

Instructions for Qualatex[®] Lucky Leprechaun

To keep assembly time to a minimum, gather the materials and read through the instructions before beginning.

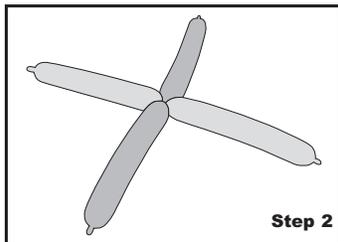
Labor: About 30 Minutes

Materials:

- 1 18" (46cm) "Smiley Face Green" Microfoil[®] Balloon 29626
- 8 11" (28cm) Green Rainbow SuperAgate[®] Latex Balloons 91539
- 11 5" (13cm) Green Latex Balloons 43561
- 5 350Q Green Latex Balloons 97227
- 4 350Q Lime Green Latex Balloons 98529
- 2 260Q Green Latex Balloons 79698
- Qualatex BalloonRibbon[™]
- Adhesive Balloon Tabs
- Sand Weight

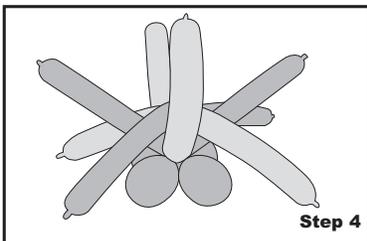
Instructions:

1. Inflate two Green 350Qs to 18" and tie the necks together to make a pair. (NOTE: Each 350Q must be the same length to prevent the Leprechaun from leaning.) Make a second pair. Twist the pairs together to make a cluster.



Step 2

2. Lay the cluster from Step 1 on a flat surface to make an "X" (see diagram).

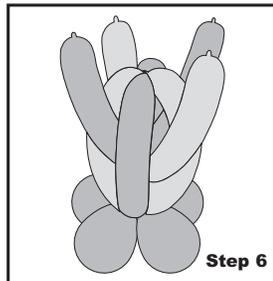


Step 4

3. For the "feet," inflate four 11" Green Rainbow SuperAgate latex to 7" (18cm) and make a 4-balloon cluster (see "4-Balloon Cluster" below).

Tie the weight to the center of the cluster. Place this cluster on top of the Green 350Q cluster and pull the 350Qs up between the 7" balloons.

4. Repeat Step 1 to make a Lime Green 350Q cluster and lay it on top of the first 350Q cluster, rotating it 45 degrees (see diagram).



Step 6

5. Tie two opposing tips of the Green cluster together, then tie the two remaining tips from the Green cluster. Repeat with the Lime Green cluster to complete the "body" (see diagram).



TIPS

- Add a message by tying a helium-filled latex or Microfoil balloon into the Leprechaun's hand (make sure it's weighted).
- Promote this design to area restaurants and pubs to add excitement to their St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

4-Balloon Cluster

Inflate and size two balloons, then tie the necks together. Repeat to make a second pair, then twist the two pairs together to make a 4-balloon cluster.



Loop Twist

- 1.** Twist a bubble twice the length of the loop twist.
- 2.** Sharply bend the bubble in half, and twist the ends together.



5-Balloon Cluster

To make a 5-balloon cluster, inflate and size two balloons and tie them together. Repeat to make a second pair. Inflate another balloon and tie to the center of one pair, then twist with the second pair.



6. Make a 4-balloon cluster with 11" Green Rainbow SuperAgate latex sized to 4" (10cm). Tie this cluster on top of the body using the uninflated Lime Green 350Qs.

7. Inflate two Green 260Qs to 24" (61cm) and tie the necks separately. Then tie the uninflated ends together to make a pair. Twist a 1" (2.5cm) bubble at the knot end of one of the 260Qs, then make a 2" (5cm) Loop Twist (see "Loop Twist" on pg. 1). Repeat to make a "hand" for the other 260Q. Wrap the 260Q "arms" between the 4" cluster from Step 6 and the body.

TIP: Bend the 260Qs to form "elbows."

8. Air inflate the 18" Microfoil. Roll up and tie the neck with BalloonRibbon, leaving two tails. Use the ribbon tails to tie the "head" onto the cluster from Step 6.

9. Attach two adhesive balloon tabs to the top of the 18" Microfoil, so the holes align, and tie a length of BalloonRibbon onto the tabs.

10. To make the "hat," inflate five 5" Green latex to 3.5" (9cm) and make a 5-balloon cluster (see "5-Balloon Cluster" above).

Repeat to make a second 5-balloon cluster, and tie this cluster onto the previous cluster, rotating the balloons so they nest. Inflate a 5" Green latex to 2.5" (6cm) and tie it into the center of the top cluster. Tie these clusters onto the 18" Microfoil using the ribbon on the tabs.

Pinch Twist

1. Create a bubble by pinching the balloon and twisting it several times.

2. Make another twist at the appropriate bubble length, being sure to twist in the same direction both times.

3. Loop your index finger under the bubble. Grasp the sides of the bubble with your thumb and index finger, and stretch it up until you can pinch the twists together.

4. Remove your index finger, and twist the pinched bubble at least three times in one direction to secure.



11. For the hat's "brim," inflate a Green 350Q to about 30" (76cm) and tie. Make a 2" Pinch Twist at the knot end (see "Pinch Twist" above). Wrap the 350Q around the bottom 5-balloon cluster and make a twist in the 350Q where it meets the Pinch Twist. Twist this part around the Pinch Twist, then deflate, tie, and trim the excess.

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WARNING:

CHOKING HAZARD

Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Adult supervision required. Keep uninflated balloons from children. Discard broken balloons at once.

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