

Balloon Recipe

Have a Blast Over the Hill

Add pizzazz and a punch of color to the traditional black "Over the Hill" bouquet. Curly 160Qs are the perfect value-added accent.

Estimated Cost: Under \$10

Labor: About 15 Minutes

Suggested Retail Price: \$35-40

Instructions:

1. Cut a small hole in the lid of the gift box. Fill the box with goodies, if desired. Set aside.
2. Helium inflate and tie the two 11-inch latex balloons, then tie a length of BalloonRibbon to the necks.
3. Helium inflate the three 22-inch Bubble Balloons.

NOTE: Inflate the Bubbles until the wrinkles in the seam disappear, resulting in a beach ball-like appearance. Bubbles are self-sealing and have attached ribbons.

4. Gather the latex balloons and Bubbles in one hand. Arrange the bouquet as shown by sliding the ribbons through your hand. Push the ribbons through the hole in the gift box lid and tie them to a weight. Place the weight in the box and close the lid.
5. Make a Curly 160Q by fully inflating a 160Q, then deflating. Wrap the 160Q around a cylinder, making sure not to wrinkle or twist it. Fully inflate the 160Q and tie. Repeat to make three more Curly 160Qs in different colors. Find the middle of each 160Q and twist them all together at this point. Push onto the neck of one of the Bubbles, wrapping the ribbon around to secure.
6. Repeat Step 5 to add Curly 160Q "collars" to the other two Bubbles.
7. Wrap #9 Masterflow Ribbon around the gift box. Make four more Curly 160Qs and twist them together at the midpoints. Use BalloonRibbon to tie the 160Qs onto the #9 Ribbon.

Materials:

- 2 22" "Over the Hill Stars" Bubble Balloons
- 1 22" "Brilliant Stars" Bubble Balloon
- 2 11" "Over the Hill Confetti" Assorted Latex Balloons
- 4 ea. 160Q Red, Yellow, Lime Green, & Rubin's Egg Blue Latex Balloons
- #9 Purple Qualitex Masterflow Poly Ribbon
- Qualitex BalloonRibbon
- Gift Box
- Goodies
- Weight

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