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NUTCRACKER

INGREDIENTS:



2-ea 2609-36
33" Nutcracker
Foil Balloon



12-ea Q-05-23
5" Qualatex®
-Red



8-ea Q-11-485
11" Qualatex®
-Gold



HF118
ULTRA HI-FLOAT®



4-ea 94291
Clik-Clik™
Adhesive Strips



1-ea W21
Heavy Weights™
Balloon Weight



3-ea Q-260-23
Uninflated 260Q
-Red



EQUIPMENT:



831
Mini Cool Aire™
Dual Pro Inflator

OR



83501
Precision Air
Inflator



BR74HG
Dual Foil +
Latex Regulator

DIRECTIONS:

Air-fill two gold Qualatex® balloons to 10". Tie together to form a duplet. Inflate another duplet and twist together at the knots to form a four-balloon cluster. Air-fill all the red Qualatex® balloons to 4" and make three four-balloon clusters.

Helium-inflate two nutcracker foil balloons using the foil tip on your regulator. Tie the stems with an uninflated 260 balloon. Attach two hang tabs facing each other to the center of each nutcracker's hat. Set aside.

ULTRA HI-FLOAT® four gold 11" Qualatex® balloons using the correct restriction clip. Helium-inflate to 10" and make a four-balloon cluster.

To assemble, stack one red cluster on top of the air-filled gold cluster. With the 260 balloon, wrap one of the nutcracker balloons around the cluster to secure. Tie in the Heavy Weight™ balloon weight. Wrap another red cluster to the stem of the remaining nutcracker balloon with the uninflated 260 balloon. Tie directly to the tab on the nutcracker's hat. Trim any excess 260. Tie another uninflated 260 balloon to the hang tab of the other nutcracker balloon. Secure the last red cluster with the uninflated 260 balloon, followed by the helium-filled gold cluster.