

Instructions for Qualatex® Swirling Fun Column

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

Swirling Fun Column

Labor: About 30 Minutes

Helium: About 1.7 cu. ft. (.048m³)

Materials:

- 1 35" (89cm) "Smilin' Sun" Microfoil® Balloon 44249
- 6 16" (41cm) GEO Blossom® Lime Green Latex Balloons 87170
- 6 16" GEO Blossom Spring Lilac Latex Balloons 87169
- 16 11" (28cm) Goldenrod Latex Balloons 43748
- 56 5" (13cm) Rose Latex Balloons 43600
- 13 260Q Orange Latex Balloons 79701
- SDS™ Base Plate 30895
- 1 6½' Piece of ½" Conduit

Instructions:

1. Insert the conduit onto the base plate.
2. Inflate four 11" Goldenrod balloons to 9" (23cm), tie into duplets, then wrap into a cluster. Wrap onto the conduit at the base plate.
3. Inflate four 5" Rose balloons to 4" (10cm), tie into duplets, then wrap into a cluster. Wrap onto the conduit above the Goldenrod balloons, rotating the cluster 45 degrees. Repeat to add another 4" Rose cluster.
4. Inflate two 11" Goldenrod balloons to 9" and tie into a duplet.
5. Make two curly Orange 260Qs. Insert the end of one curly Orange 260Q through the hole in an uninflated Lime Green GEO Blossom. Inflate the GEO Blossom and tie. Repeat with a Spring Lilac GEO Blossom.
6. Tie the two GEO Blossoms into a duplet, then wrap into a cluster with the 9" Goldenrod duplet. Wrap the cluster onto the conduit above the Rose balloons, placing the two Goldenrod balloons opposite each other. Angle the GEO balloons so they tuck in tightly to the column and have the curly balloons pointing up.
7. Make two more 4" Rose clusters as in Step 3 and add to the conduit.
8. Make another cluster as in Steps 5 and 6 and add to the conduit.
9. Repeat Steps 3, 5, and 6, alternating the Rose sections with the GEO Blossom clusters until you reach the top of the conduit. There will be approximately seven Rose sections and six GEO Blossom clusters (in addition to the Goldenrod base cluster).
10. Helium inflate the "Smilin' Sun" Microfoil balloon and tie an uninflated Orange 260Q to the tail. Secure the balloon to the top of the column by wrapping the 260Q into the column and tying the ends together.

Curly Balloons

1. Fully inflate the balloon with air, then let out the air to stretch the balloon.
2. Wrap the balloon around a cylindrical object, stretching it a little as you go and making sure not to wrinkle or twist the balloon.
3. Air inflate the balloon while holding it around the cylinder, and tie. As it inflates, the balloon will curl around the cylinder.

TIPS

- As you add GEO Blossom clusters, watch how you're placing the balloons to create either a consistent or customized pattern in the column.
- Change out the Microfoil balloon topper with another large foil or 3' Giant latex balloon.
- Alter the colors of the column to suit any occasion or theme.
- Substitute GEO Donut® balloons in place of the GEO Blossom® balloons for a different look.
- Place the Swirling Fun Column at entrances and dancefloor corners, as well as on stages or lining walkways.



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