

CRAZY FOR CURLS ARCH

Add a twist to traditional décor with this playful arch. Great for any fun occasion, you can customize this look by using various colors and prints.

Materials:

- 22 11" Orange Latex Balloons
- 22 11" Yellow Latex Balloons
- 9 260Q Lime Green Latex Balloons
- Monofilament Line
- Weights

Instructions:

1. Make eight Lime Green Curly 260Qs using a cylinder with an uninflated 260Q tied around one end to use as a band. To make the a Curly 260Q, stretch out the 260Q by fully inflating it and then letting out the air. Slip the end of the 260Q under the band and wrap the 260Q around the cylinder. Stretch the balloon a little as you go, making sure not to twist or wrinkle it. Inflate the 260Q and tie.
2. Tie the eight Curly 260Qs together end-to-end. Attach a sand weight to each end of the Curly 260Q strand.
3. Measure a length of monofilament line equal to the length of the Curly 260Qs. Tie each end of the monofilament to the weights. NOTE: The monofilament line serves as a backup in case any of the 260Q balloons should deflate.
4. Air-inflate a 4-balloon cluster using two Yellow and two Orange balloons sized to 10". To do this, inflate and size two balloons to 10", then tie the necks together. Repeat to make a second pair, then twist the two pairs together to make a 4-balloon cluster. Repeat to make a second 4-balloon cluster sized to 10".
5. Wrap each 10" 4-balloon cluster around the monofilament line above each weight.
6. Air-inflate two more 4-balloon clusters using Yellow and Orange balloons sized to 9". Wrap each of these clusters onto the monofilament line above the 10" clusters, making sure to nest the top cluster into the bottom cluster.
7. Make seven more 4-balloon clusters using Yellow and Orange 11" balloons inflated with helium and sized to 10". As you complete each helium-inflated cluster, attach the cluster at the adjoining 260Q knots, making sure to wrap the cluster around both the monofilament line and the 260Q knots.



Estimated Cost: Under \$7
Labor: About 20 minutes
Suggested Retail Price: \$75-\$125

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