

MAJESTIC CHRISTMAS TREE

Decorate your store, as well as Christmas parties with this tall evergreen balloon décor! For a more contemporary look, use Lime Green 646Qs with pink and white ornaments.

Materials:

- 1 20" Metallic Gold Star
- 8 11" Ruby Red Latex Balloons
- 5" Ruby Red Latex Balloons
- 5" Gold Latex Balloons
- 36 646Q Emerald Green Giant Airship Latex Balloons
- SDS Base Plate
- 1 6' Piece of 1/4" Aluminum Rod (sharpened to a point at one end)
- Fabric Tree Skirt
- Duct Tape and Cool Glue

Instructions:

1. Duct tape the aluminum rod to the shaft of the base plate.
2. Fully inflate a 646Q balloon, measure 34" from the tip, then twist at that point and tie, leaving a long, deflated neck.
3. Push the deflated neck over the sharpened aluminum rod, and slide the balloon down to rest 18" above the base plate.
4. Inflate two more 646Qs as in Step 2, then thread each onto the rod, "spoking" the three balloons around the rod. This creates the bottom row of the tree.
5. Add rows following Steps 2-4 in the following balloon lengths:
 - Rows 2-7 34" balloons
 - Row 8 29" balloons
 - Row 9 24" balloons
 - Row 10-11 20" balloons
 - Row 12 18" balloons
6. As you add each row and "spoke" the balloons, make sure each 646Q nests between those on the previous row. Adjust the rows as needed.
7. After all the 646Qs have been added, duct tape the sharp point of the rod.
8. Helium inflate the 20" Star and duct tape it to the top of the rod.
9. Make a 4-balloon cluster of 5" Ruby Red inflated to 2". Wrap the cluster onto the rod below the 20" Star.
10. Inflate 5" balloons in desired colors to 2", trim excess, and cool glue to the 646Q "branches" as "ornaments."
11. For the base, make a 4-balloon cluster of 11" Ruby Red inflated to 9" and wrap around the rod at the base.
12. Add a second cluster of 11" Ruby Red inflated to 6" above the previous cluster.
13. Wrap the tree skirt around the rod, resting it on top of the two clusters.



Estimated Cost: Under \$10
Labor: About 45 minutes
Suggested Retail Price: \$75

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