

The Very Best Tips

We've included the item numbers for items available from U.S. Balloon Co. For other items listed, they are available at most hardware stores.

From Linda Bruce, CBA

Tabletop Mr. & Mrs.

This adorable couple only takes about 10 minutes to create! Set them on the guest-book table or gift table to welcome guests. They can also be customized to coordinate with any wedding colors.

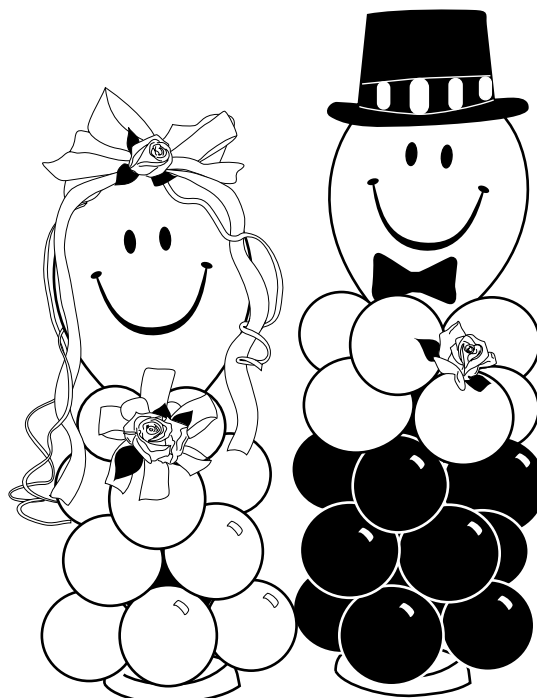
Cost: About \$2.50 each Labor: About 5 minutes each

Ingredients for Bride

- 1 11" (28cm) "Smile Face" Diamond Clear Latex Balloon (Available in Jewel Assortment #360306)
- 16 5" (13cm) Pearl White Latex Balloons #386672
- 1 260Q White Latex Balloon #385309
- Tulle Ribbon
- Qualatex® BalloonRibbon™
- Silk Flower Scraps
- Adhesive Balloon Tab
- 6" Plastic Design Dish
- Cool-glue Gun

Instructions for Bride

1. Place design dish upside down on workstation. Attach adhesive tab to center top of dish with cool glue.
2. Tie an uninflated 260Q to the adhesive tab through the hole in tab.
3. Fully air inflate four of the 5" balloons and make a quad (two duplets twisted together).
4. Place the quad on top of the dish with the 260Q coming up through the center.
5. Air inflate a second quad of balloons slightly smaller than the first. Place on top of the first quad so they nestle in the grooves with the 260Q coming up through the center.
6. Continue with two more quads gradually decreasing in size.
7. While still holding the end of the 260Q with one hand, use the other hand to air inflate the 11" "Smile Face" balloon to about 9", and tie directly to the 260Q. The tension of the 260Q will keep everything snugly in place.
8. Now, use your design talents to embellish the Bride by gluing a small veil made from #40 tulle ribbon, BalloonRibbon, and silk flower scraps to the top of the Bride's head. Do the same to create a bouquet and glue to the front of the Bride.



Ingredients for Groom

- 1 11" (28cm) "Smile Face" Diamond Clear Latex Balloon (available in Jewel Assortment #385934)
- 12 5" (13cm) Onyx Black Latex Balloons #385712
- 8 5" Silver Latex Balloons #386375
- 1 260Q Onyx Black Latex Balloon #386290
- 6" (15cm) Plastic Design Dish
- Adhesive Balloon Tab
- Black Cardboard Top Hat
- Black Construction Paper
- Cool-glue Gun

Instructions for Groom

1. Place design dish upside down on workstation. Attach adhesive tab to center top of dish with cool glue.
2. Tie an uninflated 260Q to the adhesive tab through the hole in tab.
3. Air inflate the first quad of 5" Onyx Black balloons to 4 1/2".
4. Place the quad on top of the dish with the 260Q coming up through the center.
5. Air inflate a second quad of Onyx Black balloons to 4 1/2". Place on top of the first quad so they nestle in the grooves with the 260Q coming up through the center. Repeat with a third quad of Onyx Black balloons.
6. Make a quad of the 5" Silver balloons sized to 4 1/2". Place on top of the Onyx Black quads. Repeat with a second quad of Silver balloons.
7. While still holding the end of the 260Q with one hand, use the other hand to air inflate the 11" "Smile Face" balloon to about 10" and tie directly to the 260Q. The tension of the 260Q will keep everything snugly in place.
8. Cut a bow tie from the black construction paper and glue in place. Glue the top hat to the Groom's head.
9. Attach a silk flower to the front of the Groom for a boutonniere.

Use plain Diamond Clear balloons for the heads, and create your own custom bride and groom faces with a large marker or glued-on, underinflated 160Q balloons.



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