CARO'S CREATIVE CREW

Balloon Information

Caro's Creative Crew uses biodegradable latex balloons

Safety Info

Balloons should not be given to children **under 2**.
We do not twist balloons for babies. It is a choking hazard for babies.
Supervision for children under 6 is required. Suffocation can happen if a balloon is put in their mouth. Make sure kids understand the danger, and do not let them chew on balloons or put them into their mouth.

Latex Allergy

Like other natural things people are allergic to such as bee stings and peanuts, latex can also cause allergic reactions ranging from minor skin irritation to anaphylaxis in a very small percentage of the population. Please keep this in mind if your child has a latex allergy.

Where does Latex used in Balloons come from?

Latex balloons are not plastic, they are a plant-based product made from natural rubber, produced from the milky sap of the rubber tree. The rubber tree originated in the tropical forests of South America and was taken to Europe from Brazil. It is now grown on plantations in many tropical countries. The latex is collected in buckets, as it drips from harmless cuts in the bark. The process is much like that used to collect maple syrup. Leading manufacturers source their latex from sustainable Rainforest Alliance Certified and Forest Stewardship Council Plantations. The rainforest Alliance are an international, non-profit organisation working to build strong forests, healthy agricultural landscapes, thriving communities and fight climate change. By choosing to use Balloon artists who use latex balloons, you are making an environmentally and economically responsible choice.

Are Latex Balloons Biodegradable?

Latex is a 100-percent natural substance that breaks down both in sunlight and water. The degradation process begins almost immediately. Oxidation, the "frosting" that makes latex balloons look as if they are losing their colour, is one of the first signs of the process. Exposure to sunlight quickens the process, but natural microorganisms attack natural rubber even in the dark.
Research shows, latex balloons will biodegrade at about the same rate as a leaf from an oak tree.