

VeggieTales

BALLOON

CHARACTERS

Did you know you can DIY VeggieTales characters using balloons filled with flour? Below is a fun family activity to create your very own VeggieTales Balloon Characters!

TOOLS NEEDED:

- Flour (any kind)
- One empty plastic bottle (half a liter or 17oz.)
- Googly eyes
- Colored balloons (consider each character's color)
- Aluminum foil
- Colored wool (for different details such as the hair)
- Black marker
- Cotton balls
- Washable paints

(This activity requires adult supervision to insure safety for children)

1. With some help from a grown up, start by filling the plastic bottle with flour.
2. Now, inflate the balloon with air. Hold it firmly so the air doesn't come out, but do NOT tie it yet.
3. For this step we need to be gentle! Attach the tip of the balloon to the tip of the bottle. To do so, hold the tip of the balloon all the time, so the air doesn't come out of it. Once you managed to attach the tips, make sure that it's nice and tight and fitted to the plastic bottle opening.
4. Now, pour the flour into your balloon. To do this, turn the bottle upside down so the flour starts falling into the inflated balloon (you can pour faster by shaking, tapping, or gently squeezing the plastic bottle). The amount of flour needed depends on how big you want your character to be.
5. Once you fill the balloon with flour, take the balloon off of the bottle. Do this by firmly holding the tip of the balloon (remember: don't let go of the tip), with your other hand, gently detach the tip of the bottle from the tip of the balloon.
6. Next, let's take the air out of the balloon. To do this we need a lot of patience! Keep holding the tip of the balloon. Then, very slowly and gently let the air out little by little. Let the air out until you get to the perfect size for your character.
7. Now, make a tight knot at the top.
8. It's time to start with the best part: decorating your character. You can use any material you want. Remember to consider the details of each character when choosing material and color.



For some details such as "Pa Grape" glasses, and the "Archibald Asparagus" monocle, you can use aluminum foil. For other details such as hair, wool or tiny pompom balls made of cotton work great. To sum up: feel free to use your imagination and your creativity!