

How DO They Do That??!

This month's guest tutorial is by Corina Lind of Canada. She makes these beautiful ball decorations to go on top of wedding cakes. Let's get started:

Ball toppers by Corina -





you will need:

fondant

tylose to harden

rolling pin

shape of any balloon you want to use

any decorative cutters

airbrush color or colored fondant or powder dust

anything you may want to hang inside the ball such as a dove.

fishing wire (clear)

lard

Icing sugar

- 1) roll out your fondant and cut the shapes you want to use (I used fondant and colors and cutters from Sugar Delites) and some wilton ones
- 2) rub a good amount of lard all over your balloon this will help the pieces stick up into you put icing on them.
- 3) take the pieces you have cut out and put them on the balloon making sure not to overlap but to be touching in at least 3 points for stability. Note make sure you have clean edges as I forgot that part and it shows
- 4) after each section take a little icing sugar and tap on the ends or connections you have made to glue the part together, don't wait until it's all done as you will forget some. (color your icing if needed to blend in the colors)
- 5) paint with airbrush or brush on color or sheen powder.
- 6) the balloon will start to pull away from your design, don't force it. once it is all released and the balloon has shrunk take a pin and poke a hole in the balloon to deflate all the way then you can pull the balloon out carefully.
- 7) let dry a little more as the inside will still be damp
- 8) once it is completely dry you can take the thing you wanted to hang in the inside (like a bird if you are making a fancy birdcage) hang it by fishing wire (clear) and tie to the top of your ball and let it hang.

Notes: if you make your design to close like I did you won't be able to see what is hanging so I have to put my dove on top but was to go into the cage. also if you don't use the tyclose it will take a lot longer to harden.

let harden in room temperature for best results.

SOME OTHER IDEAS I WANTED TO TRY

a large 3d heart balloon with a ring hanging in the middle

a wedding couple standing in a gazebo (just leave the bottom free of the design and shave off edges to make flat for on a cake.

any structure can be made with this concept, long balloons, round, figures, shapes there are so many ideas in my head for all of them

Thank you so much Corina! You really could use about any swirly cutter or mold. I recognize some of my scrolls/swirls/and

curls cutters. We have four sets of those and some [Marvelous Molds](#) designs.