

This Balloon it! Requires:

✓ 4 x 30cm (12")
LINK-O-LOONS™

✓ 20 x 12cm (5")
Round balloons

✓ 8 x 30cm (12")
Round balloons

✓ 13 x 40cm (16")
Round balloons

✓ 2 x Twisty 260s

LINK-O-LOON™ Roman Column

INTRODUCTION

The hexagon Column with LINK-O-LOONS™ revolutionized the balloon décor industry with its self supporting, frameless, speedy construction techniques. Now the professional balloon decorator has another new design concept that could impress the client and improve the profit.

Now with the further development of the LINK-O-LOON™ designs the Roman Column is available also. This column is extremely easy to construct and like the Hexagon column it is self supporting and frameless, with a huge float time for that extra long lasting effect.

APPLICATIONS

- Free standing column.
- Ideal floor center piece / sculpture.
- Works well with internal light effects.
- Great around the inside of marquees.
- Stage décor.
- Excellent entrance décor.

MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

- 4 x 30cm (12") LINK-O-LOONS™.
- 20 X 12cm (5") round balloons.
- 200gm Balloon Weight for stability.
- 8 x 30cm (12") Round Latex Balloons.
- 13 x 40cm (16") Round Latex Balloons.
- 2 x twisty balloons.
- Air inflator.
- Helium.
- Balloon sizing device.

CONSTRUCTION

1. Inflate with Air 4 x 40cm (16") round balloons sized to 35cm (14") and tied into duplets.

HINT. Pre inflate the balloons to larger size and then inflate to correct size.

2. Inflate with Air 4 x 40cm (16") round balloons to 30cm (12") and tie into duplets.

3. Inflate with Air 4 x 30cm (12") round balloons to 25cm (10") and tie into duplets.

4. Pair all of the same size duplets together to create a 4 balloon cluster.

5. Tie your 200gm weight into the centre of the largest cluster. Column the three clusters together with largest on the bottom and the smallest on the top.

Use a twisty balloon to tie them together through the centre.

6. Inflate 4 x 30cm (12") round balloons to 25cm (10") with Helium and tie into a 4 balloon cluster.

7. Inflate with Helium a 4 balloon LINK-O-LOON™ chain and tie the tail of the Helium LINK-O-LOON™ chain into the centre of the Helium cluster. Now tie the neck of the Helium chain into the weighted Air column.

By adding 50% air to these LINK-O-LOONS™, they will maintain their size for over 24 hours, without compromising their float time in this decoration.

8. To complete the column inflate 5 x 40cm (16") balloons with Helium to a size of 35cm (14") and tie together into a 5 balloon cluster. Using a twisty balloon tie this cluster into the top of the column so that you have added a 4 balloon cluster (Layer) with an extra balloon acting like a ball on the top.

9. Attach 5 x 12cm (5") round balloon collars to the LINK-O-LOON™ joins and the column is complete.

NOTE. This column has been tested to float in excess of 30 hours.

CONCLUSION

The column is designed to be self supporting but as can be seen the use of colours will create many different effects. Also the size of the structure can be varied by adding balloons to the LINK-O-LOON™ section of the sculpture to increase the height. Experiment with this great concept and remember the column can be fully or partially pre made off site and transported to the venue.

