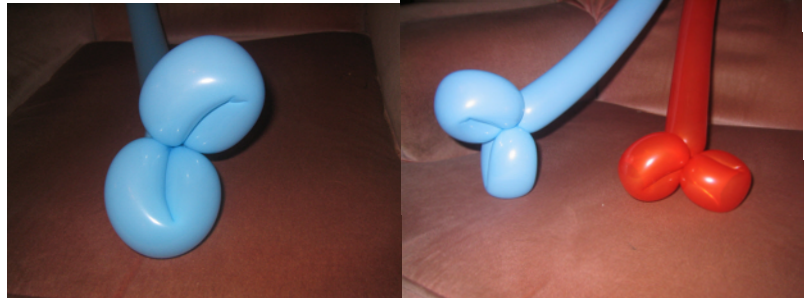


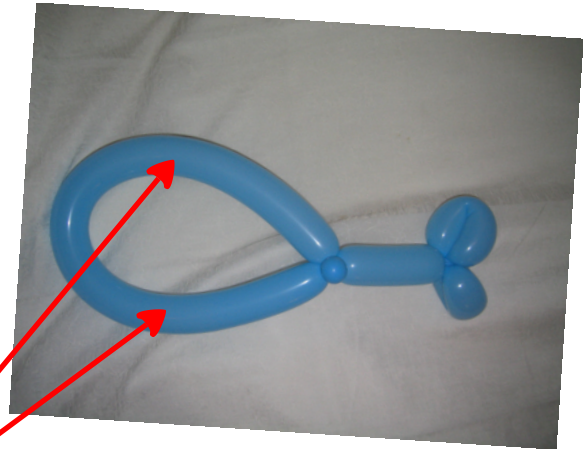
THE BALLOON HELICOPTER BY BRIAN HODGE

First take 3 260 balloons. All 3 are fully inflated (but left a little soft!).

1. On both the red and blue balloon make two 8 finger loops at the knot end.



2.. On the blue balloon make make a 5 finger body of the helicopter. Make the rest of the balloon into a large loop secured with a 1 finger bubble.



3. Now make the loop into two loops twisting the two points marked together.



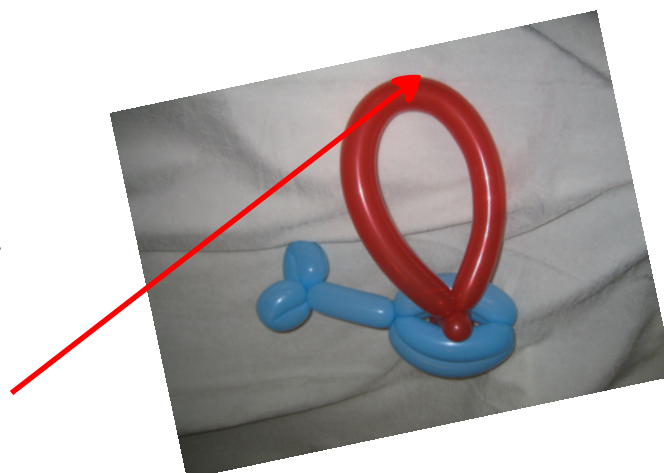
4 Fold the two loops together using the small bubble to secure them.



5. Now push the red balloon through the double blue loop, With adults watch out for the innuendo!



6. Push red through until the wheels stop it going any further. Make a large loop with the rest of balloon securing with a small bubble. Now double the loop bringing the point marked down to the to the small bubble.



7. Now your helicopter is almost complete. You can add to a hat or just add a long white bit of sky to the tail so that it can be flown by the recipient.



Marking of either eyes or two pilots bring the helicopter to life. "Harold" in Thomas the Tank Engine? I add the child's name plus the word "Air".

