

Sempertex

GOLD AND WHITE MARBLED DESIGN



Everyday

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Product Required:

1 x Anagram Crystal Clearz Transparent 8284111
 1 x Anagram Crystal Clearz Petite Transparent 8298411
 3 x Sempertex 12" Fashion White 20000723
 2 x Sempertex 12" Crystal Clear 20000784
 6 x Sempertex 5" Reflex Gold 20014169
 6 x Sempertex 5" Fashion White 20001968
 2 x Sempertex 5" Crystal Clear 20002008
 Gold Metallic Curling Ribbon 991002
 1" wide gold organza ribbon
 1 x Artificial Ivy garland
 3 x White silk roses
 1 x Gold foil balloon weight 991365-19
 White Acrylic Paint
 Metallic Gold Acrylic Paint
 Glue dots or balloon Bond.
 Balloon stretching tool.

Estimated Labour time: 30 minutes.

Construction Method:

1. Remove the valve, then stretch open the neck of the Crystal Clearz balloon with the stretching tool and drop a reasonably sized "blob" of gold acrylic paint inside, followed by another blob of white. Keep the paint out of the neck of the balloons. Remove the tool and gently spread the paint around the inside of the balloon with a squeegee, but not so much as the colours mix.
2. Inflate the balloon with helium to around 20" and attach to the ivy trail with a small piece of curling ribbon. Set aside.
3. Repeat step 1 with the Clearz Petite balloon but use less paint due to the smaller size. Inflate to 12" minimum and attach to a length of gold organza ribbon. Set aside.
4. Marble 2 x 12" white balloons and 2 x 5" white balloons by stretching open the necks of the clear balloons, inserting a small blob of gold paint, rubbing it around to spread it, then Double Stuffing with matching sized fashion white balloons, sandwiching the paint between the two layers of balloon.
5. Inflate the two 12" painted and stuffed balloons with air to 10", then downsize one to 7", the other to 6". Tie into a duplet. Create another duplet with the remaining 12" Fashion White balloon to 6" and one of the marbled 5" to 4". Wrap the two duplets into a cluster and wrap the cluster around the neck of the balloon weight to create the base.
6. Add 3 x 5" White and 4 x 5" Reflex gold inflated individually to random sizes between 2" and 3" into the base, using glue dots or balloon bond. Add in the silk roses and some ribbon bows where required.
7. Create a duplet using 1 x 5" Reflex gold and 1 x 5" White balloon, inflated to 2" and 2.5" respectively. Inflate the remaining 5" marbled balloon to around 3" and tie into the duplet. Twist the resulting cluster of 3 under the large Crystal Clearz balloon and add a ribbon bow. With the balloon at the required height, twist the ivy trail through the base.
8. Inflate the remaining 5" balloons very small, and tie into a duplet. Twist the duplet under the Clearz petite and add a ribbon bow. Position the Clearz petite under the larger Clearz, and twist the ribbon through the base to secure, and to complete the design.

A Step-by-step video of the marbling technique, featuring this design, can be found on the Decorator Hub at amscan.co.uk.

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