

Eyes on Halloween

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Materials

- 1 x Not lamp
- 1 x Deco Bubble
- 20 x 5” Qualatex Halloween Face Assortment
- 14 x 5” black
- 15 x 5” green
- 2 x 260q green
- 2 x 260q purple
- Floplast P-EX pipe 15mm x 2m or a Hula hoop
- 15mm push-fit Equal Tee (connector for pipe)
- Purple tulle
- Small piece of organza
- Small length of curling ribbon
- 3 x AA batteries (for lights)
- 3m LED lights
- Monofilament line
- Balloon Bond / Glue Dots



Techniques

- Clusters
- Double stuffing

How to make your Eyes on Display

1. Make Pipe into a hoop shape and push each end of the hoop to the equal tee connector.
2. Push the spare end of the connector over the not lamp, cover the connector and not lamp with duct tape to secure together.
3. Wrap the tulle around the hoop, starting at the bottom and work it around to the opposite bottom side until all of the hoop is covered.
4. Double stuff 4 x 11” Forest Green latex.”
5. Inflate two of these to 8” to make a duplet.
6. Repeat.
7. Add the first 8” duplet to the base of the not lamp, sit the second 8” duplet over the top and slide down till they sit tightly on the base.
8. Inflate two x 11” Forest Green to 6” to make a duplet.
9. Repeat.
10. Add the first 6” duplet on the not lamp, nestling above the first cluster.

11. Add the second 6" duplet over the top and slide down till they sit tightly on top of the first quad, make sure they are nestled into a column.
12. Inflate 2 x 260q green, leaving 1" at the tail end. 'Burp' the balloon and tie into a duplet.
13. Repeat with the black 260q.
14. Tie into a cluster.
15. Slide the cluster between the first and second cluster of balloons on the not lamp and pull through so that they are facing the ceiling, locking them in place.
16. Take one pair and working from the base to the top, twist them together to make a spiral, tie them together at the top.
17. Work the spiral around the pole of the not lamp and secure at the top, round the pole, with the necks of the balloons.
18. Take another 260q, from the base, work it around the pole, in between the spiral already created and twist the tip with the other 260q to secure.
19. Take the last 260q, from the base, repeat.
20. Check the pattern goes around the pole so that the colours go around as one, then the other all the way to the top, so that the two colours are next too each other.
21. Inflate a random selection of the 5" balloons into a duplet, between 3 and 4.5".
22. Repeat and make into a cluster.
23. Wrap the cluster into one side of where the connector meets the not lamp.
24. Start making a garland of randomly sized balloons around one side of the hoop, taking it up as far as you want it to go.
25. Repeat at the other side.
26. Fill in any gaps by inflating two 5" balloons and tying a 260Q both ends, then placing where the gaps needs filled, wrapping around another 5" balloon to secure before letting them sit in the final position.
27. Add batteries to lights and hide the battery pack in the base cluster of balloons on the not lamp.
28. Turn the lights on and start wrapping them from the base, up through the spiral of 260q then from one side of the hoop around to the other.
29. Mix what is left of the length of lights through the organic display at the base of the hoop.
30. Take the small piece of organza, fold 1" forward, turn it back on itself and fold 1" again, making a fan out of the material. Take a black piece of curling ribbon and tie in the middle of the fan to make a bow.
31. Blow up the deco bubble until the creases have just disappeared from the seam.
32. Put the mono filament line over the neck of the balloon and start to roll the neck up, until just before the valve, tie the line to secure the balloon, leaving a length of line to tie to the top of the hoop.
33. Tie the line to the top of the hoop so that it is centred inside the hoop.
34. Put balloon bond on the back of the bow and add to the top of the hoop.

This design is great for Halloween parties and will happily sit outside a front door if extra weight is added to the base to stabilise it.