

# Instructions for Qualatex® Smilin' Black Cat

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

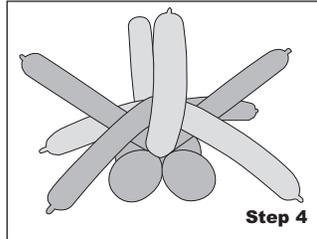
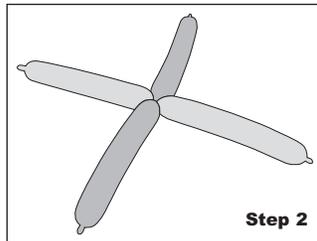
**Labor:** About 30 Minutes

## Materials:

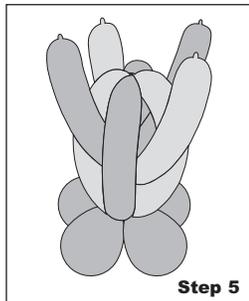
- 1 30" (76cm) "Smilin' Black Cat" 79467
- 8 11" (28cm) Onyx Black Latex Balloons 43737
- 8 5" (13cm) Onyx Black Latex Balloons 43548
- 20 646Q Giant Airship Onyx Black Latex Balloons 75452
- 1 350Q Onyx Black Latex Balloon 44036
- 1 260Q Onyx Black Latex Balloon 43907

## Instructions:

- 1.** Air inflate two 646Q balloons, leaving 1½" (3.8cm) uninflated on each, and tie the necks together to make a duplet. (**NOTE:** Each 646Q must be the same length to prevent leaning.) Make a second duplet. Twist two balloons together, one from each duplet, to make a cluster.
- 2.** Lay the cluster down on a flat surface to make an "X."
- 3.** For the "feet," make a cluster of four 11" Onyx Black balloons inflated to 11". Place this cluster on top of the 646Q cluster and pull the 646Qs up between the 11" balloons.



- 4.** Make a second 646Q cluster like the first and lay it on top of the first 646Q cluster, rotating it 45 degrees.
- 5.** Tie two, opposing tips of the first cluster together, then tie the two remaining tips from the first cluster. Repeat with the second cluster to complete a set of "legs."
- 6.** Repeat steps 1 through 5 for the second set of legs.



- 7.** Air inflate two Onyx Black 646Qs, leaving about 1½" uninflated on each, and tie the necks together to make a duplet.
- 8.** Make another identical duplet, and slide both duplets around one of the top 646Qs on the front legs.
- 9.** Tie the other four 646Q tips together around the top of the back legs to make the "body."
- 10.** Air inflate the "Smilin' Black Cat" balloon and tie to the top of the front legs using an uninflated Onyx Black 260Q.
- 11.** Make two 4-balloon clusters of 5" Onyx Black balloons, and wrap them around the Cat's neck and tail area.
- 12.** Curl an Onyx Black 350Q and tie onto the hind legs for the tail.

## Curly Balloon instructions:

**To curl a 160Q, 260Q, or 350Q balloon:**

- 1.** Fully inflate the balloon with air, and let out the air to stretch the balloon.
- 2.** Wrap the balloon around a cylindrical object, stretching it a little as you go and making sure not to wrinkle or twist the balloon.
- 3.** Air inflate the balloon while holding it around the cylinder, and tie. As it inflates, the balloon will curl around the cylinder.



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## TIP

Decorate the Cat with bows (as shown in the photo) or a balloon "collar" made by inflating a 350Q and wrapping it around the Cat's neck. Personalize the collar by writing the Cat's name on it with a Qualatex Balloon Marker.

## TIP

Smilin' Black Cat is self-supported. If needed, add weights for extra stability.

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