

# Instructions for Qualatex® Jumbo Floating Column

To keep assembly time to a minimum, gather the materials and read through the instructions before beginning.

## Jumbo Floating Column

**Labor:** About 15 Minutes

**Helium:** As needed for number and size of balloons.

### Materials:

- 1 3' Latex Balloon
- 20 11" Latex Balloons
- 1 260Q Latex Balloon
- #9 Qualatex MasterBow® Poly Ribbon
- Sand Weight
- Monofilament (Fishing) Line

### Instructions:

1. Helium inflate the 3' balloon and tie to monofilament line. Tie the monofilament line to a sand weight.
2. Starting at the neck of the 3' balloon, wrap four 4-balloon clusters of 11" balloons helium inflated to 9" onto the monofilament line. Rotate each cluster 45 degrees so it nests into the previous one.
3. Fold lengths of poly ribbon in half. Tie an uninflated 260Q around the center fold and tie the 260Q into the bottom 4-balloon cluster. Curl the ribbon and let it hang.
4. Wrap another cluster onto the neck of the sand weight.

## TIPS

- Customize the Jumbo Floating Column for every occasion by changing the colors and topper.
- Place Jumbo Floating Columns at entrances, on dance floors, and against walls for backdrops.
- Insert Curly 260Qs among the 4-balloon clusters as fun accents. To do this, tie the Curly 260Qs into pairs and wrap between the clusters.



### 4-Balloon Cluster

1. Inflate and size two balloons, then tie the necks together. Repeat to make a second pair, then twist the two pairs together to make a 4-balloon cluster.
2. Wrap the cluster onto the line by separating two of the balloons in the cluster, pushing the cluster onto the line, then twisting together the two balloons that were separated.



### HOW TO CURLY 260Qs

To make a curly 260Q, you'll want to have a cylinder with a band made from an uninflated 260Q tied around it on one end. First, stretch out the 260Q to be curled by fully inflating it then letting out the air. Slip the end of the 260Q you're going to inflate under the band and wrap it around the cylinder. Stretch it a little as you go, making sure not to wrinkle

or twist the balloon. Then, inflate the 260Q and tie. When you're on a job site, simply turn a chair upside-down and use a chair leg as your cylinder!



More ideas and instructions are available to professionals at "Instruction Sheets," "Balloon Ideas," and "Balloon Images" on [qualatex.com](http://qualatex.com).



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