

# Balloon Recipe

## Smilin' Jack Centerpiece

*Perfect for a window display or cash-and-carry item, this air-filled design will light up your Halloween sales.*

**Estimated Cost:** Under \$4

**Labor:** About 15 Minutes

**Suggested Retail Price:** \$15-20

### Instructions:

1. Fully air inflate four 5-inch Mocha Brown latex and make a four-balloon cluster. To do this, inflate two balloons and tie them together. Repeat to make a second pair, then twist the two pairs together. Tie the weight to the cluster.
2. Make a four-balloon cluster using 5-inch Mocha Brown latex inflated to 4 inches. Tie this cluster onto the cluster from Step 1, rotating it so it nests.
3. Make another four-balloon cluster using 5-inch Mocha Brown latex inflated to 3 inches. Tie it onto the cluster from Step 3, rotating it so it nests.
4. Air inflate the self-sealing 22-inch Bubble with a latex regulator until the wrinkles in the seam disappear. Use the attached ribbon to tie the Bubble snugly into the Mocha Brown clusters.  
*TIP: Cut off the attached ribbon and use it to roll up and tie the Bubble's neck before tying it into the clusters.*
5. Make four Curly 160Qs, leaving 1-inch uninflated. To do this, fully inflate a 160Q and let the air out. Wrap the 160Q around a cylindrical object, stretching it a little and making sure not to wrinkle it. Air inflate the 160Q while holding it around the cylinder. Tie the Curly 160Qs into pairs with the uninflated ends and wrap them through the Mocha Brown clusters.



### Materials:

- 1 22" "Magical Jack" Bubble Balloon
  - 2 5" "Halloween Face Assortment" Lime Green, Orange & White Latex Balloons
  - 12 5" Mocha Brown Latex Balloons
  - 4 160Q Lime Green Latex Balloons
- Weight
6. At the knot end of a Curly 160Q, make a 1-inch pinch twist. To do this, make a 1-inch bubble and twist it several times. Loop your finger under the bubble. Grasp the sides of the bubble with your thumb and finger, stretching it up until you can pinch the twists together. Twist the pinched bubble several times to secure. Repeat to make a second pinch twist.
  7. Inflate a 5-inch Orange latex and tie it. Wrap the knot around the two pinch twists from Step 6.
  8. Repeat Steps 6-7 to add another 5-inch latex to a Curly 160Q.

*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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