

LINKALOON^{PRO}

Balloon Decorating System

By *Balloon Excellence*
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Link-O-Loon is the revolutionary decorating balloon that can be simply tied together making chains and arches faster and easier to construct than anything before. The Australian invention has had a global impact on the balloon industry by providing simple solutions to practical decorating problems or challenges. Using Link-O-Loons, complex creations become simple and the need for special equipment and materials is reduced saving time and money. The Link-O-Loon is available in all 80 colours and in both 6" and 12" sizes.



Fashion Solid 11inch



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White 005



840338
Bubble Gum Pink 009



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Blush 010



840345
Pink 011



841045
Fuchsia 012



841243
Red 015



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Yellow 020



842844
Goldenrod 021



84437
Jade 028



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Green 030



842646
Lime Green 031



842448
Forest Green 032



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Turquoise 036



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Turquoise Blue 038



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Blue 040



842349
Royal Blue 041



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Periwinkle 042



840741
Lilac 050



843940
Violet 051



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Peach 060



841342
Orange 061



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Chocolate 076



841434
Grey 081



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Black 080



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Clear 090

Fashion Pastel



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Pink 111



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Yellow 120



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Green 130



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Blue 140



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Lilac 150



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Peach 160



842240
Mocha 172



842141
Ivory 173

Neon



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Pink 211



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Yellow 220



845241
Green 230



845449
Blue 240



845548
Orange 261

Premium Crystal



844947
Fuchsia 312



844145
Red 315



844749
Garnet Wine 318



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Yellow 320



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Green 330



844435
Turquoise Blue 338



844442
Blue 340



844732
Navy Blue 344



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Violet 351



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Orange 361



844848
Tea-Brown 372

Pearlized



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White 405



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Pink 409



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Yellow 420



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Mint Green 426



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Green 430



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Key Lime 431



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Aqua 436



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Blue 440



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Periwinkle 442



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Lilac 450



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Peach 460



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Champagne 471



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Ivory 473



846743
Silver 481

Metallic



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Fuchsia 512



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Red 515



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Terracotta 517



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Garnet Wine 518



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Yellow 520



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Green 530



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Lime Green 531



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Forest Green 532



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Turquoise 536



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Blue 540



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Periwinkle 542



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Violet 551



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Orange 561



849447
Light Gold 569



848242
Gold 570



New
Chocolate 576



849041
Black 580



849249
Midnight Blue 581

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Link-O-Loons™ with 5" balloon collars



Link-O-Loon™ Rainbow Arch



Link-O-Loon™ Tunnel



Link-O-Loon™ Outdoor Canopy

Pro Tip

By using the easily undone Link-O-Loon™ knot a balloon may be removed or added to the arch for final adjustments.



Link-O-Loon™ 3D Cube

LINK-O-LOON™s are a quick and easy way of creating effective chains and arches, simply by tying them together. As shown below simply tie the tail of one to the neck of another.



Spiral Triple Helix



Tubular Column



Link-O-Loon™ Ceiling Corral

Helium filled balloons can be contained in an area of the ceiling by building a corral (fence) of LINK-O-LOONS™, which surrounds them. A rectangular corral can be used to create national flags or hearts, spades, diamonds and clubs for Casino functions.



Link-O-Loon™ Casino Dice

The Link-O-Loon™ Spiral Triple Helix is made by using 4 long chains of Link-O-Loons™ then cross linked using clear Link-O-Loons™

LINK-O-LOON® Arches

INTRODUCTION

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APPLICATIONS

- Indoors for any occasion
- Multiple arches to form canopies
- To line marquee roofs
- Table to table arches
- Place a number of arches in a row to form a tunnel
- Make a great picture frame.

MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

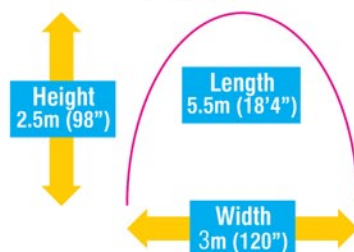
LINK-O-LOON®s Helium tank Weights Optional arch decorations
Scissors Balloon sizing device to suit LINK-O-LOON®s lengthways

STEP-BY-STEP

CALCULATING THE LENGTH

Calculate the required length of the finished arch. An arch required to be 2.5m (98") High and 3m (120") Wide will need to be 5.4m (18') in length. Adding 5cm (2") for each anchor gives a total length of 5.5m (18'4"). Inflating each LINK-O-LOON® to a size of 25cm (10") Width will give you a size of 30cm (12") Length. To determine the number of balloons required, divide the Length of Arch by the length of balloons you are using. With each LINK-O-LOON® being 30cm (12") in length you will require 18 for a length of

CALCULATION



When Width is greater than Height
Length of arch = Height + Width
(See variations on next page.)

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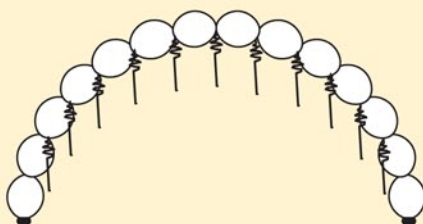
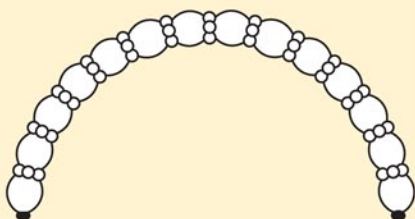
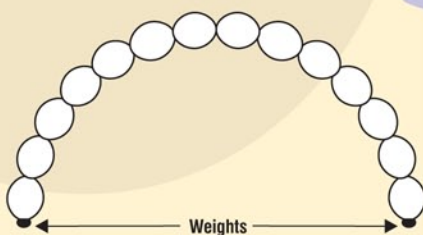
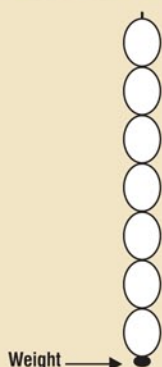
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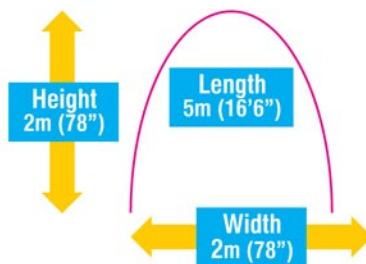
PRO TIP

Refer to Balloonit!
"Introduction to
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for LINK-O-LOON®
knot details.



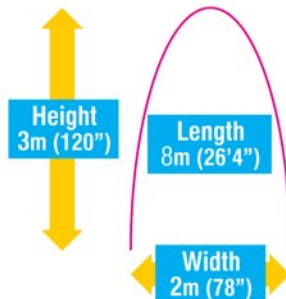
5.4m (18') plus 10cm (4") for the two anchors equals a total length of the arch at 5.5m (18'4").

VARIATIONS FOR CALCULATING THE LENGTH OF AN ARCH



When Height & Width are approximately the same.

$$\text{Length of arch} = 1.5 \times \text{Height} + \text{Width}$$



When Height is more than the Width.

$$\text{Length of arch} = 2 \times \text{Height} + \text{Width}$$

DECORATOR'S NOTE.

Formulas are approximations only and are not intended to be exact calculations.

HINT. By using the easily undone LINK-O-LOON® knot a balloon may be removed or added to the arch for final adjustments.

CONSTRUCTING THE ARCH

Even sizing is important for that precise look

1. Prepare 2 weights; 30cm (12") or 40cm (16") latex balloons sand or millet filled are ideal.
2. Inflate the first LINK-O-LOON® and attach to the weight (tie the 2 necks together)
3. Continue joining LINK-O-LOON®s using the LINK-O-LOON® knot ensuring neck to tail pattern of tying.
4. Stop when the arch is half the desired length.
5. Complete another half-an-arch as before.
6. Join the 2 halves at the centre to form one complete arch (this ensures the asymmetrical balloon shape runs in the same direction from both arch ends)

For unadorned arches excess necks and tails can be trimmed without compromising float time if knots have been correctly tied.

VARIATIONS

Include 100cm (40") bursting balloons at the top of the arch.

Decorate with mini balloon collars.

(Test float time)

Decorate with tulle puffs. (Test float time)

Re-position mini balloon collars to make the arch change direction. (corner clusters)

THE TUNNEL



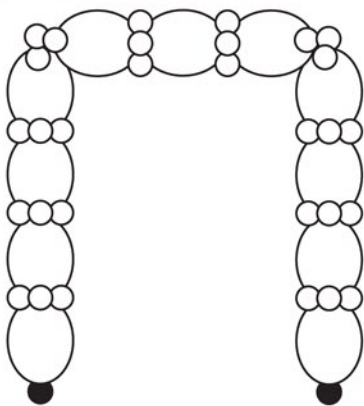
Make several arches of the same length and place in a series. By using one balloon less per arch and reducing the width of the base, a tapered tunnel is produced.

THE SOUND SHELL

To cover a large stage or hall or large room, a giant sound shell is spectacular. Construction is as for the tapered tunnel but reduce the number of balloons per arch by two or three, depending on the size of the shell. The closer the arches are placed together, the more effective the result.

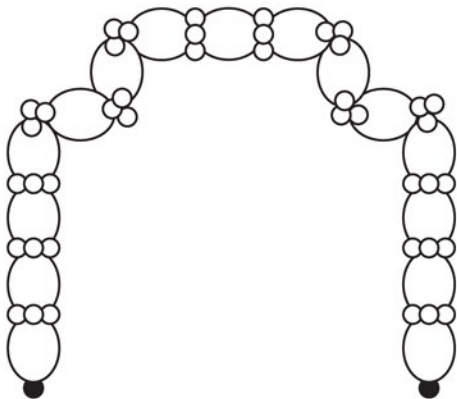
HINT. Give plenty of thought to the selection of colours and colour patterns. Interesting effects can be created, simply by using smart colour ideas.

SQUARE ARCH



By changing the basic LINK-O-LOON® arch with collars you can create the square arch. To do this, simply use the LINK-O-LOON® collar technique to change direction of parts of the arch. For example, if your arch has 10 balloons in it and at the join between the fourth and fifth balloons on both sides you re-positioned the collars you would immediately create an arch with four balloons on either side and three across the top. Result, a square LINK-O-LOON® arch.

STEPPED ARCH



Using the same principles as in the square arch, if you were to re-position the collars between each balloon in your arch you could create the step arch.

PICTURE FRAME



By adding an air filled chain of LINK-O-LOON® to the base of a square arch, a novel free-standing picture frame is created, ideal for a 21st birthday. Using air filled LINK-O-LOON®s, a suspended picture frame for head shots is a cheaper alternative.



CONCLUSION

You will be amazed how efficiently LINK-O-LOON® arches manufacture and how willingly you will include them in quotes and decorating ideas.

The very versatile LINK-O-LOON® has opened up many new opportunities. Multiple arch decor, such as table to table arches are now viable for both decorator and client.. This can only mean greater creative scope for the balloon decorator and greater customer satisfaction.

Balloonit!
Decorator Series

LINKO LOON® Arches

This Balloon it! Contains:

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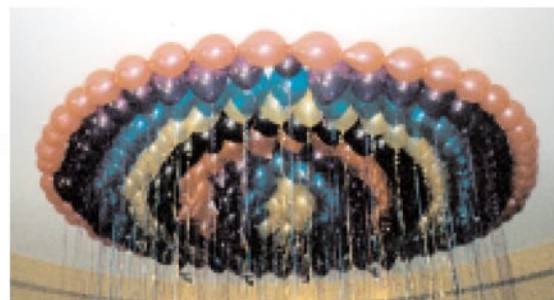
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LINK-O-LOON® Ceiling Corral

INTRODUCTION

Helium filled balloons can be contained in an area of the ceiling by building a corral (fence) of LINK-O-LOON®, which surrounds them. The only corral more famous than the LINK-O-LOON® is the 'OK Corral'.



APPLICATIONS

- To contain balloons in a designated area where air conditioning may scatter them
- To contain balloons as a sloping ceiling
- To create colour patterns on the ceiling
- To create company logos within the corral
- Shaped corral creates designs and patterns on the ceiling

MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

- LINK-O-LOON®s
- 30cm (12") latex balloons
- 12cm (4") balloons (for shaping corrals, if desired)
- Curling ribbon
- Helium
- Ladder, if needed

STEP BY STEP

1. Make a helium-filled chain of LINK-O-LOON®s.
2. Join the chain to itself to form a circle.
3. Release the chain on the ceiling. If the ceiling is sloped you will need to anchor the corral to prevent movement.
4. Helium-fill individual balloons and attach curling ribbon.
5. Place the ribboned balloons within the corral. You can then adjust their position to form colour patterns or designs. It is easier to create the pattern if you place all of the helium balloons within the corral and then move the balloons to get the desired effect. This will ensure they maintain their position, as the surrounding balloons will hold them in place.
6. The shape of the corral is usually a circle. However, by using anchor lines or 12cm (5") corner clusters, the corral shape can be distorted to become a geometric shape.

VARIATIONS

- A rectangular corral can be used to create national flags
- A star shaped corral for a star theme function
- A shamrock shaped corral for Irish functions
- Hearts, spades, diamonds and clubs for Casino functions
- Interesting patterns of squares and lines eg. Grand Prix functions

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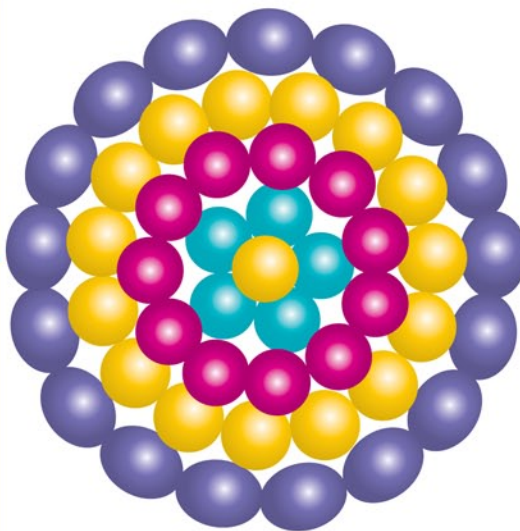
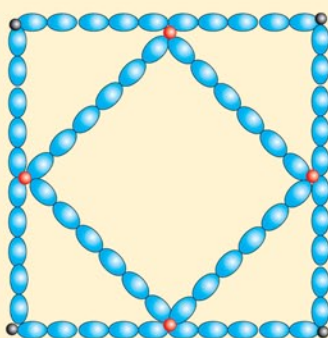
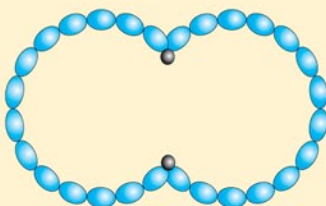
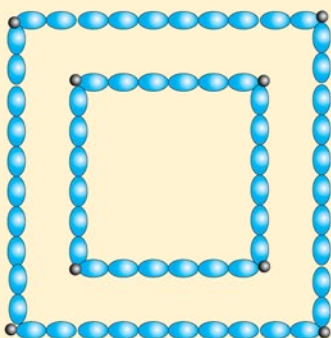
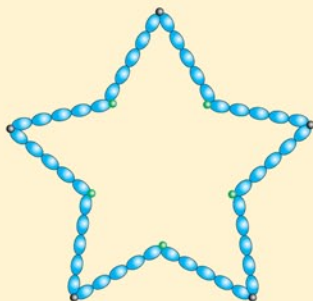
Decorator Series

LINK-O-LOON® Ceiling Corral

The **BLACK DOTS** indicate a Collar of 4 x 12cm (5") air-filled balloons inflated to 10cm (4")

The **GREEN DOTS** indicate a Collar of 2 x 12cm (5") air-filled balloons inflated to 10cm (4").

The **RED DOTS** indicate a Collar of 3 x 12cm (5") air-filled balloons inflated to 10cm (4").



Diameter	No of 30cm (12") LINK-O-LOONS® approx (lengthwise)	No of Premier PRO contained by corral.
1m	9	7
1.25m	12	12
1.5m	15	20
1.75m	17	32
2m	19	50
2.25m	21	70
2.5m	24	85
3m	31	130
3.5m	35	150
4m	39	175

Decorator's Note:

It is important to remember that sometimes it may be necessary to 'anchor' the LINK-O-LOON® Corral to a particular position on the ceiling to either

1. maintain the required shape or
2. to prevent the Corral from moving across the ceiling.

It is often possible to tie a light weight line (6lb fishing line) from anchor points on the ceiling or wall to the collars on the particular shape.

Please Note:

Often it is difficult to maintain the desired shape of the unfilled LINK-O-LOON® Corral. The desired shape will begin to be visualised once the Corral is filled with balloons.

The quantity required to fill any particular Corral depends on the desired affect, budget and the space available inside the Corral.

Different looks can be achieved by either adding or not adding ribbons to the actual Corral.

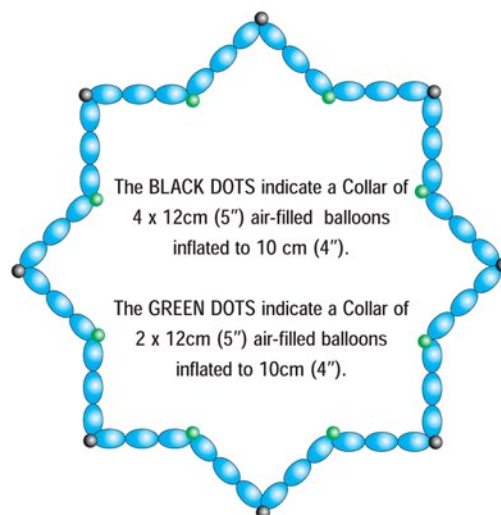
It is vital to remember that the more 'collars' that are added to the LINK-O-LOON® 'lines' the more the float time of the Corral is reduced.

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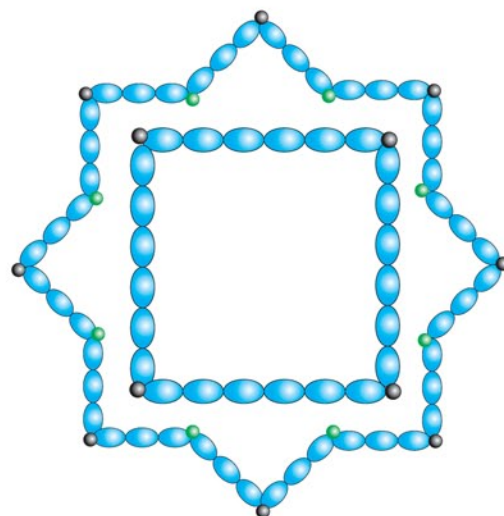
The LINK-O-LOON® Corrals can be enlarged or reduced in size by adding or subtracting LINK-O-LOON®s. The shape can be easily altered by omitting or by changing the position of any of the Collars.

It is also important to remember that by changing the inflated size of the 12cm (5") balloon Collar or the number of balloons in the Collar a different shape can be achieved.

It is also possible to add helium filled 30cm (12") round balloons to certain corners in order to maintain a longer float time.



Many affects can be achieved by placing one Corral inside another. This is also a useful way to separate colours or by reducing the number of 'round balloons' needed by filling one portion of the Corral and not the other.



CONCLUSION

Now instead of those 100 helium balloons on the ceiling dispersing and looking much less, the LINK-O-LOON® corral can contain these balloons in the designated area. Once again this brings the professional balloon decorator to the fore.

This Balloon it! Requires:

✓ 120 x 30cm (12")
Black
LINK-O-LOON®s

✓ 60 x 30cm (12")
White
LINK-O-LOON®s

LINK-O-LOON® Soccer Ball

INTRODUCTION

One of the most exciting design potentials of LINK-O-LOON® is the ability to create this over-sized soccer ball. Though complex in appearance, this LINK-O-LOON® sculpture is a simple repetition of two basic elements. The visual impact will delight your client and far outweigh your effort in construction.

APPLICATIONS

- Soccer club gala ball centre piece
- Multi-coloured beach ball
- Shopping centre sports display
- Rotating trade show eye-catcher



MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

- 120 Black 30cm (12") LINK-O-LOON® (makes 20 rings of 6)
- 60 White 30cm (12") LINK-O-LOON® (makes 12 rings of 5)
- Balloon sizer
- Air inflating equipment

STEP BY STEP

1. Air inflate 12 pentagons (rings of 5 LINK-O-LOON®s) sized to 28cm (11") using white balloons. (Shown here as yellow)
2. Air inflate 20 hexagons (rings of 6 LINK-O-LOON®s) sized as above using black balloons. (Shown here as blue. Diagram 1)
3. To make the northern polar cap (top) of the soccer ball, take one pentagon and connect 5 hexagon rings where they touch tying them together using the adjacent joins. (See diagram 2)
4. Attach 5 more pentagon rings around this structure tying each at two points. (See diagram 2)
5. Complete the northern hemisphere by adding 5 more hexagons tying each at 3 points to the hexagon. (Diagram 3)
6. Repeat steps 1 through 5 to make the southern hemisphere.
7. Interlock the two hemispheres and tie together by connecting the base of each hexagon to the top of each pentagon.
8. Complete the joining process by tying the joins in adjacent hexagons.

VARIATIONS

- The soccer ball can be made up using either 30cm (12") LINK-O-LOON®s or 12cm (5") LINK-O-LOON®s.
- Try various multi-colour patterns.
- Add silver foil stars to the centre of the pentagons to enhance appearance.

CONCLUSION

This spectacular LINK-O-LOON® self-supporting sculpture adds extra scope to your design portfolio incorporating techniques only possible using LINK-O-LOON®s.

