



## Christmas

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### Product Required:

12 x Anagram Satin Luxe Emerald Stars 3858801

12 x Sempertex 5" Fashion Red 20001971

1 x Anagram Sitting Elf 2785401

1 Box for base

Red Wrapping Paper

Red 2" wide Poly Ribbon

1 x IKEA NOT stand, 4 sections high

Craft Iron or Travel Iron

Balloon bond, Glue Dots or glue.

Sticky tape

Scraps of Modelling balloons

Estimated Labour time: 30 minutes

### Construction Method:

1. Create 12 Holly Leaves by heat custom sealing the foil stars: Fold the stars in half from tip to valve, off-setting the fold slightly to avoid the valve. Using a craft iron or travel iron set to 180°C (if digital) or set to "High", press a ¼" (6mm) seal along the folded edge, making sure to leave about 1" unsealed at the valve end. Inflate the stars gently with a hand pump.
2. Take 5 of the inflated "leaves" and tie them tightly together at the necks with a scrap of modelling balloon. Repeat with another 5, and finally tie the remaining 2 into a pair.
3. Wrap the box in the wrapping paper, leaving the top open.  
Put the NOT lamp stand into the box.
4. Twist or tie the two groups of 5 leaves together to form the topiary.  
Proceed carefully to avoid putting too much stress on the balloons which could cause them to burst. Tie the topiary to the top of the pole with a scrap of modelling balloon.
5. Make 2 multi-loop bows with the Poly ribbon. Tie one into the bottom of the topiary.
6. Inflate 9 of the 5" Red balloons to around 3", squash them to make them round, and tie tightly. Cut off excess neck. Fix these into the topiary as desired, with Balloon bond, Glue dots or glue.
7. Inflate the remaining 3 5" red latex balloons to around 3" and tie into a triplet.  
Wrap this around the pole slightly above the level of the edge of the box.
8. Tie the pair of leaves into the triplet of latex balloons.
9. Tie the remaining bow to the pole to fill the opening in the top of the box.
10. Inflate the Sitting Elf and sit him on the edge of the box, securing with balloon bond, Glue dots or Glue.

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