

# Instructions for Qualatex® Butterfly Stitches Column

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

**Labor:** About 10 Minutes

## Materials:

- 1 22" (56cm) "Baby Girl Butterflies" Bubble Balloon® 004026
- 4 11" (28cm) "It's A Girl-A-Round" Pink Latex Balloons 111746
- 8 6" (15cm) Rose Hearts 6H36
- 5 5" (13cm) Rose Latex Balloons Q0536
- 5 5" Spring Lilac Latex Balloons Q0537
- 2 5" Yellow Latex Balloons Q0524
- 1 646Q White Latex Balloon Q64628
- 2 160Q Lime Green Latex Balloons Q16089
- 260Q Latex Balloon Scraps
- Sand Weight

## Instructions:

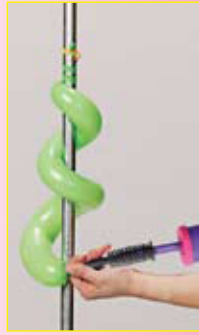
1. Air inflate the 646Q, leaving 1" (2.5cm) uninflated, and tie the knot end to a sand weight.
2. Use a latex regulator to air inflate the "Baby Girl Butterflies" Bubble Balloon until the wrinkles disappear. Roll up the neck with an uninflated 260Q, and use the 260Q to tie the Bubble to the top of the 646Q.
3. Inflate four 11" "It's a Girl-A-Round" latex balloons to 9" (23cm) and make a 4-balloon cluster (see "4-Balloon Cluster" on pg. 2). Wrap the cluster onto the knot between the 646Q and the sand weight by separating two of the balloons, sliding the cluster onto the knot, and then twisting together the two separated balloons.
4. Fully air inflate four 6" Rose Hearts and make a second 4-balloon cluster. Wrap the cluster onto the knot between the 646Q and the "It's A Girl-A-Round" cluster using the same method as mentioned in Step 3.
5. Make another 4-balloon cluster using the remaining 6" Rose Hearts, and wrap it onto the Column between the 646Q and the Bubble Balloon.
6. Make two Lime Green Curly 160Qs, leaving ½" (1.3cm) uninflated on each (see "Curly 160Q" on pg. 2). Next, air inflate two 5" Yellow latex to 2" (5cm), and tie each to the knot end of one of the Curly 160Qs. Make a 1" pinch twist in the 160Q next to the Yellow latex (see "Pinch Twist" on pg. 2). This will help keep the "flower" in place.
7. To make the Rose flower, air inflate five 5" Rose latex to 3" (8cm) and make a 5-balloon cluster (see "5-Balloon Cluster" on pg. 2). To make the second flower, make another 5-balloon cluster using five 5" Spring Lilac latex balloons.
8. Wrap each flower onto one of the Curly 160Qs at the knot between the Yellow latex and the 160Q pinch twist. Twist two of the balloons in the flower around each other twice to secure the flower.
9. Tie the uninflated end of one of the curly 160Qs to the knot between the 646Q and the sand weight, and the other curly 160Q to the knot between the 4-balloon cluster and Bubble Balloon.
10. Wrap the 160Qs around the 646Q and position the balloon flowers where desired. The "spring" in the curly 160Qs will hold the flowers in place.



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## Curly 160Q

To make a Curly 160Q, use a cylinder with a band made from an uninflated 160Q tied around it on one end. Stretch out another 160Q by fully inflating it and letting out the air. Slip the end of the 160Q under



the band and wrap it around the cylinder, stretching it a little as you go and making sure not to twist or wrinkle the balloon. Then inflate the 160Q and tie.

## 4-Balloon Cluster

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.



## 5-Balloon Cluster

To make a 5-balloon cluster, 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.



## Pinch Twist

1. Create a bubble by pinching the balloon and twisting it several times.
2. Make another twist at the appropriate bubble length, being sure to twist in the same direction both times.
3. Loop your index finger under the bubble. Grasp the sides of the bubble with your thumb and index finger, and stretch it up until you can pinch the twists together.
4. Remove your index finger, and twist the pinched bubble at least three times in one direction to secure.



## TIPS

Sell this Column as decor for baby showers, or as a delivery for a baby's arrival. Substitute the "Baby Boy Airplanes" Bubble Balloon® for the "Baby Girl Butterflies" balloon, coordinate the clusters and flowers to match, and you're ready to celebrate the arrival of baby boys, too!

