# Sempertex HOT AIR BALLOON GIFT DESIGN WITH CRYSTAL CLEARZ





# **Birthday**

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#### **Product Required:**

1 x Anagram Crystal Clearz Balloon, transparent 8284111

4 x Sempertex 5" Fashion Rosewood 20011106

10 x Sempertex 5" Reflex Gold 20014169

Silk Flowers

1" wide organza ribbon, pink

Gold metallic curling ribbon

Floral foam for dried flowers

1 x small container – we used a small gold bucket.

1 x Maxi Cup and stick. \*

Balloon Bond or Glue dots, Stretchy balloon tape

Estimated Labour time: 20 minutes.

### **Construction Method:**

- 1. Cut the floral foam to fit tightly inside your container and wedge it in so that the top is below the edge of the container.
- 2. Remove the valve from the Crystal Clearz and create a gumball balloon with 4 x rosewood balloon inflated to 5" and 6 x Reflex Gold balloons inflated to 2.5".
- 3. Inflate the Clearz balloon to around 18" and tie off. Attach to the maxi-cup by wrapping the balloon neck tightly through the cup.
- 4. Cut the Maxi Stick to length and insert it into the centre of the floral foam in the container. Add the cup with the balloon to the top.
- 5. Place a glue dot or a small piece of Balloon Bond on the top centre of the Crystal Clearz balloon, and 4 glue dots or pieces of Balloon Bond equally spaced around the edge of the container.
- 6. Stick the end of the Organza ribbon to one of the pieces of adhesive on the edge of the container, take it up and over the top of the balloon (keep a little tension, but not so much as to pull the balloon off vertical) and down to the adhesive on the opposite side of the container. Cut the ribbon.
- 7. Place another glue dot or piece of Balloon Bond on top of the ribbon at the top of the balloon, then repeat step 6 using the other two pieces of adhesive on the container rim, forming a cross shape over the balloon.
- 8. Fill the container with silk flowers and add 4 x 5" Reflex gold inflated to 1.5" and some curls of gold ribbon using glue dots or Balloon Bond.
- 9. Cover the Maxi Cup with a small organza bow and add a vinyl message to the Clearz if required.
- A length of thin wooden dowelling can be used as an alternative to Maxi Cups and sticks. Support the Crystal Clearz balloon with a small cluster of matching latex balloons.

A Step-by-step video showing how to remove the valve from a Crystal Clearz balloon and insert smaller balloons 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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