

This Balloon it! Requires:

✓ 24 x 30cm (12") LINK-O-LOONS™

✓ 92 x 12cm (5") Round balloons

PRO TIP

This type of arch can be unstable. Ideally place against a wall away from strong air currents to preserve its shape.

LINK-O-LOON™ Heart

INTRODUCTION

The heart sculpture is widely used in balloons décor for weddings, engagements, Valentine's Day etc. There are many ways to create large hearts using balloons, but this is the quickest, cheapest and easiest of them all. Your client will be impressed with the final product and you will be pleased with the speed and low cost of production. There are no frames to carry or collect!

APPLICATIONS

- Ideal behind the bridal table
- Walk through heart in doorway
- Wall décor around the room

MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

- 24 x 30cm (12") LINK-O-LOONS™
- 92 x 12cm (5") round balloons
- monofilament line
- 3 balloon weights
- helium tank
- air inflator
- balloon sizer

STEP BY STEP

1. Helium inflate one 30cm (12") LINK-O-LOON™ to 30cm (12") length and attach it to a suitable weight (Balloon with sand or millet)
2. Add 11 more helium filled balloons using the LINK-O-LOON™ knot to form a chain of 12.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 to form a second chain of 12
4. Join these two chains by their tails to form an arch
5. Tie a length of monofilament line to the centre join
6. Air inflate two 12cm (5") balloons to 12cm (5") length and tie together to form a duplet. Make a second duplet and twist them to make a cluster of four.
7. Make a total of 23 clusters of 4 and twist to each join in the LINK-O-LOON™ chain as in the diagram.
8. Arrange the central cluster so that all the 12cm (5") balloons are facing downwards
9. Pull the monofilament line down to form the heart shape and attach to the third weight.

VARIATIONS

- The arch can be used as a walk through arch in a doorway by setting the base weights further apart and attaching the top center point of the heart to the lintel of the door
- The 12cm (5") round balloon collars may be replaced with a Twisty 260 flower to reduce weight and increase flying time. Inflate the Twisty 260 leaving 5cm (2") un-inflated at the end. Tie the Twisty 260 off using 40cm (16") of the inflated section. Before tying allow air to escape so the twistie becomes quite soft. Starting at the knot end, twist the balloon into 6cm (2½") loops to form a flower cluster of 4. Cut off excess un-inflated balloon
- Vary the size by changing the number of 30cm (12") LINK-O-LOONS™ used

CONCLUSION

This LINK-O-LOON™ heart arch can be matched to any décor colour combination. Its ease of construction and installation make it a must for your heart themed repertoire. The size can be varied to suit the function.

