

Hats Off to You

Estimated cost: Under \$8
Labor: About 5-10 minutes
Suggested retail price: \$35-\$40

Materials:

- 1 45" "Graduation Cap" Microfoil shape
- 2 20" "Congratulations! Radiant" Microfoil stars
- 2 11" "Con-GRAD-ulations Caps" latex balloons
- 2 11" onyx black latex balloons
- 1 11" "Smile Face" yellow latex balloon
- 2 5" ruby red latex balloons
- 2 5" onyx black latex balloons
- 1 260Q latex balloon

Qualatex BalloonRibbon

Yellow embroidery thread

Needle

Stapler

Black foam board

Tile

Cool glue

Balloon tab

Helium: 4.5 cubic feet

Instructions:

1. Make a four-balloon cluster using 5" balloons inflated to 3".
2. Under inflate the "Smile Face" balloon to 6" and tie it into

- the center of the cluster.
3. Attach a balloon tab to a tile, and tie an uninflated 260Q through the tab. Use the 260Q to tie the cluster to the tile.
4. Cut a 3"x3" square and a 3"x½" rectangle out of the black foam board. Staple the ends of the rectangle together to make a circle, and glue it in the center of the square to make the mini graduation cap. Thread a needle with the embroidery thread and poke a hole through the top of the "hat." Tie a knot on the underside to secure the "tassel."
5. Cool glue the hat to the top of the "Smile Face."
6. To create the bouquet, mark a wall with seven pieces of masking tape (one piece for each balloon) spaced 7" apart.
7. Helium inflate the 45" Microfoil, the two 20" Microfoil Stars, and the four 11" latex BalloonRibbon.
8. In one hand, gather all the balloons together at the lowest tape mark.
9. Pull the 45" balloon to the highest tape mark. Then, pull what will be the second highest balloon to the second highest tape mark, and so on.
10. Attach the bouquet to your base.

