



# HANDBOOK

# Welcome to the world of the BALZAC® Magic Action Balloon Ball...

The wildest, funniest,  
craziest ball on earth!

## SAFETY WARNING

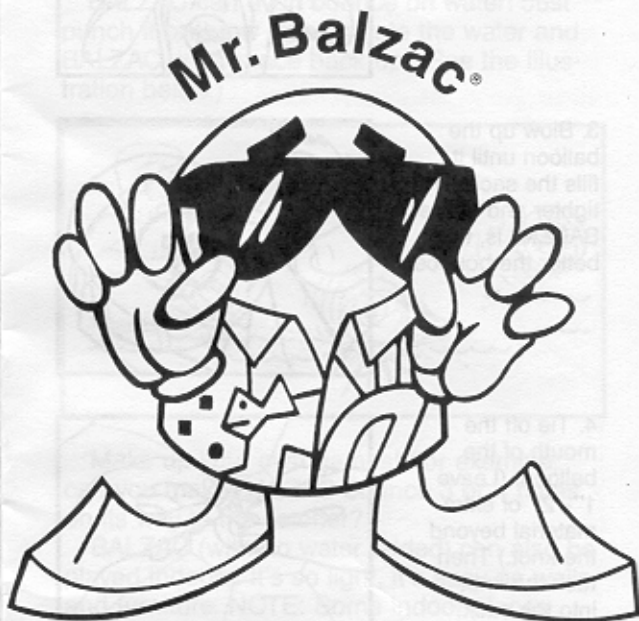
Young children could choke on or be suffocated by an uninflated balloon or piece of a broken balloon. Adults should inflate balloons and supervise their use with children under six (6) years. Discard broken balloons immediately.

BALZAC is not to be used as a flotation device.

## Introducing BALZAC®

BALZAC is a whole new ball game! It's big, it's light, it's not like anything you've ever played with before!

BALZAC is a balloon in a sack. It's like a ball, but it's so much more! Take a few minutes to read about it. Pretty soon you'll be smacking, whacking, attacking, and having a ball with BALZAC!



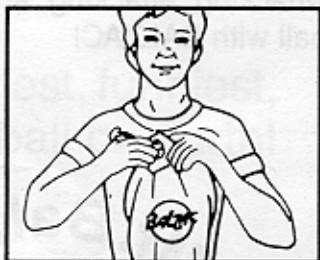
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## How to inflate BALZAC

1. Remove the cloth sack and one balloon from the package.



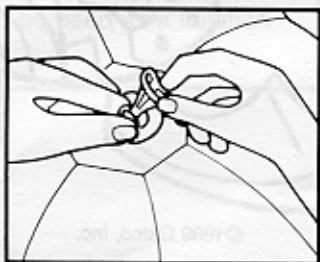
2. Insert the balloon into the sack through the hole in the cloth. Leave the mouth of the balloon sticking out.



3. Blow up the balloon until it fills the sack. The tighter and harder BALZAC is, the better the bounce!



4. Tie off the mouth of the balloon. (Leave 1"- 2" of extra material beyond the knot.) Then tuck the knot into the sack.



Now you're ready to play!

## How to play

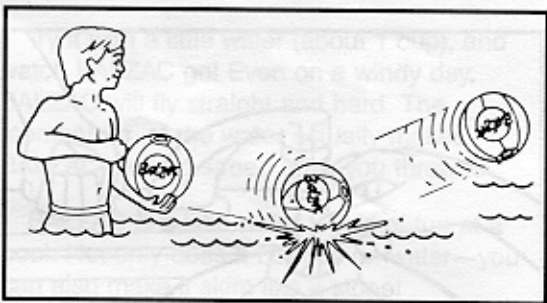
### Normal play (no coins or water added)

Just about any ball game is fun with BALZAC. Try it for your favorite games: BaseBALZAC, VolleyBALZAC, KickBALZAC, DodgeBALZAC, BasketBALZAC—and lots more! BALZAC can be hit with a racket, bat, or stick. You can tap it, slap it, even hit it with your head! Play it on a court with a net, hit it against the wall, or just plain hit it!

At the pool or the beach, BALZAC makes a great beach ball. Try it for water polo, "chicken," and other water games. **NOTE: BALZAC is not to be used as a flotation device.**

When the sack gets wet, BALZAC gets heavier, so it can fly farther. (On a very windy day, a wet sack makes BALZAC less "flyaway.")

BALZAC can even bounce on water! Just punch it or throw it down onto the water and BALZAC will bounce back up! (See the illustration below.)



Make up your own games! For example, can you make BALZAC bounce 3 or 4 times on its way to the catcher?

BALZAC (with no water added) can also be played indoors. It's so light, it's easy on walls and furniture. **NOTE:** Some indoor places aren't suitable for **any** kind of ball play. When in doubt, go out!

## Wacky play (coins or water added)

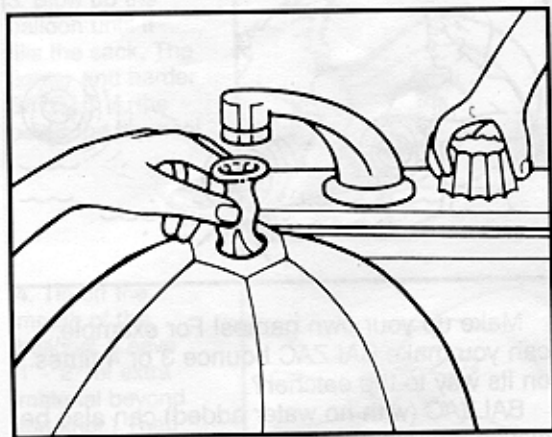
Now that you know all the great stuff BALZAC can do, try adding coins or water for some really wacky action!

### BALZAC & coins!

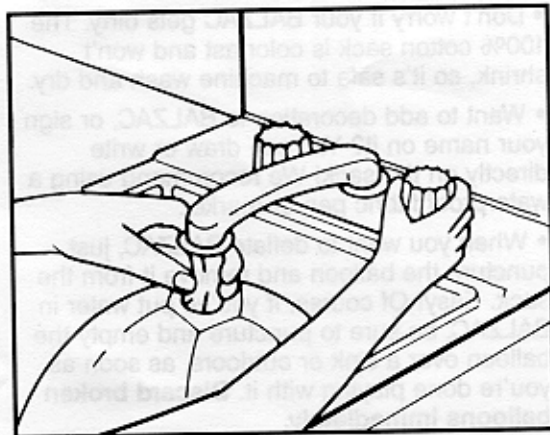
Before putting the balloon in the sack, drop some coins into the sack—8 to 10 pennies, or any other combination of similar weight. When you blow up the balloon, the coins will be held in place. They'll act as weights to throw BALZAC off balance. There's no telling where BALZAC will go! When you toss it to friends it'll veer away, making it tough to catch!

### BALZAC & water!

After putting the balloon in the sack, but before inflating it, fill the balloon partway with water as shown in the diagrams below and at right.



1. Put the mouth of the balloon over a faucet. Then slowly turn on the tap and add some water ( up to 2 cups) to the balloon.



2. Turn off the tap, hold the neck of the balloon tightly and separate the balloon from the faucet. Then (carefully) blow up and tie off the balloon.

Try it with a little water (about 1 cup), and watch BALZAC go! Even on a windy day, BALZAC will fly straight and hard. The momentum of the water actually makes BALZAC pick up speed **after** you throw it!

BALZAC & a little water is lots of fun at a pool. Not only does it bounce on water—you can also make it skim like a stone!

BALZAC & **more** water (about 2 cups) is a lot different! It's heavier, so it flies farther and faster. Roll it fast along the ground—anyone for BowlingBALZAC?

**NOTE:** We don't recommend playing with BALZAC & water indoors. Because it's heavier, it could damage or break something.

## Other BALZAC Balloon Ball facts

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- Don't worry if your BALZAC gets dirty. The 100% cotton sack is colorfast and won't shrink, so it's safe to machine wash and dry.
- Want to add decoration to BALZAC, or sign your name on it? You can draw or write directly on the sack! We recommend using a waterproof fabric pen or marker.
- When you want to deflate BALZAC, just puncture the balloon and remove it from the sack. Easy! Of course, if you've put water in BALZAC, be sure to puncture and empty the balloon over a sink or outdoors, as soon as you're done playing with it. **Discard broken balloons immediately.**
- Each BALZAC comes with a supply of refill balloons. Once you've used them, you can buy refills anywhere 11" or larger (inflated size) round balloons are sold.



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