



# Link-O-Loon® Spiky Cactus

**LINK-O-LOON®**  
BALLOON DECORATING SYSTEM

## Intermediate Level

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### Pro Tip

Air-filled décor is not only long-lasting but adds profit to your design repertoire.



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## INTRODUCTION

Southwest themes are a snap with this attention getting LINK-O-LOON® sculpture. With a simple do-it-yourself frame and a short list of balloon elements, this design is a real stickler for making big profit.

## APPLICATIONS

- Theme Parties

## MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

- 140 x 12" (30cm) Deluxe Key Lime LINK-O-LOON®
- 20 x 5" (12cm) Red latex
- 3 x 5" (12cm) Orange latex
- 1 base plate and pole
- 2 sections aluminum rod
- Duct Tape
- Air Inflator
- Balloon Sizer

## STEP-BY-STEP

Basic: Fill two balloons and tie the necks together to make a duplet. Make a second duplet and wrap the knotted necks to form a cluster of four. For a cluster of five, add an additional single balloon to one of the duplets to make a cluster of three and twist together with a duplet to make a cluster of five.

1. Bend the two aluminum rods to form "arms" and bend another right angle in the rods to fit a section to tape against the pole to form the cactus frame on both sides.
2. Air fill fifteen 12" (30cm) LINK-O-LOON® clusters sized to 9" (23cm) and wrap onto the pole starting at the base and working to the top of the pole. Add a single LINK-O-LOON® to the top of the pole.
3. Air fill six 12" (30cm) LINK-O-LOON® clusters sized to 6" (15cm) and wrap three clusters on each side onto the aluminum rod frame where they are joined to the column. Create four air-filled 8" (20cm) clusters and place two on each side to continue covering the frame. Make air-filled 9" (23cm) clusters with the remaining LINK-O-LOON® and wrap them onto the exposed frame until covered. Add single LINK-O-LOON® at the tops on both sides.
4. Make three 5" (12cm) Fashion Red air-filled clusters of five. Tie a single 5" (12cm) Deluxe Mango in the center and with a section of uninflated 260, tie in place on the sculpture.

### Pro-Tip

Conwin's Precision Air makes short work of fast inflation and sizing for this great design.

