

# WOBBLY SNOWMAN

*This long-lasting, self-supporting "Wobbly Snowman" makes great interactive décor for holiday parties. Display him in your shop window and suggest him to customers for any place that needs a touch of wintry warmth!*

## Materials:

- 1 3' white latex balloon
- 1 24" "Smile Face Snowman" white latex balloon
- 1 16" white latex balloon
- 3 5" onyx black latex balloons
- 2 350Q sapphire blue latex balloons
- 6 260Q onyx black latex balloons

Balloon scrap

Plastic top hat

Cool Glue or Glue Dots

Sand

Helium: About 2 cubic feet

## Instructions:

- Make a softball-sized sand weight with the 16" latex balloon and roll it into a tube shape. Stretch the neck of the uninflated 3' balloon open, insert the weight, and flatten it.
- Air inflate the 3' balloon to 25" and tie. (TIP: Place two chairs 25" apart and pull the balloon through to size it.) Helium inflate the 24" "Smile Face Snowman" to 18" and tie to the knot of the 3' balloon.
- To make the scarf, fully air inflate one sapphire blue 350Q and inflate another to about 32". Tie the necks together, then wrap the longer balloon around the shorter balloon. Twist the two balloons together 7-10" from the end of the longest balloon, leaving the end of one balloon longer than the other. Wrap the scarf around the Snowman's neck and secure by wrapping the 350Q knot around the twist in the two balloons.
- Inflate three 5" onyx black balloons to 3" and make an apple twist in each one (see sidebar), then glue to the front of the snowman for "buttons." Glue the top hat to the snowman's head.
- To make an "arm," inflate one onyx black 260Q to 24" and tie. Inflate a second onyx black 260Q to 10" and tie. Tie a knot opposite the neck at the end of the inflated portion in the 10" balloon, then trim the excess. Twist



Estimated cost: About \$4  
 Labor: About 20 minutes  
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the 10" bubble in half, then twist the center onto the 24" 260Q about 8" from one end to make a "branch." Inflate a third 260Q to 10" and tie. Tie a knot at the opposite end of the inflated portion of the balloon, then trim the excess. Twist the 10" bubble in half, then twist the center onto the 24" 260Q about 8" from the first 10" branch. Glue one end of the arm to the 3' white balloon. Repeat to make a second arm.

## How to Apple Twist

Under air inflate a round balloon to the desired size, and tie. Push the knot through the center of the balloon with your index finger, then grasp the knot through the balloon with your other hand, twist it several times, and remove your finger. Wrap a 260Q scrap around the knot and tie, then slightly push it up into the balloon.



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## CORRECTION

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