

Painted Hearts

Valentines

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Product Required:

- 1 x Anagram Gold Swoosh Satin Luxe Standard 4226701
- 5 x Sempertex 5" Reflex Crystal Red 20014505
- 8 x Sempertex 5" Reflex Gold 20014169
- 1 x Sempertex 14" Reflex Crystal Red Heart 20015510
- Small Heavy Weight
- Metallic Gold Artist Quality Acrylic Paint
- 2" Wide Paintbrush
- Gold Organza Ribbon
- Gold Curling Ribbon
- Red Silk Roses



Estimated Labour time: 15 minutes.

Construction Method:

1. Air inflate the Reflex Heart to stretch it. Deflate, then create a raisin attachment point at the tip of one of the lobes. Re-inflate with air.
2. Squeeze a generous amount of gold acrylic paint around the neck of the balloon, then stroke it up the body of the balloon with the paintbrush to create the desired effect. Set aside to dry.
3. Inflate 4 of the 5" Reflex Gold balloons to 5" and tie into a cluster. Add the small weight.
4. Create a duplet of 5" Reflex Gold balloons inflated to 4".
5. Once dry, create a duplet with the painted heart and one 5" Reflex gold inflated to 4".
6. Twist the duplets created in steps 3 and 4 into a cluster and secure to the previous cluster using one of the necks.
7. Inflate one of the 5" Reflex Crystal red balloons to around 2", squeeze the air up into the top of the balloon and tie, leaving as long a neck as possible. Repeat with a second balloon then tie the two together close to the neck rolls to form a duplet with as much space between the balloons as possible. Pull through the clusters of gold balloons.
8. Repeat step 7.
9. Inflate the final 5" Reflex gold balloon fully, deflate to around 3", tie, and twist in half. Repeat with the final 5" Reflex Crystal Red balloon, then twist into the twisted gold balloon to form a mini-cluster.
10. Inflate the foil balloon with helium. Tie to a length of Organza ribbon and add a small bow under the balloon.
11. Tie the ribbon around the raisin on the reflex heart so that the foil flies at the required height and disguise the raisin with the mini-cluster.
12. Make a small bunch with the silk roses and secure into the middle of the base design.
13. Add further bows to taste.

A Step-by-step video of this design 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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