

SASSY AND 60

Make joining that dreaded over-the-hill gang a little more fun with this colossal creation! For 40th or 50th birthdays, simply replace the "60-A-Round" balloons with "40-A-Round" or "50-A-Round" and call this piece 40 & Fabulous or 50 & Fabulous!

Materials:

- 1 3' "Over The Hill-A-Round" Onyx Black Latex Balloon
- 4 11" "60-A-Round" Jewel Assortment Latex Balloons
- 350Q Sapphire Blue, Ruby Red, Citrine Yellow, & Mandarin Orange Latex Balloons
- 5" Sapphire Blue, Ruby Red, Citrine Yellow, & Mandarin Orange Latex Balloons
- 4 5" Onyx Black Latex Balloons
- #9 Black Qualatex Latex Balloons
- #9 Black Qualatex MasterBow Poly Ribbon
- ULTRA HI-FLOAT Balloon Flight Extender
- Sand Weight

Instructions:

1. Fully helium inflate the 3-foot balloon and tie to one end of a piece (about 4 feet) of #9 ribbon. Attach the other end of the ribbon to a sand weight.
2. Make a four-balloon cluster using the 11-foot latex balloons helium inflated, treated with ULTRA HI-FLOAT, and sized to 10 feet. Wrap the cluster onto the neck of the 3-foot balloon.
3. Make a four-balloon cluster of 5-inch Onyx Black inflated to 4.5 inches and wrap onto the adjoining knot of the sand weight and ribbon.
4. Using a hand air inflator, inflate two 350Qs each with just one pump of the inflator and tie into a pair. Repeat to make two more pairs, then twist all three pairs together to make a six-balloon cluster.
5. Air inflate 5-inch latex balloons to about 3 inches and tie to the ends of the 350Qs, then trim any excess balloon with scissors.
6. Stretch out one of the balloon necks from the center of the 350Q cluster and tie it around the #9 ribbon, under the 11-inch cluster. Push the 350Q cluster snugly up into the 11-inch cluster.
7. Repeat steps four through six for a second 350Q cluster, then attach the cluster at the base of the design, pushing the 350Qs down snugly into the 5-inch cluster.



Estimated Cost: \$4.50
Labor: About 10-15 minutes
Suggested Retail Price: \$35-40

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