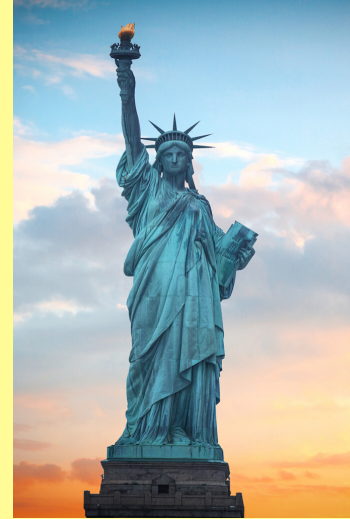




Foil Figures



The book *Her Right Foot* by Dave Eggers is all about the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. The Statue of Liberty is a **FIGURAL** sculpture. **FIGURAL** means human shaped. Humans generally have a head, two arms, and two legs. This is the basic shape of a human. The Statue of Liberty is a giant human (305 feet tall! How tall are you?). We can make small **FIGURAL** sculptures from aluminum foil.

Supplies:

- 1 rectangular piece of aluminum foil
- Scissors (optional)

Instructions:

- 1** Cut or tear the rectangle of foil from the center of one short end about $\frac{1}{2}$ way up, making 2 sections. These will be the legs.
- 2** Turn foil around to the other short end. Cut (or tear) this end into 3 equal strips about $\frac{1}{3}$ the way down the rectangle to make sections that will be the arms and head.
- 3** Carefully squeeze the rectangle together between the two cuts. This is the waist of your figure.
- 4** Carefully squeeze each leg section together.





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5 Carefully squeeze each of the arm sections.

6 To make the head you need to leave space inside so it doesn't look too small. You can fold it over your finger and then pinch it in at the neck, or roll up a bit of paper or tissue and squeeze the foil around it.

7 Ta Da! You have your foil figure!

The title of *Her Right Foot* draws our attention to the Statue of Liberty's foot which has its heel raised as if the statue is taking a step forward. Can you bend your figure so it looks like it's walking? What about dancing?

Foil figures are fun because you can move, bend, and re-bend them. Try it!

