Sempertex PEACOCK MARBLED DESIGN





## **Construction Method:**

## Everyday

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## **Product Required:**

- 1 x Anagram Crystal Clearz Transparent 8284111 4 x Sempertex 5" Fashion Violet 20001984 4 x Sempertex 5" Fashion Caribbean Blue 20001980 4 x Sempertex 5" Fashion Lime Green 20001977 12 x Sempertex 5" Crystal Clear 20002008 2 x Sempertex 5" Reflex Blue 20014167 2 x Sempertex 5" Reflex Gold 20014169 1 x Sempertex 260 Reflex Violet 20014188 1 x Sempertex 260 Reflex Lime Green 20014186 1 x Sempertex 260 Reflex Gold 20014180 1 x Anagram Orbz Aqua 4187101 Gold Metallic Curling Ribbon 991002 Peacock Tail Feathers Peacock sword feathers 1 x Flat, heavy weight – one from an AirWalker is ideal. Acrylic Paint in Metallic Gold, Purple, Blue and Lime Green. Stretchy Balloon tape and glue dots 3 pieces scrap 260 Balloon stretching tool. Estimated Labour time: 45 minutes.
- Remove the valve, then stretch open the neck of the Crystal Clearz balloon with the stretching tool and drop a reasonably sized "blob" of each of the paint colours inside, keeping the colours separated. Keep the paint out of the neck of the balloon. Remove the tool and gently spread the paint around the inside of the balloon with a squeegee
- 2. Inflate the balloon with helium to around 20" and tie to a length of gold curling ribbon. Set aside.
- 3. Marble all of the 5" Fashion balloons with gold paint 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 the fashion balloons, sandwiching the paint between the two layers of balloon.
- 4. Inflate all the 5" balloons, (marbled and plain Reflex) to between 2" and 3.5" and create 2 x clusters of 4, 2 x clusters of 3 and 1 cluster of 5 using assorted sizes and colours in each cluster. Set aside.
- 5. Inflate all 3 260 balloons fully and let a little air out to soften. Line up the knots and twist all three balloons together 1" in from the knots. Plait the balloons together and twist again 1" in from the end of the shortest balloon. Twist the ends of the plait together to form a circle, deflating and tying off any unwanted portions of the balloons. Tie one cluster of  $4 \times 5$ " balloons to the plaited ring covering the join, and one cluster of 3 about 1/3 of the way around, using scraps of 260's.
- 6. Inflate the Orbz balloon with air and tape the weight to the top of the balloon with stretchy balloon tape. Sit the balloon, neck up, in the circular base. Create an attachment point using scrap 260 and stretchy balloon tape halfway up one side, and attach the remaining cluster of 3 x 5" balloons. Wrap the remaining cluster of 4 x 5" onto the neck of the Orbz balloon
- 7. Fly the Clearz balloon above the design by wrapping the curling ribbon through the cluster on top of the Orbz and tying securely. Wrap the last cluster of 5" under the clearz.
- 8. Weave the peacock feathers into the design as shown, covering any cut ends with stretchy tape.

A Step-by-step video of the marbling technique, featuring this design, can be found on the Decorator Hub at amscan.co.u<mark>k.</mark> Click the link on the home page and go to "How-to Videos"!

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