BALLOON TIME!

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This idea is perfect for introducing a fun and functional element to your shop, workspace or window display! Not only does it actually tell the time, it also acts as a "colour chart" and draws attention to the way balloons can be used in interesting and unusual ways!

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Product Required:

- 12 x suitable balloons: in this case, Anagram 4" stars are used, but almost any balloon can be substituted, dependent on the situation and the diameter of the clock mechanism chosen.
- 1 x "faceless" clock mechanism. An internet search will provide several sources for these in your area.
- Self Adhesive Hook and Loop Tape, or other suitable adhesive for securing the balloons to the wall.
- Clear adhesive tape
- 1 x balloon straw

Construction Method:

1. Inflate all the balloons with air, heat seal them if required, tape up the tails behind, and put a piece of your chosen adhesive on the back.
2. Gently tape the balloon straw to the hour hand of the clock, extending its length beyond that of the minute hand. Cut it to your desired length – this is the distance from the centre of the clock to the internal edge of the balloons.
3. Fix the clock mechanism to the wall according to the manufacturers instructions. **Do not insert the batteries at this time.**
4. Set the time to 12 o'clock, and stick the first balloon to the wall so that it just touches the end of the balloon straw.
5. Advance the time to 1 o'clock, and stick the second balloon to the wall in the same way.
6. Continue advancing the time by one hour and fixing the balloons until the clock face is complete.
7. Remove the balloon straw and insert the batteries, setting the clock to the correct time.

Estimated Labour time: 20 minutes.

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