

# Balloon Recipe

## Good Luck, Graduate!

Send off grads with this fun delivery, featuring a handmade balloon "gift" for added perceived value. The latex balloons can also be customized in the school colors.

**Estimated Cost:** Under \$9

**Labor:** About 15 Minutes

**Suggested Retail Price:** \$30-35

### Instructions:

1. Air inflate four 5-inch balloons to 4 inches and make a four-balloon cluster. To do this, inflate two balloons and tie the necks together. Repeat to make a second pair, then twist the two pairs together.
2. Repeat Step 1 to make a second four-balloon cluster.
3. Air inflate two 160Qs, leaving 2 inches uninflated. Tie their necks together. Create a second pair of 160Qs and twist the two pairs together. Lay the 160Qs flat on a table to make an "X" shape.
4. Tie a weight to one of the 4-inch clusters. Place this cluster on top of the 160Q cluster so that the 160Qs lie between the 4inch balloons.
5. Place the second 4-inch cluster directly on top of the first one. DO NOT rotate the clusters so they nest — simply stack one on top of the other.
6. Bring two opposite 160Qs up and twist them together several times at the top, keeping them snug against the sides of the "gift." Bring the other two 160Qs up and twist all four 160Qs together.
7. Make a 6-inch loop twist in two of the 160Qs. To do this, twist a bubble twice the size of the loop twist. Sharply bend the bubble in half, and twist the ends together. Deflate, tie, and trim any excess uninflated balloon.
8. Helium inflate the three Microfoils and the two latex balloons and tie each one to BalloonRibbon. Arrange the balloons as shown and tie the ribbons into the weighted base.
9. Make a four-balloon cluster of 5-inch latex inflated to 3 inches. Wrap this "collar" around the neck of the 36-inch Microfoil by separating two of the balloons, pushing the collar onto the neck and twisting together the two balloons that were separated.

### Materials:

- 1 36" "Smile Face Party Grad" Microfoil Shape
- 2 18" "Good Luck Stars & Streamers" Diamond Expressions Microfoil Balloons
- 2 11" Red Latex Balloons
- 1 11" Yellow Latex Balloon
- 12 5" Red Latex Balloons
- 3 160Q Yellow Latex Balloons
- Qualatex BalloonRibbon
- Weight

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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