

Instructions for Qualatex® Beach Dude Stand-up

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

Beach Dude Stand-up

Labor: About 15 Minutes

Materials:

2 16" (41cm) Pink Latex Balloons Q1626A
1 11" (28cm) "Assorted Sprays" Latex Balloon 60911
4 11" Pink Latex Balloons Q1126
5 646Q Giant Airship Pink Latex Balloons Q064626
1 646Q Giant Airship Diamond Clear Latex Balloon Q64658
10 5" (13cm) Rose Latex Balloons Q0536
2 5" Pink Latex Balloons Q0526
2 350Q Pink Latex Balloons Q35026
Beach Shorts or Balloon Shorts
(See Sidebar)
Sand Weight
Glue Dots® or Cool Glue
Black Paper

Instructions:

1. Make the sand weight with a Pink 16" latex balloon filled to softball size, then flattened on the bottom. To make the "feet," air inflate the four 11" Pink balloons to about 9" (23cm) and make a 4-balloon cluster. Tie the cluster to the sand weight. **NOTE: For best results, always use a sand weight rather than a water weight.**

2. Air inflate two Pink and one Diamond Clear 646Q to 33" (84cm) each, then tie the necks together to make a 3-balloon cluster. Tie the necks to the sand weight and feet. **NOTE: All balloons must be inflated to the same size for the Stand-up to remain upright.**

3. Add beach shorts by loosely placing them over the two Pink 646Qs in the Pink/Diamond Clear 646Q cluster.

4. Air inflate three Pink 646Qs to 17" (43cm) each, then tie the necks together to make a 3-balloon cluster. **NOTE: All balloons must be inflated to the same size for the Stand-up to remain upright.**



- 5.** Lay the Pink 646Q cluster on top of the Pink/Diamond Clear 646Q cluster, rotating the Pink cluster 60 degrees. Tie the tips of the Pink/Diamond Clear 646Q cluster together. Then, bring the tips of the Pink 646Q cluster up and tie them together. Push the bottom of the Pink cluster into the top of the Pink/Diamond Clear cluster, "locking" the joint.
- 6.** Make a cluster of six 5" Rose balloons inflated to 3" (7.6cm) for the "waist." Push the 5" cluster between the joint of the 646Q clusters, twisting two of the 5" balloons around each other to secure. Tie the shorts above the waist to secure.
- 7.** Air inflate the 16" Pink balloon. Qualatex latex balloons naturally inflate to a pleasing teardrop shape. To ensure this shape, place the neck roll slightly onto the inflation tip. Slowly fill the balloon, until it begins to taper at the bottom and form a "chin." **NOTE: Avoid holding the balloon neck high up, as it will result in a "basketball-shaped" head.** Tie the "head" to the knot on the upper 646Q cluster.
- 8.** To make the "arms," inflate two Pink 350Qs, leaving about 1" (2.54cm) uninflated on each, then tie into a duplet. About 13" (33cm) from the knot of one 350Q, make a 2" (5cm) pinch twist for the "elbow." Repeat on the second 350Q.
- 9.** Wrap the 350Q duplet around the intersection of the Pink 646Q cluster and the head, twisting the two 350Q arms around each other to secure.
- 10.** To make the "hands," air inflate two 5" Pink balloons to 3" and tie one to the end of each arm. Secure the hands to the "hips" with Glue Dots.
- 11.** For the "neck," air inflate four 5" Rose balloons to 3" and make a 4-balloon cluster. Push the cluster between the head and the body, twisting two of the 5" balloons around each other to secure.
- 12.** Make a "beach ball" with an 11" "Assorted Sprays" balloon inflated to about 9". Push the ball between the body and one of the arms and secure with Glue Dots.
- 13.** Glue black paper "sunglasses" to the front of the "head."

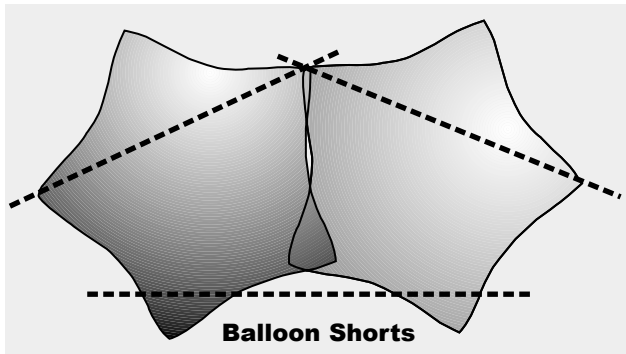
Created by Chris Horne, CBA & ICSF, of Christopher Horne - Professional Balloon Decorations in Northampton, England.

Pinch Twist

To make a pinch twist, create a 2" bubble. To make a bubble, pinch the balloon and twist it several times. Move 2" farther and make another twist, making sure to twist in the same direction both times. 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. Remove your index finger, and twist the pinched bubble at least three times in one direction to secure it.

Balloon Shorts

To make Balloon Shorts, tape up the tails of two uninflated 20" (51cm) Microfoil® Stars with clear packing tape. Tape the two Stars together at the edges as shown. Fold the balloons in along the dotted lines and tape to secure. Wrap the balloons onto the Beach Dude with the top edge around the "waist" and tape at the top front. Tuck the remaining edges between the legs as necessary and tape to the "legs" to secure.



TIPS

- Display the Beach Dude with a surfboard sign made from foamboard to promote your party decor services.
- Dress up the Beach Dude as desired with sunglasses, a hat, and even a tank top.
- Display him with a pail and shovel, additional balloon Beach Balls, suntan lotion, and more for a complete beach scene.
- Make a super sports Character Stand-up by adding a team jersey and a balloon soccer ball, football, basketball, or volleyball.
- For perfectly sized 646Qs, use a Conwin Dual Split-Second Sizer Inflator.
- Decorate your display windows with long-lasting Character Stand-ups. They last for more than a week!
- To keep the Character Stand-up looking fresh for a week or more, coat all balloons with Balloon Shine™ latex balloon treatment.



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