

Ol' Don's Drawing Table

Front

Pattern

View

Too many helium filled balloons and suddenly he was airborne. A vertical grain direction is recommended with some caution when carving his right arm. The balloons can be made from wooden craft balls and if you plan to display him suspended mid-air, string or heavy thread can be used between his hand and the balloons.

Drill a suitable size hole through his left fist for the balloon strings. Notice his extended left arm has caused the sleeve to slide towards his shoulder. Carve it with wrinkles so it doesn't look like a pressed sleeve that's too short.

This project should be displayed hanging mid-air. Decide how many balloons you wish to have your clown holding. Use wooden balls such as those used for door harps. Drill a small hole partway into each ball and, using epoxy glue, put a fairly

long piece of string into each one . After the glue has set, tie all the strings together about 10" from the cluster of balloons. Arrange them so that the balloons hang in a staggered pattern. To hold them all together, put a drop of epoxy where each ball touches the one next to it . Thread all the strings through a drilled hole in his fist and epoxy them in place. A piece of monofilament line threaded through a hole in the highest balloon can be used to hang your carving from a suitable location.

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Balloon Cluster Reference