

CENTERPIECE OF THE MONTH

Centerpiece #1

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Ingredients:

Description	Plu #	Qty Used	Cost in C/P	MIN/\$
RD BASE 10" X 2"	398974	1	2.53	12/30.36
5" Balloons	4000+color	4	.20¢	1 bag of 100
Hand & Grad Cap		1	6.02	3/18.06
9 x 9 met squares	3119+color	48	2.88	200/11.00-12.25
Aluminum Coil 3/8	317301	30"	1.50	50'/20.85
Gold Tube Ribbon	371017	24"	.33¢	24.75
Glitter	3056+color	less than 1lb	1.00	1lb/5.00
Latex based Paint	Home Depot	Not Much	.50	

Estimated Cost **14.96**

Equipment Needed (the cost of these items are NOT factored in the C/P costs)

- 1) Pick Machine & picks
- 2) Cool Glue Gun & Glue Sticks or Glue Skillet and glue cubes
- 3) Aluminum Cutting tool
- 4) Foam Engraving Tool (plu# 398802)

If you do not want to use roll-on paint you can use Design Master Spray Paint:

This Low Cost Graduation Centerpiece will dazzle your clients.

Design Master Spray Paint Foam Finishing Tips:
Lightly Spray surface of foam holding the can approximately 12-18 inches away. Allow to dry. Repeat first step after drying until desired color is achieved.

**To use Metallic colors a latex primer must be applied.

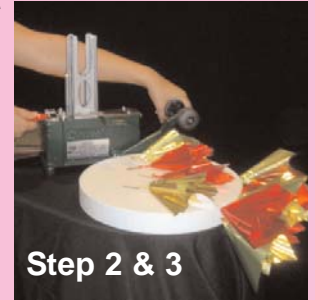


Instructions:

Step 1: Finish the foam hand and grad cap. We suggest using glitter and a latex based paint (you can get at Home Depot). Use the same color paint and glitter. Apply the paint with a brush or roller, then spill the glitter onto the wet paint. The paint will act as a glue. Shake off the excess glitter after the paint dries for re-use. Paint and glitter one section at a time, and allow the paint to dry before doing another section. You can finish one or both sides of the foam depending on how it will be displayed.

Step 2: Make 44 Foil Puffs. Take one 9 x 9 metallic square and pinch the center and pull the four corners forward. Insert the pinched middle section of the square and attach it to a metal pick with the pick machine. Foil squares are available in several colors, choose your school colors.

Step 3: Attach the foil puffs to the base. Evenly insert the picks on the side of the foam round base. Make two rows around the base, 20 puffs in each row, to make the centerpiece look full. You can dip the metal picks in cool glue before inserting into the foam for a more secure fit and safety. We recommend the glue skillet for this step (plu# 349946, pg 148 2008 catalog) Save four Foil Puffs for the top.



Step 4: Attach the foam hand and grad cap to the base. Cut a 4 inch piece of aluminum coil. We suggest using a foam engraving tool to make a small hole to insert the aluminum coil. Using a pencil make a circle in the center of the foam circle the exact size of the diameter of the aluminum coil. Apply cool glue to the bottom of the aluminum coil and insert it into the hole in the base. Even though you are using a cool glue gun or skillet, the glue still gets hot. Wait approx 1-2 seconds before inserting the aluminum coil into the foam to avoid melting. Repeat this step to attach the aluminum coil to the bottom of the hand. You can also apply a small amount of cool glue between the hand and the base for additional support. You will need a 28 inch piece of aluminum coil to attach the hand to the grad cap. Use the same technique to attach the hand and grad cap. Before attaching the foam hand to the top of the coil, cover the coil with Stretchy tube ribbon and bend the coil into a spiral shape. We wrapped the coil around a helium tank for an even spiral. I would suggest making the holes in the top of the hand and the grad cap deeper than the hole you made in the base for additional support. We also applied a small amount of glue between the thumb and 1st finger on the foam hand where the wire passes through.



Additional suggestion: You can also use wooden skewers for additional stability.

Step 5: Attach the 5" balloons: We used four 5" latex balloons in colors to match the foil puffs. Simply inflate the balloons with air. Use a small amount of cool glue to attach the balloons to the base. Put the glue on the neck of the balloon. Be careful not to touch the balloon with the tip of the glue gun. Glue the balloon to the top of the base. We used four balloons, but you can add a few more. This can be done several days before the party because you are using air. We recommend inflating within two days of the event. After the balloons are attached, insert the four remaining foil puffs between the latex balloons to fill space. If you do not want to use balloons, you can simply add more foil puffs.