

Rouse Matrix Systems™ Design Project

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Gingerbread Boy

Materials:

- 1.5 RMS-2™ Banners*
- 1 Can spray paint, brown (Suggest: Design Master)
- 1 Can spray adhesive (Suggest: 3M #77)
- 250 Balloons, 5" brown
 - 72 Pair underinflated to 4" tied at the lips
 - 53 pair underinflated to 4" tied at the body
- 2 Balloons, 5" white, tied as singles (for eyes).

Materials:

- 106 Balloons, 5" white, underinflated to 3" tied as singles (for collar clusters).
- 1 Template, 4"
- 1 Template, 3"
- 5 # 160 balloons, white for trim
- 5 Balloons, 5" red for trim
- 2 Hearts, 4" red foil or shiny paper for bowtie
- 1 Pair of scissors
- 1 Air inflator

Instructions:

1. Please read & follow the instructions for RMS-2 Banners.
2. Use the RMS-2 tabs to connect two half Banners together on the long sides.
3. Cut the third half Banner in half perpendicular to the long sides. Use the RMS-2 tabs to connect the two quarter Banners together on the longer sides.
4. Use the RMS-2 tabs to connect the set of half Banners to the set of quarter Banners along the shorter sides.
5. Paint one side of the connected 1.5 RMS™ Banners brown. Let dry. Repeat for other side.
6. After spray paint has thoroughly dried, LIGHTLY spray 1 side of RMS™ Banners with spray adhesive. Let dry. Repeat for other side.
7. Inflate all balloons as indicated above & set aside. Keep piles of balloons separated, especially the 2 brown piles.
8. Twist the 3", single, white balloons in the middle so that the balloon neck is caught in the twist and two equal bubbles are formed. Twist two such balloons together to create a cluster of four white bubbles. Twist this cluster around the necks of a doublet of brown balloons (the ones which are tied close to the bodies of the balloons) to form a collar between the 2 brown balloons. Set aside.
9. Load the brown balloon doublets (the ones which are tied at the necks of the balloons) into the body section (the grey section) of the Gingerbread Boy pieces as shown above. Do NOT yet load the balloons into the outline edge (the black holes) of the Gingerbread Boy pieces as shown above.
10. With scissors, CAREFULLY cut out each Gingerbread Boy piece. Be sure to leave connected the holes where there are as yet no balloons (the black ones in the drawing above). BE CAREFUL!
11. Lay one body section on top of the other body section so that the outside edges line up.
12. Insert one brown balloon of a collared doublet into an opening in the lower Matrix piece. Insert the other brown balloon from the doublet into a matching hole in the upper Matrix piece. Repeat this procedure around the entire Gingerbread Boy. The white balloon collars will suggest a cream filling between the layers of gingerbread.
13. Decorate your Gingerbread Boy with #160 balloon icing, white eyes, candy buttons & a bow tie. See illustrations above for one such design. For a Gingerbread Girl, put the bow in her hair. Delicious!

* For Big Cookies, try RMS™ Builders with # 260 long balloons and underinflated 11" round balloons.

