

# Instructions for Qualatex® Star Sphere

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

**Labor:** About 20 Minutes

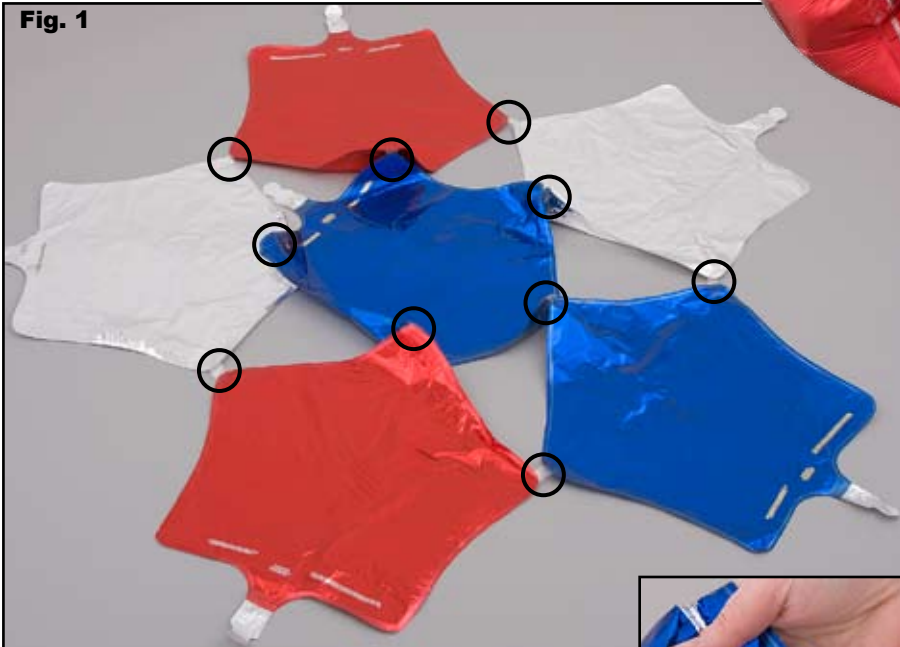
**Materials:**

4 20" Ruby Red Microfoil® Stars 13ST18  
4 20" Silver Microfoil Stars 10ST18  
4 20" Sapphire Blue Microfoil Stars 71ST18  
Scotch® Tape  
Packaging Tape  
Monofilament Line

**Instructions:**

**1.** Place an uninflated Star flat on the ground so that the fine print on the balloon faces up. Arrange five more uninflated Stars around it with the fine print facing up (as shown in Figure 1). The top point of each outer Star should meet a point of the inner Star. This layer will create the **bottom half of the sphere**.

Fig. 1



**2.** Place a piece of Scotch tape across each meeting point of the Stars, leaving a ¼" gap between each point. Use another piece of tape on the opposite side of the first piece so that no adhesive is exposed. Repeat until all six Stars have been taped to the corresponding point of their neighboring Star.

**3.** Create another layer of Stars by repeating Steps 1 and 2. This layer will create the **top half of the sphere**.



## TIPS

- Try using various solid and printed Microfoil Stars to create decor for other occasions and holidays such as Christmas, New Year's Eve, or even birthday parties.

**4.** Place this layer on top of the bottom layer so that the fine print faces down. The outer Stars of the top layer should lie in between the outer Stars of the bottom layer (as shown in Figure 2).

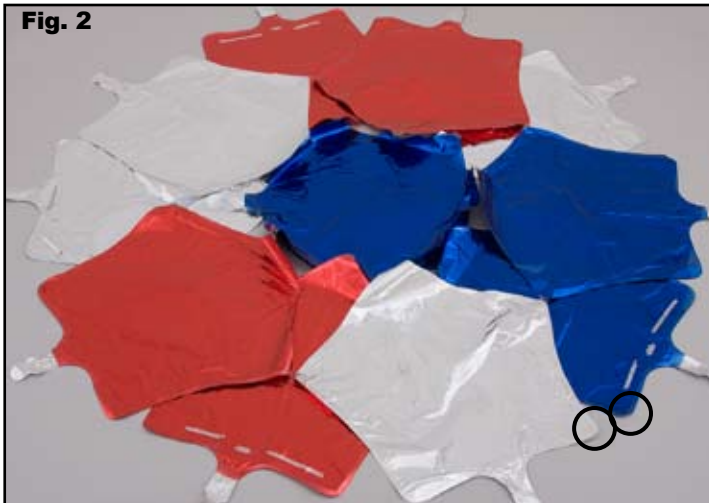
**5.** Place a piece of Scotch tape on the outer point of a Star from the top layer. Lift up the neighboring point from the Star on the bottom layer (as shown in Figure 2), and fold the tape over so that it secures to the underside of that point. Leave a ¼" gap between the two points. Place another piece of tape on the opposite side of the first piece so that no adhesive is exposed.

**6.** Repeat Step 5 to tape together all the outer points of the top layer to all the outer points of the bottom layer.

**7.** Air inflate each Star individually. Fold the tails of each balloon toward the inside of the sphere and use packaging tape to secure to the back side of the balloon.

**8.** Attach a length of monofilament to the sphere by tying one end around a piece of tape that is joining two Star points. Suspend from the ceiling.

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