

Instructions for Qualatex® Proud Graduate Stand-up

To keep assembly time to a minimum, gather the materials and read through the instructions before beginning.

Proud Graduate Stand-up

Labor: About 15 Minutes

Materials:

1 16" (41cm) "Smile Face" Yellow Latex Balloon 39299
1 16" Onyx Black Latex Balloon 43858
4 11" (28cm) Onyx Black Latex Balloons 43737
8 5" (13cm) Sapphire Blue Latex Balloons 43602
2 5" White Latex Balloons 43607
6 646Q Giant Airship Onyx Black Latex Balloons 75452
2 350Q Onyx Black Latex Balloons 44036
3/16" Black Qualatex BalloonRibbon™ 47038
Sand Weight & Cool Glue
Heavy Weight Paper & Glue Dot™ Adhesive
Paper Mortarboard (Available from local school supply stores.)
Paper to Stuff Cap

Instructions:

1. Make the sand weight with the Onyx Black 16" latex balloon filled to softball size, then flattened on the bottom. To make the "feet," air inflate the four 11" Onyx Black balloons to about 9" (23cm) and make a 4-balloon cluster. Tie the cluster to the sand weight. **NOTE: For best results, always use a sand weight rather than a water weight.**

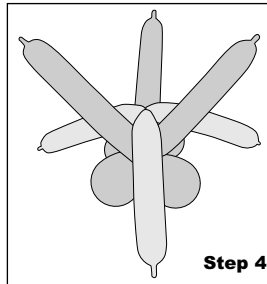
2. Air inflate three Onyx Black 646Qs to 33" (84cm) each, then tie the necks together to make a 3-balloon cluster. Wedge the knots of the 3-balloon cluster between the weight and the feet. Then, lift the three 646Qs up around the center of the feet to lock in place.

NOTE: All balloons must be inflated to the same size for the Stand-up to remain upright.

3. Air inflate three Onyx Black 646Qs to 17" (43cm) each, then tie the necks together to make a 3-balloon cluster.

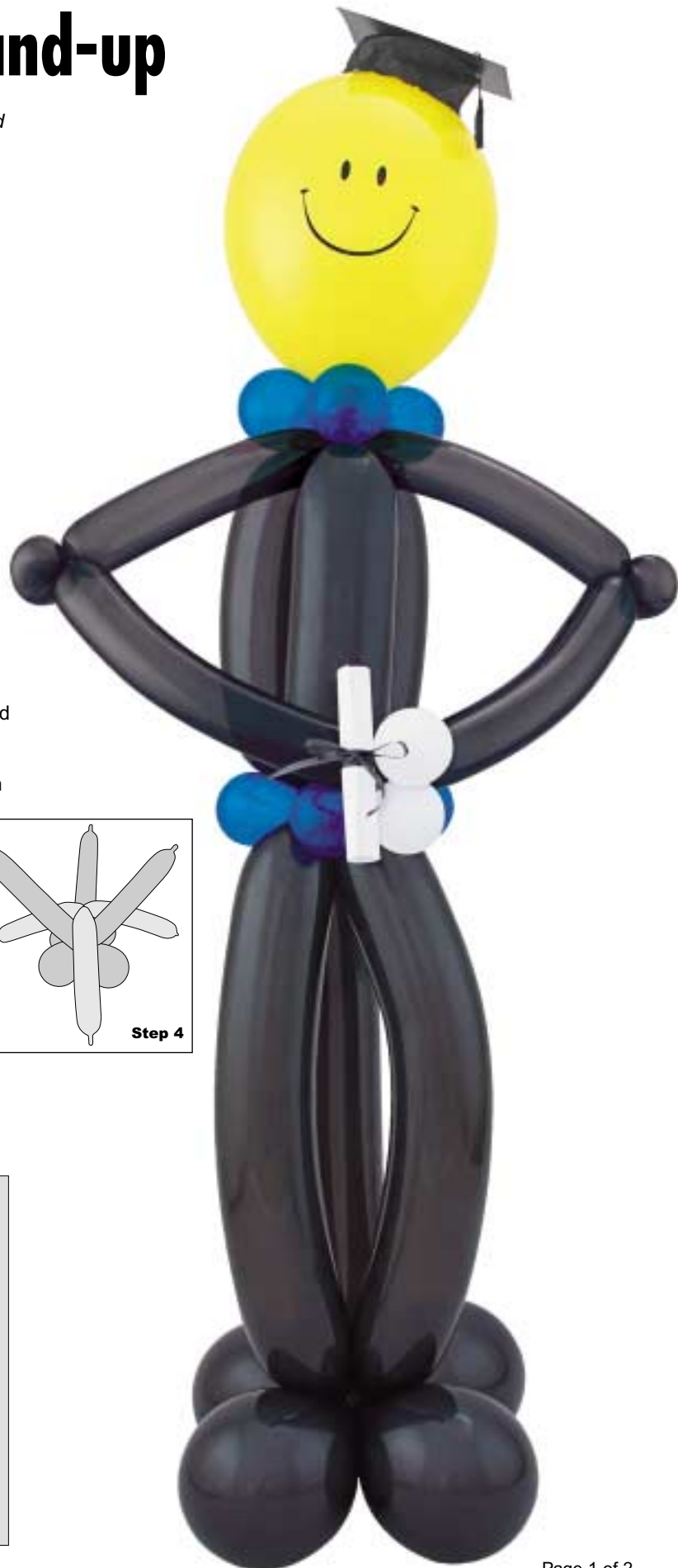
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4. Flatten the first Onyx Black 646Q cluster, then lay the second Onyx Black 646Q cluster on top of it, rotating the top cluster 60 degrees.



TIPS

- To keep Character Stand-ups looking fresh for a week or more, coat all balloons with Balloon Shine™ latex balloon treatment.
- Use the recipient's school colors to customize the Graduate's collar and belt.
- Add your choice of graduation-themed, helium-inflated balloons. With inflated balloons attached, the Stand-up's arms bob up and down, adding even more personality to this fun sculpture!
- For perfectly sized 646Qs, use a Conwin Dual Split-Second Sizer Inflator.
- Decorate your display windows with long-lasting Character Stand-ups for every occasion and holiday.



5. Bring the tips of the first 646Q cluster up and tie them together. Then, bring the tips of the second 646Q cluster up and tie them together. Push the bottom of the second cluster into the top of the first cluster, "locking" the joint.

6. Inflate four 5" Sapphire Blue balloons to 4" (10cm) and tie into a cluster for a "belt." Push the 5" cluster between the intersection of the 646Q clusters, twisting two of the 5" balloons around each other to secure.

7. For the "head," air inflate the "Smile Face" balloon to 14" (36cm) and tie to the knot from the top 646Q cluster.

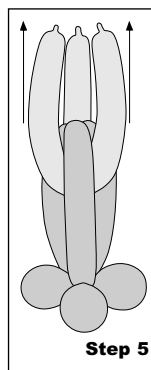
8. To make the "arms," inflate two Onyx Black 350Qs, leaving about 1" (2.5cm) uninflated on each, then tie into a duplet. About 13" (33cm) from the knot of one 350Q, make a 2" (5cm) pinch twist (see right) for the "elbow." Repeat on the second 350Q.

9. Wrap the 350Q duplet around the intersection of the top 646Q cluster and the head, twisting the two 350Q arms around each other to secure. Tie the ends of the 350Qs together to make the "wrists."

10. To make the "gloves," air inflate two 5" White balloons to 3" (7.6cm) and tie into a duplet. Wrap the duplet around the intersection of the 350Q wrists.

11. Inflate four 5" Sapphire Blue balloons to 4" and wrap into a cluster for a "collar." Push the 5" cluster between the intersection of the top 646Q cluster and the head, twisting two of the 5" balloons around each other to secure.

12. Stuff the paper mortarboard's cap with paper, then cool glue it to the head. Roll the heavy paper into a "diploma," tie it with BalloonRibbon, and use a Glue Dot to attach it to the gloves.



Pinch Twist

To make a pinch twist, first create a bubble. To make a bubble, pinch the balloon and twist it several times. Move farther down the balloon and make another twist, making sure to twist in the same direction both times. Loop your index finger under the bubble. Grasp the sides of the bubble with your thumb and index finger, and stretch it up until you can pinch the twists together. Remove your index finger, and twist the pinched bubble at least three times in one direction to secure it.

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