

SWIRLS OF FLOWERS

Create a setting of exotic magic with vibrant colors and Asian-inspired designs. Customers will love to see their dreams come true through the power of balloons!

Materials:

- 20 11" "Asian Dreams" assorted red, rose, lime green, robin's egg blue, and purple violet latex balloons
- 10 5" goldenrod latex balloons
- 4 5" red latex balloons
- 2 5" rose latex balloons
- 2 5" lime green latex balloons
- 2 5" robin's egg blue latex balloons
- 2 5" purple violet latex balloons
- 10 260Q goldenrod latex balloons
- 1 7' piece of 1/2" conduit
- 1 SDS steel base plate
- Qualatex ProSizer templates

Instructions:

1. Air inflate five 11" "Asian Dreams" balloons to 10" and tie into a five-balloon cluster. To do this, inflate and size two balloons and tie them together. Repeat to make a second pair. Inflate another balloon and tie to the center of one pair, then twist with the second pair. Wrap the cluster around the base of the conduit by separating two of the balloons in the cluster, pushing the cluster onto the conduit, then twisting together the separated balloons.
2. Repeat step one, sizing the "Asian Dreams" balloons to 7". Wrap the cluster around the conduit, taking care to "nest" it into the first cluster.
3. Create two five-balloon clusters using different-colored 5" balloons, sized to 4". Wrap one cluster above the 7" cluster, leaving a little space between the two.
4. Create a four-balloon cluster using 260Qs (leave 1" uninflated). Wrap the cluster onto the conduit, between the 4" and 7" clusters. Pull each 260Q up between the 4" balloons.
5. Holding two 260Qs together in each hand, slowly wrap the balloons upward. When you've neared the end of the 260Qs, twist two of them together, then twist the other two together. Tie each off around the pole and remove any excess.
6. Wrap the second cluster of multi-colored 4" balloons around the conduit, where the 260Qs are tied.
7. Repeat steps four and five, beginning at the five-balloon cluster where you left off.
8. To create the "flowers" at the top of the column, air inflate the 5" goldenrod balloons to 4" and create a five-balloon



Estimated cost: Under \$5
 Labor: About 20 minutes
 Suggested retail price: \$75-\$100

9. cluster. Inflate a 5" red balloon to 2" and loop through the center of the goldenrod cluster.
9. Air inflate the 11" "Asian Dreams" balloons to 9" and tie into a five-balloon cluster. Use the neck of the 2" red balloon to attach the goldenrod cluster to the "Asian Dreams" cluster to create a "flower."
10. Repeat steps eight and nine to create a second "flower."
11. Cut an uninflated 260Q in half. Tie each end of the 260Q piece to the necks of the 2" red balloons, located at the center of each "flower." Slide the pair of flowers over the top of the conduit.

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