

Balloon Recipe

Spooky Black Cat

This simple, spooky cat will make the “purr-fect” addition to your customers’ Halloween parties! Place a few around your store to encourage cash-and-carry sales.



Estimated Cost: Under \$8

Labor: 10-15 minutes

Suggested Retail Price: \$20-\$30

Materials:

- 1 30" "Black Cat" Microfoil Shape
- 1 3' Onyx Black Giant Latex Balloon
- 4 11" Onyx Black Latex Balloons
- 4 5" Orange Latex Balloons
- 350Q Onyx Black Latex Balloons
- Qualatex BalloonRibbon
- Sand Weight

Instructions:

1. Make a raisin twist in the 3-foot latex balloon. To do this, make bulky knots in an uninflated 350Q by tying several knots on top of one another. Trim the balloon on each side of the knots. Insert the knotted 350Q inside the neck of the uninflated 3-foot balloon and position it at the bottom center of the balloon. Grasp the knotted 350Q through the skin of the balloon and twist it several times. Secure the twist by tightly wrapping an uninflated 260Q scrap around it and tying. (A craft bead can also be used instead of 350Q knots.) This will create an attachment point for the "head."
2. Air inflate the 3-foot balloon to about 30 inches and tie it. Tie a sand weight to the neck of the balloon.
3. Air inflate four 11-inch Onyx Black latex balloons to about 6 inches, and make a four-balloon cluster. To do this, inflate two balloons and tie the necks together. Repeat to make a second pair, then twist the two pairs together. Wrap the cluster between the weight and the 3-foot latex balloon by separating two of the balloons, pushing the cluster above the weight, and twisting together the two balloons that were separated.
4. Make another four-balloon cluster using a 5-inch Orange latex inflated to 3 inches. Tie this cluster onto the raisin twist using the uninflated 260Q scrap.
5. Air inflate the 30-inch Microfoil Shape. Tightly roll up the neck with a piece of BalloonRibbon and tie it. Use the ribbon to tie the balloon to the cluster from Step 4.
6. Make a Curly 350Q. To do this, fully inflate the 350Q and let the air out. Wrap the 350Q around a cylindrical object, stretching it a little as you go and making sure not to wrinkle or twist the balloon. Air inflate the 350Q while holding it around the cylinder as it curls, and tie. Stretch out the Curly 350Q to shape it into a "tail," and tie the knot end around the weighted four-balloon cluster at the base.

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