Follow this easy step-by-step guide to create an impressive archway with basic balloons!

Before getting started, you’ll need:
- Clear Decorating Strip
- At least 72 latex balloons
- Helium
- Anchors, such as Metal Party Tubs or sand bags
- Curling Ribbon
Step 1: Prepare the Arch
Prepare to make your balloon arch by getting your anchors ready. We used two Metal Party Tubs filled with ice. Tie 4 feet of Curling Ribbon to the handle of each party tub. You’ll want to also use this ribbon to attach the party tubs to the Clear Decorating Strip.

Next, figure out how many balloons you will need for the arch you want to make. For a 12-foot arch, you’ll need 72 balloons that will be inflated and tied together to form clusters of four balloons each.

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Step 2: Create a Balloon Cluster
Inflate a pair of red balloons with helium and tie the ends off. You can order a helium tank online or pick one up at your nearest Party City store.

Use the same method to inflate a pair of white balloons and tie their ends together. Now join the two pairs of balloons in the center — twisting their centers around each other — to form a cluster of four balloons.
Step 3: Attach the Balloon Cluster
Now attach the balloon cluster to the Clear Decorating Strip by pulling the end of one of the balloons through a hole in the strip. If you haven’t done so already, be sure to use your Curling Ribbon to tie the strip to the handle of your party tub or whatever weight you’re using for the balloon arch.

Step 4: Repeat Steps 2 and 3!
Repeat Steps 2 and 3, attaching new balloon clusters to every other hole in the Clear Decorating Strip until you’ve completed your balloon arch.
Step 5: Complete the Arch
Now you’re ready to display your balloon arch at the entry to your party or even over a buffet or gift table — the possibilities are endless! For more detailed instructions on building a balloon arch, watch the video:

How to Build a Balloon Arch on Party City.TV.