

24" REFLEX Hot Air Balloon Beauty

Jan Iiams, Celebrity Spotlight Recipe

Materials Needed:

Betalatex Balloons: Cost of used product \$9

1 x 24" REFLEX Silver #59145

11 x 5" REFLEX Pink #51141

1 x 5" REFLEX Gold #51148

1 x 5" REFLEX Silver #51145

6 x 260 REFLEX Pink #57341

6 x 260 REFLEX Gold #57348

4 x Premium Balloon Accessories 20" clear Maxi Stick II

1 x Boxco Silver Metallic Basket Box Small #49006

Also: Ribbon//Air inflator//Clik Clik Balloon Bond tape

Balloon weight



Assembly:

1. Secure four 20-24" Maxi Stick II balloon straws upright in each corner of the box container with glue dots or tape. Swirl and attach ribbon around each straw. Add a weight in the box.
2. Make 4 small, four-bubble rings with 260 REFLEX around the base of each straw. Make four slightly soft 260 bubbles, then tie each around the top of the straws. Add glue dots to the top of the straws.
3. Air inflate a 24" REFLEX balloon to 20". Inflate a quad of 5" REFLEX Pink sized to 4" and one 5" REFLEX Gold sized to 3" in the center, then wrap the cluster of five onto the neck of the 24" balloon. Place the 24" balloon evenly into the center of the straws and massage to make sure the glue dots adhere to the balloon firmly. Adjust the small bubbles at the top of the straws up against the 24" with glue dots. Add ribbon loop accents as shown at the top and bottom of the straws.
4. Make 8 five-bubble rings with REFLEX 260s and 8 single bubbles with 260 scraps of a contrasting color for the blossom centers and secure them in the middle of the bubble rings with glue dots. Secure the balloon flowers evenly around the Hot Air Balloon exterior with pieces of Balloon Bond tape.

Flowers:

5. Make a cluster of REFLEX 5" sized to 4". Make a 3" duplet in a contrasting color for the center. Make a bubble ring to go around the center balloon as shown.
6. Make two REFLEX balloon blossoms as follows: fully inflate a 5", then release the air when the balloon is 2½ inches, and tie the neck. Using about a 5" section of a 260, stretch the very end of the tip before inflating the balloon about 3 inches and leaving the rest uninflated. Tie the balloon, then force the air into the end that was pre-stretched to make a bubble. Trim the balloon off about 3 inches from the bubble and make a knot. Push the knot down into the center of the soft, 5" balloon and catch the knot with your fingers. Twist the balloon several times, then tie on a section of 260 to hold it in place. Repeat for a second blossom.
7. Use adhesives to arrange the balloon flower and blossoms in the box then fill in spaces with loops of wider ribbon.

Design Note: Betallic's REFLEX balloons come in a gorgeous variety of sparkling colors! Be creative with colors in your designs based on the occasion or holiday. Add treats to the box for a gift they won't forget, or, if empty, the box is a perfect place on a gift table for cards to be deposited. Great air delivery piece

PRICE: This design is 100% air-filled, so it will be long lasting. The design can easily sell for well above \$75+, and – based on what additional items you place in the box container – substantially more due to its high visual impact! Enjoy! Jan Iiams, Betallic