

# Balloon Recipe

## Autumn Elegance

*This easy-to-create, air-filled centerpiece has lots of perceived value and can be customized for any occasion by simply changing out the latex.*

**Estimated Cost:** About \$18

**Labor:** About 15 Minutes

**Suggested Retail Price:** \$40-45

### Instructions:

1. Glue the pedestal to the base. Wrap the #40 Poly Ribbon around the pedestal and glue it at the top and bottom to secure.
2. Make a four-balloon cluster with four 11-inch "Fall Leaves" Pearl Burgundy latex sized to 6 inches. To do this, inflate and size two balloons, then tie the necks together. Repeat to make a second pair, then twist the two pairs together. Wrap this cluster onto the bottom of the pedestal.
3. Make a four-balloon cluster of 5-inch Pearl Mandarin Orange latex sized to 3.5 inches. Wrap this cluster above the 6-inch cluster from Step 1, rotating it 45 degrees so it nests.
4. Make a four-balloon cluster of 5-inch Pearl Burgundy latex sized to 2.5 inches. Wrap this cluster above the 3.5-inch cluster from Step 3, rotating it so it nests.
5. Make a Topiary using six each of the 11-inch "Fall Leaves" Pearl Burgundy and Pearl Mandarin Orange latex. To do this, air inflate and size two balloons to 5 inches and tie the necks together. Repeat to make a second pair. Twist the two pairs together, making sure the balloons intersect at the knots so the center stays constant. Repeat to add two more pairs, one at a time, keeping the center constant. For the last two pairs, tie the balloons together as close to the neck roll as possible. Then, wrap the pairs in one at a time to complete the round ball. Arrange the colors as shown, so it resembles a "flower" on each side.
6. Slide the Topiary onto the top of the pedestal.
7. Accent with silk leaves as desired.

### Materials:

- 16 11" "Fall Leaves" Assorted Chocolate Brown, Pearl Burgundy, & Pearl Mandarin Orange Latex Balloons
- 4 5" Pearl Burgundy Latex Balloons
- 4 5" Pearl Mandarin Orange Latex Balloons

#40 Orange Qualatex MasterBow Poly Ribbon

Silk Leaves

Hot Glue

30" Acrylic Pedestal

Acrylic Base

*All balloons featured are Qualatex balloons from Pioneer Balloon Co. Photo and recipe are courtesy of Pioneer. For even more balloon ideas, visit "Balloon Ideas" and "Instruction Sheets" on [www.qualatex.com](http://www.qualatex.com), or call 800-771-3968.*

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