

Instructions for Qualatex® Q-Chain Polka Dot Arch

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

Materials:

- 30 11" (28cm) "Big Polka Dots" Latex Balloons 77146
- 28 646Q White Latex Balloons 75451
- 24 5" (13cm) Lime Green Latex Balloons 48954
- 2 SDS™ Base Plates 30895
- 2 5' (1.5m) Pieces of ½" Conduit

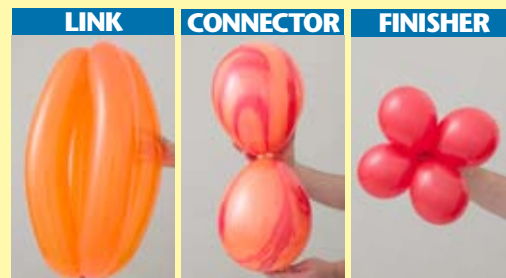
Instructions:

- 1.** Inflate four 646Qs, leaving 1" (2.5cm) uninflated, and tie into pairs. Twist the pairs together to make a 4-balloon cluster.
- 2.** Make a 4-balloon cluster using 11" latex balloons inflated to 9" (23cm), and wrap it around the bottom of the conduit.
- 3.** Wrap the 646Q cluster around the conduit under the 11" balloons. Pull the 646Qs up between the 11" balloons.
- 4.** Make a 4-balloon cluster of 11" balloons inflated to 9", and wrap around the conduit above the 646Qs.
- 5.** Bring the 646Q ends together above the 4-balloon cluster from Step 4 and tie them around the conduit to create your first "link."
- 6.** Repeat Steps 2-4 to add another link. Tie the bottom of the second link to the top of the first.
- 7.** Repeat Steps 1-6 using the second piece of conduit. *Continued on page 2.*



More ideas and instructions are available to professionals at "Instruction Sheets," "Balloon Ideas," and "Balloon Images" on qualatex.com.

Q-Chain Technique Three Main Elements



Q-CHAIN SWAG



1. Inflate two 646Qs, leaving 1" uninflated, and tie the necks together. Repeat to make a second pair, then twist the two pairs together to make a 4-balloon cluster. Tie the uninflated ends of the 646Qs together to create one **link**. Repeat Step 1 to make more links.



2. Make a **connector** by tying two slightly underinflated 11" balloons into a pair. When you tie, make sure the knot is as close as possible to the neck roll of each balloon. Then, wrap the balloons through one end of each link to create a "chain."



3. Create a **finisher** with a 4-balloon cluster of 5" balloons inflated to 4½", and wrap around the connecting point between the links.

* Repeat Steps 1 through 3 as desired to make a longer swag.

Arch by Cam Woody, CBA, of Pioneer® Balloon Company; based on an original design by Luc Bertrand, CBA, of wAw Balloons in Vichte, Belgium.



8. Create three more 646Q 4-balloon clusters, then tie the uninflated ends of each cluster together to create three separate links.

9. Create two pairs of 11" balloons inflated to 9", and wrap through the intersections of the three pairs to connect them.

10. Next, tie an 11" balloon inflated to 9" into the end of the links attached to the conduit, then push the 9" balloons through the unattached ends of the 646Q links.

11. To finish the Arch, create six 4-balloon clusters of 5" balloons inflated to 4½" (11cm), and wrap around the connecting points between the links.



TIPS:

- Customize the Polka Dot Arch for any occasion by changing the colors.
- Make a bigger arch by adding more links and using longer pieces of conduit.
- Create one or two links without using conduit, and attach a helium-filled 3' as a topper to create a Q-chain Column.
- Insert Curly 260Qs among the 4-balloon clusters to create fun accents. To do this, replace the finishers with clusters of Curly 260Qs.

See the Jul/Aug/Sep 2007 issue of "Balloon Images" magazine for more "Q-Chain Decor." To see if you qualify for a **FREE subscription**, go to **Balloon Images** on qualatex.com, or call Pioneer® Balloon Company at 1-800-999-5644 or 316-685-2266.



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