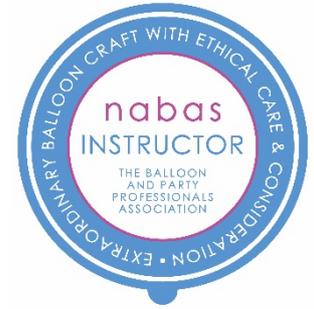


# Football Buddy

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This design is super quick, and is ideal to create simple characters for Kids birthdays and also a fun delivery.

## Materials:

- 1 x 11" Blush
- 6 x 11" Red
- 12 x 5" Red
- 12 x 5" White
- 5 x 11" Red
- 5 x 260 Blush
- 1 x 260 Brown
- 1 18" football foil
- 1 x Blush pompom
- Black marker

## Techniques

- Raisin Twist
- Clusters
- Loop twist
- Pinch twist



## How to make your Football Buddy

1. Inflate two 11" Red to 7" and tie into a duplet
2. Repeat with another two Red and twist into a cluster
3. Double stuff a 11" Red a with another, and make a water weight, about the size of a tennis ball, and tie into the Red cluster
4. Inflate two 5" White to 4", make a duplet
5. Repeat and make a cluster
6. Repeat this twice more, so you have three clusters
7. Tie one White cluster on to the top of the weighted Red cluster (take the neck of one white balloon in the cluster and tie to one Red balloon in the other cluster)
8. Repeat with the other two White clusters, making sure that the clusters all sit well to create a small column

9. Take the 18" Football foil and tie in three Raisin Twists, one on the top and the other two either side to make the arm attachment
10. Inflate the football with air
11. With half of an uninflated Blush 260, roll the neck of the foil and tie off
12. Wrap the foil into the cluster, using a figure of 8
13. Using the 5" Red inflated to 2", make 3 clusters
14. Take a Blush 260 Inflate approximately 20" and tie off
15. Repeat with another Blush 260, these are the arms
16. Take one of the inflated Blush 260 and from the knot end make a loop about 4 fingers long
17. Twist and make a Pinch Twist, this is the hand
18. Measure the length of arm you want against the foil, and tie off the 260 in the appropriate place
19. Repeat with the other Blush 260
20. Tie on to the foil, at the Raisin Twist in the arm position, remove any excess balloon
21. Repeat with the other arm
22. Take one Red cluster and twist into the top of the arm, to hid mechanics, make the cluster sit on top of the 260, so the arm is kept in position
23. Half way down the arm bend the 260 to give some shape
24. Repeat with the other arm
25. Make a Raisin Twist on the Top of the 11" Blush, this will be the head
26. Inflate the 260 Brown to about 6" from the end, tie off, this will be the hair
27. From the knotted end make a Loop Twist about 5 fingers long
28. Repeat so you have 3 loops
29. Make a pinch twist and secure the loops in a flat position
30. Using the excess 260 tie on to Raisin Twist , on the head, remove all excess balloon ends
31. With Glue Dots attach the loops to sit flat on the head, in the position you want
32. With a Black Marker draw a simple face, add a small Blush pompom for the nose
33. Tie the blush balloon onto the third Raisin twist, remove any excess balloon
34. Take the third Red cluster and twist around the 11" to make a collar