

Balloon Recipe

Star for a Day

This long-lasting birthday bouquet is easy to make and Crystalgraphic Microfoil Stars add extra pizzazz.

Estimated Cost: Under \$9

Labor: About 10 Minutes

Suggested Retail Price: \$25-30

Instructions:

1. Helium inflate the 20-inch Microfoil Stars and tie a length of BalloonRibbon to the necks. Set aside.
2. Use a latex regulator to helium inflate the 22-inch Bubble Balloons until the wrinkles on the seams disappear (resembling a beach ball). The Bubbles have pre-attached ribbons.
3. Gather the Microfoil Stars and the Bubbles together, arrange them as shown, and tie to the sand weight.
4. Inflate two Red and two Dark Blue 5-inch latex to 3 inches and tie them into two pairs. Wrap the pairs together to make a collar. Separate two of the balloons, push the collar high onto the neck of a Bubble Balloon and twist together the two separated balloons.
5. Repeat Step 4 to add a second collar to the other Bubble.
6. Make a Curly 160Q. To do this, fully inflate the 160Q with air and let out the air to stretch the balloon. Wrap the 160Q around a cylindrical object, stretching it as you go and making sure not to wrinkle or twist the balloon. Air inflate the 160Q while holding it around the cylinder and tie the neck.
7. Wrap the knot end of the Curly 160Q into one of the Bubble's collars.
8. Repeat Steps 6-7 to add a Curly 160Q to the remaining Bubble.
9. Wrap the sand weight with cellophane and tie with curled BalloonRibbon.
10. Inflate two 4-inch Microfoil Stars with a hand pump and heat seal the necks. Tie the necks together to make a pair. Tie the pair onto the wrapped weight with BalloonRibbon.



Materials:

- 2 22-inch "Birthday Boy Party Hat" Bubble Balloons
- 1 20-inch "Crystalgraphic Red" Microfoil Star
- 1 20-inch "Crystalgraphic Sapphire Blue" Microfoil Star
- 2 4-inch Ruby Red Microfoil Stars
- 4 ea. Red & Dark Blue Latex Balloons
- 2 160Q Yellow Latex
- Qualatex BalloonRibbon
- Blue Cellophane
- Heat Sealer
- Sand 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, or call 800-771-3968.

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