

Graduation Celebration

Estimated cost: Under \$6

Labor: About 10 minutes

Suggested retail price: \$35-\$40

Materials:

- 1 18" "Congratulations Graduate! Caps" Microfoil balloon
 - 1 22" "Smiles" bubble balloon
 - 2 11" onyx black latex balloons
 - 2 11" citrine yellow latex balloons
 - 4 6" onyx black latex hearts
 - 1 646Q onyx black giant airship latex balloon
 - 2 260Q onyx black latex balloons
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- Sand weight
Artificial graduation cap
Cool glue or Glue Dots
Helium: 2 cubic feet

Instructions:

1. Helium inflate the giant airship balloon, leaving 1" uninflated, and tie to a sand weight.
2. Air inflate all four 11" onyx black and citrine yellow balloons to 10" and create a four-balloon cluster. Attach the cluster to the knot between the 646Q and the weight.
3. To make the "arm," fully air inflate a 260Q, release a small amount of air to soften the latex, and tie. Twist a 2" bubble at the knot-end of the balloon. Next, twist a 4" bubble, bend the 4" bubble in half, and twist the twists together. This makes a loop for the "hand."
4. Make a twist about halfway up the balloon. Hold the twist tightly between two fingers, then deflate the remainder and tie off at the twist.
5. Repeat steps three and four for a second arm. Tie the arms together with the uninflated ends, and trim the excess balloon.
6. For the "collar," make a four-balloon cluster with the 6" hearts inflated to 5". Tie the uninflated tip of the 646Q into the center of the collar.
7. Wrap the arms into the center of the collar.



8. Helium inflate the 22" "Smiles" Bubble Balloon. Use an uninflated 260Q to tie the head into the collar, then trim the excess.
9. Air inflate the 18" Microfoil balloon and attach to the 260Q "hands" with cool glue or Glue Dots. Attach the graduation cap the same way.

Tip:

The latex balloons can also coordinate with school colors!