Sempertex ALTERNATE-SIZE SQUARE-PACK COLUMN

Birthday

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Product Required:
1 x Anagram Primary Sketchy Patterns HB SuperShape foil 3361001
12 x Sempertex 12" Metallic Lime Green 20000873
12 x Sempertex 12" Metallic Red 20000862
24 x Sempertex 5" Metallic Yellow 20002027
1 x Red foil balloon weight 991365-07
1 x 260 balloon for tying

Estimated Labour time: 15 minutes.

Construction Method:
1. Create 6 x 4-balloon clusters, each containing 2 x 12" Lime Green and 2 x 12" Red balloons, inflating them to 9". Over-inflate the balloons, then downsize to 9", squashing them until they are round. Keep the colours opposite each other.
2. Create 6 x 4-balloon clusters in the same way using the 5" Yellow balloons, inflating them to 4".
3. Tie the closed end of the 260 tightly around the neck of the weight.
4. Wrap one of the larger clusters tightly around the neck of the weight.
5. Pull the 260 up through the centre of the cluster, nestle one of the small yellow clusters on top so the balloons fit in the gaps in the previous cluster, then wrap the 260 around 2 of the balloons to secure. Keep tension on the 260 the whole time to make the balloons sit flat.
6. Add the remaining clusters, alternating between large and small, keeping the tension on the 260, until all the large clusters are used. You will have a small cluster left.
7. Inflate the foil balloon with air or helium*, then wrap the cluster of yellow balloons tightly around the tying tab of the balloon so they sit firmly against the balloon itself.
8. Sit the cluster of yellow balloons on top of the column and secure it by wrapping the 260 around several times, keeping the tension constant.
9. Cut off any excess 260.

*Although you can use air or helium to fill the foil, stability will be improved if the balloon is helium filled.

A Step-by-step video of this technique, featuring 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"!