

# Balloon Recipe

## Congrats on Your Commencement

Offer a graduation gift that "stands out" with this stand-up design. Simple 160Q accents add to the perceived value.

**Estimated Cost:** About \$6

**Labor:** About 15 Minutes

**Suggested Retail Price:** \$20-25

### Instructions:

1. Inflate four 11-inch "Congrats! Cap" latex to 7.5 inches and make a four-balloon cluster. To do this, inflate two balloons and tie them into a pair. Make a second pair, then twist the two pairs together. Tie to a sand weight.
2. Fully inflate four 5-inch Red latex and make a four-balloon cluster. Tie this cluster onto the cluster from Step 1, rotating it so it nests.
3. Air inflate the White 646Q, leaving 2 inches uninflated, and tie into the Red cluster from Step 2.
4. Inflate four 5-inch Onyx Black latex to 2 inches and make another four-balloon cluster. Wrap this cluster between the 5-inch Red cluster and the 646Q.
5. Make a four-balloon cluster with 11-inch "Congrats! Cap" latex sized to 5 inches, and tie it onto the uninflated end of the 646Q.
6. Inflate four 5-inch Red latex to 3 inches and make another four-balloon cluster. Wrap this cluster between the 646Q and the cluster from Step 5.
7. Air inflate the 22-inch Bubble and tie it snugly into the previous clusters.
8. Inflate a Red 160Q and tie. Wrap it around the 646Q and make a 1-inch Pinch Twist where it meets the knot. (To make a Pinch Twist, create a bubble by pinching the balloon and twisting it several times. Make another twist at the desired bubble length, being sure to twist in the same direction. Loop your finger under the bubble. Grasp the sides of the bubble and stretch it up until you can pinch the twists together. Remove your finger, and twist the pinched bubble at least three times in one direction to secure.) Wrap the knot end of the 160Q around the Pinch Twist. Deflate, trim and tie the excess.
9. Repeat Step 8 to add two more 160Q "bands" around the 646Q and position as desired.

### Materials:

- 1 22" (56cm) "Grad Hats & Balloons" Bubble Balloon
- 8 11" (28cm) "Congrats! Cap" White Latex Balloons
- 8 5" (13cm) Red Latex Balloons
- 4 5" Onyx Black Latex Balloons
- 1 646Q White Latex Balloons
- 3 160Q Red Latex Balloons
- Sand Weight



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