



PUMPKIN PATCH BOUQUET

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A few simple "tricks" can make an otherwise ordinary bouquet into something special...

Product Required:

- 1 x 36" Anagram Decorator Curve, Lime (1640899)
- 4 x 9" Anagram Foil Stars, Lime (1641499)
- 1 x Metallic Orange Circle (0456102)
- 1 x Happy Pumpkin Supershape (2095201)
- 2 x 18" Cute Pumpkin Junior Shapes (1145001)
- 1 x Heavy plastic weight, or several steel washers
- Lime green Ribbon
- Heat sealer

Construction Method:

1. Create the pumpkin leaves by placing the un-inflated star balloons in the heat sealer lengthwise, to put a seal from tip to tail. Ensure that the seal stops just before the tail of the balloon, and does not touch any existing seals, as this will prevent part of the balloon from inflating. Inflate and seal the balloons as normal.
2. Partly inflate the 18" orange balloon with air, but leave it soft. Wrap lime green balloon ribbon around and around the balloon, spreading it out to form the "segments" of the pumpkin. Wrap tight enough so that the balloon bulges out between the ribbons. Tie off securely, and then finish inflating the balloon until it is tight enough. Tape up the tail.
3. Attach the weight to the bottom of the 18" pumpkin you just created with tape. Fix 2 of the leaves at the base (by tying around the point where the ribbons meet) and the other 2 to the top in the same manner.
4. Inflate all the other balloons with helium, tie to ribbon, and arrange into a bouquet. Tie the bouquet to the ribbons wrapping the 18" orange balloon, and curl the ends.

Estimated Labour time: 15 minutes.

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