Balloon Ceiling Count & Timeline

Plan a lush, air-filled New Year's canopy without the helium.

Calculate exactly how many supplies to buy for a flawless overhead display. Follow this stress-free schedule to build your ceiling before guests arrive.



Key Measurements & Materials

1 foot
clearance above tallest guest's head

+ 6 inches
added for ribbon curling allowance

1 inch
offset to the right for fringe

8 inches
mirrored ball on west windowsill

2
heavy-duty glue dots per balloon

10 seconds
rub time for static cling

Flawless Static-Cling Confetti

Rub inflated clear balloons against a microfiber cloth or wool sweater, then roll to distribute foil pieces evenly before tying to ensure they hold all evening.

Hour-by-Hour Hanging Schedule

1. **T-minus 4 hours** Inflate and tie all balloons to keep the latex plump and glossy.
2. **T-minus 3 hours** Attach the large base layer flush against the ceiling.
3. **T-minus 2 hours** Tuck smaller spheres into the gaps for necessary depth.
4. **T-minus 1 hour** Curl the ribbon tails gently and sweep the floor.

Total Balloon Count Chart

Square Feet	11-inch balloons	5-inch balloons	Adhesive dots
16	48 spheres	16 spheres	128 dots
36	108 spheres	36 spheres	288 dots
64	192 spheres	64 spheres	512 dots

Always buy an extra bag of both sizes for accidental pops.

Check Before You Start

- ○ Measure your tallest guest to determine the baseline ribbon drop.
- ○ Wipe ceiling with a dry microfiber mop; let settle 20 minutes.
- ○ Clear the light path around your chosen west-facing windowsill.

Decor & Styling Details

- ☐ Lightweight poly curling ribbon (avoid heavy fabric)
- ☐ Metallic fringe curtains to hang two deep
- ☐ Gold-rimmed champagne coupes in a tight triangle
- ☐ Brass ice buckets for the midnight bar cart

Party Prep Notes

Cheers to a beautifully styled celebration and a brilliantly sparkling New Year!