

recipe #47

Graduation Cap Stack



Air-fill one graduation cap foil shape and one 18" round foil balloon with the Mini Cool Aire® Dual Pro[™]. Be sure to use the lower setting on this machine to avoid destroying the self sealing valve. Tape the stem of the balloon back onto itself. Tape a Heavy Weights[™] to the bottom of the graduation cap shaped balloon. Stick two adhesive tabs to the bottom side of the 18" foil and place on top of the graduation hat. On top of the 18" foil balloon, place two adhesive tabs in the middle of the balloon facing each other.

Air-fill a 260 entertainer balloon. Squeeze the end closest to the neck to burp the balloon. This will allow enough air to escape for easier tying. Tie the neck to the opposite end to make a loop. Repeat four times. Squeeze the two ends and push together. Twist this junction to make a figure-eight. Reach thru one of the loops and pull the second loop up and thru the first, this will lock the balloon in place. Repeat this step with all your balloons. Now arrange all four balloons on your wrists as though you have been hand cuffed. Pull your hands apart and twist the balloons together.* Tie this collar onto the grip adhesive on the foil balloon. Air-fill four more 260 balloons and gently curl each one. Burp each balloon. Helium inflate 2–18" foil and one graduation hat. Tie these helium filled balloons directly to the 260 balloon. Pinch twist the end of the 260 balloon. Twist the knot end of the 260 into the collar to secure. For added security, you can use monofilament line attached to the helium foil balloons.

* See a detailed "how-to" video for 260 collars at www.burtonandburton.com

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