

Sempertex

FANTASY FLOWER GIFT DESIGN



Everyday

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Product Required:

- 2 x Sempertex Fashion Grey 260 20002816
- 8 x Sempertex 12" Fashion Mustard 20015317
- 7 x Sempertex 12" Fashion Grey 20000782
- Silver Curling Ribbon CR1020
- 1 x Ceramic Mug
- Hot Pink Acrylic Paint
- Floral Foam
- Florist stub wires, minimum 1mm thickness and 40cm long
- Florist binding wire
- Stem binding tape
- Wire cutters
- Additional "fillers" such as small, dried grasses

Estimated Labour time: 25 minutes.

Construction Method:

1. Cut the necks from 6 of the 12" mustard balloons, and 6 of the 12" Grey balloons, at the point where the neck joins the body of the balloon.
2. Bend a florist wire in half and push the bent end into one of the mustard balloons. Grip the wire through the tip of the balloon and stretch the balloon down the wires until fairly tight. Bind in place with the binding wire. Trim off excess binding wire and one of the stub wire "legs".
3. Repeat with the other 5 mustard balloons to form the petals of your flower.
4. Hold the necks that you cut from the 12" mustard balloons together and bind together with binding wire to form the flower's centre.
5. Arrange the 6 petals around the centre and bind in place with binding wire. Trim off any excess wire, and then neaten up by binding the whole stem with binding tape.
6. Taking each petal one at a time, pull the two wires inside apart, curving and shaping them as desired, arranging the petals evenly.
7. Repeat steps 2 to 6 to create another flower, this time grey with a mustard centre.
8. Cut a piece of florist's foam to fit snugly inside the mug, and insert the two fantasy flowers and any additional fillers.
9. Inflate the remaining 12" balloons with helium, tie to curling ribbon and arrange into a bouquet. Tie the bouquet to the handle of the mug.
10. Create 2 "Curlys" with the grey 260 balloons, and wrap around the mustard balloons, securing with pinch twists.

A Step-by-step video of the Fantasy Flower technique, featuring this design and giving more detail, can be found on the Decorator Hub at amscan.co.uk. Click the link on the home page and go to "How-to Videos"!

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