



Brilliant with Balloons

featuring
Sempertex® Balloons

11-foot BALLOON TREE



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To keep assembly time to a minimum,
gather the materials and read through
the instructions before beginning.

LABOR

About 3-4 hours

MATERIALS

- 200 5" Sempertex latex balloons
(mixed colors)
- 100 5" Deluxe Coffee Sempertex latex balloons #51160
- 400 11" Sempertex latex balloons
(mixed green colors)
- 64 11" Deluxe Coffee Sempertex latex balloons #53160
- 40 18" Sempertex latex balloons
(mixed green colors)
- 60 260 Deluxe Coffee Sempertex latex balloons #57260
- 40 260 Sempertex latex balloons
(mixed green colors)
- 3 Zip Ties
- Duct Tape
- Ladder
- Pipe Bender *(optional)*

Framing (indoor)

- 1 Heavy base plate
- 4 10-foot ½" EMT

Framing (outdoor)

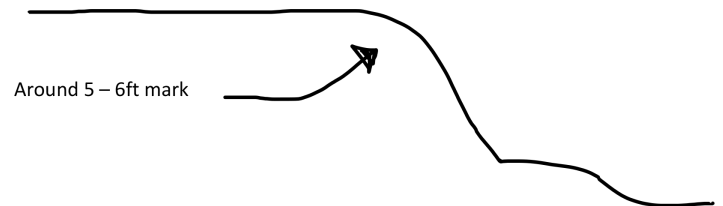
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- 4 10-foot ½" EMT



The greens used are a mix of
Deluxe Key Lime, Fashion Green
and Fashion Forest Green.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Insert one 10' EMT into the base.
2. Bend the other three pieces of EMT about 5-6 feet above the base to create outreaching branches. (Example below.)



3. Zip tie the bent pieces of EMT to the straight piece about one foot from the bottom of the poles and again where the pipes begin to bend.

4. Duct tape around the poles, including the zip ties.

5. Inflate 64 11" Deluxe Coffee balloons to 8.5", tie into quads, and place onto the straight part of the pole. *NOTE: Don't worry if the balloons don't cover the entire straight pipe; the leaf balloons will cover that part later.*

6. Inflate 42 11" mixed green balloons to about 9", round them out, and tie them into triplets. You should have 14 triplets.

7. Using uninflated 260s, connect the triplets into a garland as shown below.



8. Repeat Steps 6 and 7 five more times to create six total garlands.

9. Connect three of the garlands together to form a ring. This will be the bottom layer of the tree leaves.



10. Using uninflated 260s, connect two of the other garlands to the top of this ring, closing the hole a bit.

11. Using uninflated 260s, connect the last garland onto the top of the ring to give a dome shape to the overall design. If the shape looks a little funky, don't worry. You will be able to fill it out in the next steps.



12. Inflate 40 18" mixed green balloons to 12-16", and tie loosely into duplets.

13. Wrap the duplets into the tree top, spacing them out and distributing evenly around the tree top.

14. Inflate 55 11" mixed green balloons to sizes between 5" and 10". Tie them into random groups of 5-7 balloons.

15. Using uninflated 260s, add these groups to fill out the shape of the tree top as desired.

16. Lift the tree top onto the top of the tree and settle it down onto the poles. Tie the nozzles of some of the balloons onto the poles to secure.

NOTE: If the branch poles are a little too wide, you can bend them more or cover them with additional balloons in Step 18.



17. To finish the tree trunk, inflate 96 5" Deluxe Coffee balloons to 4.5", and tie them into quads.

18. Add the quads onto the branch pipes that are still exposed to create the branches of the tree. Inflate and add more quads as needed to fill out the branches completely.



19. To create the flower ring at the bottom of the tree, inflate 32 duplets of 11" mixed green balloons sized to 8.5" and 6.5".

20. Tie an uninflated 260 to the first duplet, then connect the remaining duplets to the same 260. As you add new duplets close to the previous one, wrap the 260 around each duplet in a figure 8 and keep all of the smaller balloons on the same side of the garland. *NOTE: Keeping the larger balloons on one side and the smaller balloons on the other side will cause the garland to curve, creating a circle.*

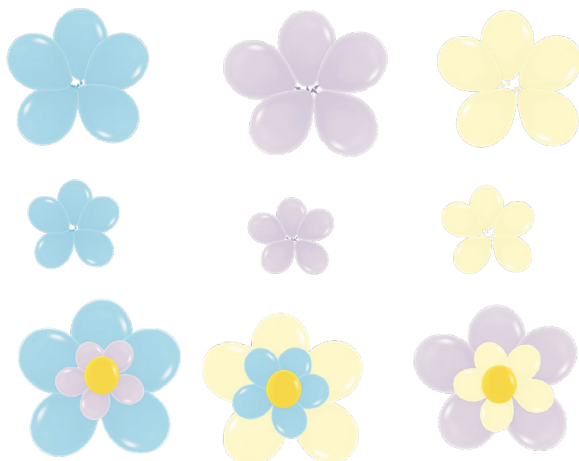


21. Secure the ring around the tree trunk before tying the ends together to secure.

22. For the flowers, inflate 14 groups of five 5" balloons to 4.5", and tie into clusters of five balloons.

23. Inflate 14 groups of five 5" balloons to 2", and tie into clusters of five balloons.

24. Inflate 14 5" balloons to 1" and tie individually. Stack the larger and smaller clusters of five balloons from Steps 22 and 23, then use the 1" balloons for the center of each flower and wrap around the layers to secure the flowers.



25. Inflate and curl 14 green 260 balloons, and tie one to each flower.



26. Place the flowers into the green ring at the bottom of the tree. Use the 260s to hold the flowers in place by pushing them into the ring.



27. Fully inflate 60 Deluxe Coffee 260s, and tie individually. Randomly push the 260s into the 11" balloons of the tree trunk and branches, and weave them throughout like vines.

28. Add more balloons as needed to achieve the desired final look.



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