty.



Finally something super simple and super neat. Here is a basic swan head from a 260 balloon. I could leave it as it is or use a pen to colour it but frankly that is something of a pain to do.



I keep a lot of scraps so here is the tip of a yellow 260 balloon. I have cut it so that it is the same length as the beak of the swan.



Then I stretched it open, getting right down to the tip and eased the white tip inside. It does have to go all the way down but if you can't manage that force a puff of air into it. It is quick and looks perfect.