

HOW DO THEY DO THAT?

It's BUBBLES!!!!

I am extremely pleased to bring you a guest tutorial this month. Doris Kenfield did a superior job on this. I just know you'll find this technique interesting and beautiful.

Gelatin Bubble Tutorial

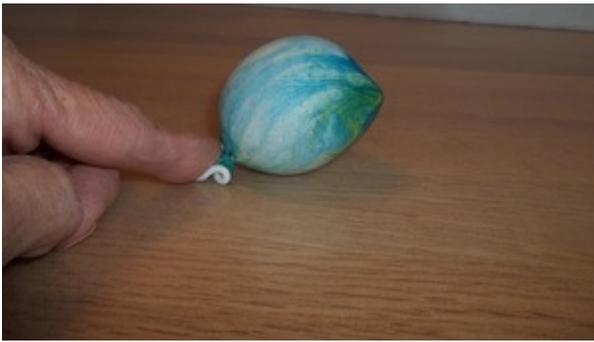
Items Needed:

- Water balloons
- Toothpicks
- Duct tape
- Unflavored gelatin
- Small microwave bowl
- Styrofoam block for drying
- Small paint brush
- Super Pearl dust

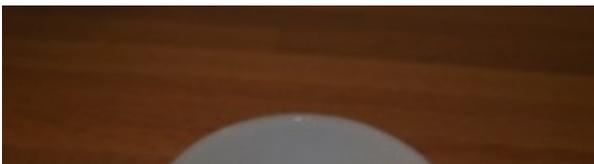


1. Blow up water balloons
2. Tape end of balloon.....making sure that the balloon is round and attach toothpick within the duct tape





3. Add 2 Tbls. Water to microwavable bowl....add Super Pearl dust to water (aprox ½ tsp)....add 1 envelope unflavored gelatin to water and allow gelatin to bloom (aprox. 3-5 minutes..gelatin will become spongy consistency





4. Heat gelatin in microwave until melted (aprox 10 sec.) – stir gelatin carefully so that you do not incorporate air bubbles into the mixture—be sure to remove any undissolved gelatin or “scum” on top of gelatin prior to dipping
5. Dip and swirl balloons in gelatin to cover...making sure to leave small space around the toothpick uncovered for later removal of the balloon



6. Place balloon in Styrofoam block to dry (allow several hours depending on the humidity in your climate....overnight is ideal) – remove any drips that may form with small paint brush



7. Follow steps 3-6 again to apply second coat to bubbles

8. Again allow bubbles to dry



9. Pop balloon and allow to deflate... use toothpick to aid in balloon removal if necessary (You can carefully trim any excess gelatin off with a scissors)





TIPS:

- if you want clearer bubbles...try adding a tiny amount of violet food paste coloring to the water prior to allowing your gelatin to bloom
- if you want your bubbles to be another color...color the water prior to blooming the gelatin

you can add sparkle to your bubbles by mixing a variety of luster dusts to a small spray bottle mixed with a little bit of rum or vodka and spray your bubbles -while

- still on the balloons and allow the mixture to dry before removing the balloon -DO NOT use water to mix with the dusts as the water will destroy the bubble
- if your balloons will not come out of the bubble....you can try coating them with a VERY THIN coat of shortening prior to coating them with gelatin (I do not do this and have never had a problem, but it may depend on the type of balloon you are using)

Here's a beautiful picture of the bubbles on a wedding cake by Doris:





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