

# Instructions for Qualatex® Bride & Groom Stand-ups

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

## Bride Stand-up

**Labor:** About 30 Minutes

**Materials:**

- 1 16" (41cm) "Young Woman Face" Pearl Peach Latex Balloon 85743
- 17 646Q Giant Airship White Latex Balloons 75451
- 6 6" (15cm) Ivory Silk Latex Hearts 48586
- 4 5" (13cm) Ivory Silk Latex Balloons 43562
- 2 5" Pearl Peach Latex Balloons 43591
- 2 350Q White Latex Balloons 44050
- 5 260Q Sapphire Blue Latex Balloons 43959
- Small Weights & Cool Glue
- Tulle & Electric Air Inflator

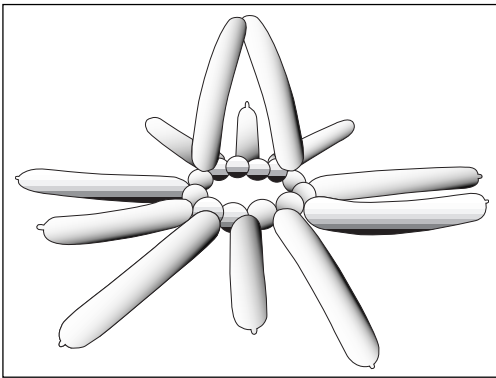
### Instructions:

**1.** Begin by making the skirt. Air inflate six White 646Qs to 32" (81cm), and six more White 646Qs to 36" (91cm). **NOTE: All balloons of similar length must be inflated to the same size for the stand-up to remain upright.** For the skirt's "hem", air inflate a White 646Q about half full, and tie it as closely as possible to the neck roll. Tie the knot from one of the 36" White 646Qs to the knot on the half-full balloon hem.

**2.** Twist a 6" bubble on the knot end of the hem balloon. Tie the knot from one of the 32" White 646Qs to the twist at the end of the 6" bubble.

**3.** Twist another 6" bubble in the hem balloon. Tie the knot from one of the 36" White 646Qs to the twist at the end of the second 6" bubble.

**4. NOTE: You will need to add a second 646Q to continue making bubbles on the hem balloon and complete the base.** Continue twisting 6" bubbles and tying on balloons in the same manner to add five more 32" balloons and four more 36" balloons, alternating sizes as in Steps 2-3. When finished, you should have a base chain of 6" bubbles with 12 inflated balloons tied to the twists.



**5.** Twist a final 6" bubble in the hem balloon. Hold onto the twist at the end, deflate the remaining balloon, and tie it to the original knot in the 646Q. Trim any excess balloon.

**6.** Bring the tips of the six 32" balloons up, tying opposite balloons together to form duplets. Force the duplets into an even spread so they're all the same height.

**7.** Now bring the tips of two of the six 36" balloons up around the outside of the 32" balloons and tie together to make a duplet. Repeat with the remaining 36" balloons. Force the duplets into an even spread so they're all the same height.

**NOTE: For added stability, tie small weights to every other twist around the base of the skirt.**



**8.** Air inflate three White 646Qs to 15" (38cm) 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.** Tie the uninflated ends together, then to the top of the skirt, and trim any excess.

**9.** Fully inflate six 6" Ivory Silk Hearts and tie them into a 6-balloon cluster for a ruffle at the "waist" of the dress. Push the cluster between the joint of the 646Q clusters, twisting two of the Hearts around each other to secure.

**10.** Air inflate the "Young Woman Face" balloon. Qualatex latex balloons naturally inflate to a pleasing teardrop shape. To ensure this shape, place the neck roll of the balloon *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 "Face" balloon onto the knot on the upper 646Q cluster.

**11.** To make the "arms," inflate two White 350Qs, leaving about 1" (2.5cm) uninflated on each, then tie into a duplet. About 13" (33cm) from the knot of one 350Q, make a 2" (5cm) pinch twist (see sidebar) for the "elbow." Repeat on the second 350Q.

**12.** Wrap the 350Q duplet around the intersection of the upper 646Q cluster and the "Young Woman Face" balloon. Tie the ends of the 350Qs together to make the "wrists."

**13.** Air inflate the four 5" Ivory Silk balloons to 4" and make a 4-balloon cluster. Wrap the cluster around the "neck" area between the head and body to make a collar.

**14.** To make the "hands," air inflate two 5" Pearl Peach balloons to 3" (7.6cm) and tie into a duplet. Wrap the duplet around the intersection of the 350Q wrists.

**15.** Create Tulips with the Sapphire Blue 260Qs (see sidebar). Glue the Tulips to the hands. Glue tulle to the "Young Woman Face" balloon as a veil.

## Groom Stand-up

**Labor:** About 15 Minutes

**Materials:**

- 1 16" (41cm) "Young Man Face" Pearl Peach Latex Balloon 85742
- 4 11" (28cm) Onyx Black Latex Balloons 43737
- 5 646Q Giant Airship Onyx Black Latex Balloons 75452
- 1 646Q Giant Airship White Latex Balloon 75451
- 2 6" (15cm) Sapphire Blue Latex Hearts 43649
- 5 5" (13cm) Sapphire Blue Latex Balloons 43602
- 2 5" Pearl Peach Latex Balloons 43591
- 2 350Q Onyx Black Latex Balloons 44036
- 1 260Q Sapphire Blue Latex Balloon 43959
- Sand Weight & Cool Glue
- Black Plastic Top Hat

**Instructions:**

**1.** Air inflate three Onyx Black 646Qs to 33" (84cm) 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.**

**2.** To make the "feet," air inflate the four 11" Onyx Black 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. Make the sand weight with a 16" latex balloon filled to softball size, then flattened on the bottom.** Tie the Onyx Black 646Q cluster to the "feet" and sand weight.

**3.** Air inflate two Onyx Black and one White 646Q 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.**



4. Lay the Onyx Black 646Q cluster down on a flat surface, then lay the Onyx Black/White 646Q cluster on top of it, rotating the top cluster 60 degrees.

5. Bring the tips of the Onyx Black 646Q cluster up and tie them together. Then, bring the tips of the Onyx Black/White 646Q cluster up and tie them together. Push the bottom of the Onyx Black/White cluster into the top of the Onyx Black cluster, "locking" the joint.

6. Inflate three 5" Sapphire Blue balloons to 4" (10cm) and tie into a cluster for a "cummerbund." Push the 5" cluster between the joint of the 646Q clusters, twisting two of the 5" balloons around each other to secure.

7. Air inflate the "Young Man Face" balloon. Qualatex latex balloons naturally inflate to a pleasing teardrop shape. To ensure this shape, place the neck roll of the balloon *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 "Face" balloon onto the knot on the upper 646Q cluster.

8. To make the "arms," inflate two Onyx Black 350Qs, leaving about 1" (2.5cm) 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.

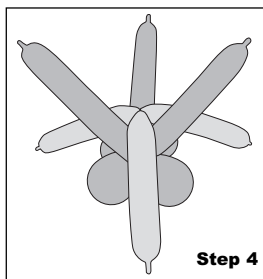
9. Wrap the 350Q duplet around the intersection of the Onyx Black/White 646Q cluster and the "Young Man Face" balloon, twisting the two 350Q arms around each other to secure. Tie the ends of the 350Qs together to make the "wrists."

10. To make the "hands," air inflate two 5" Pearl Peach balloons to 3" (7.6cm) and tie into a duplet. Wrap the duplet around the intersection of the 350Q wrists.

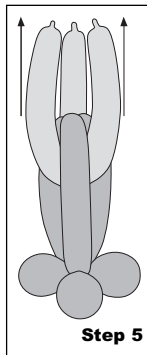
11. Inflate the two 6" Sapphire Blue Hearts and tie into a duplet. Inflate two 5" Sapphire Blue balloons to 4", tie into a duplet, and combine with the 6" Hearts to make a "bow tie" cluster.

12. Attach the bow tie by pulling one of the 4" balloons away from the bow tie, pushing the cluster onto the "neck", and twisting the two 4" balloons around each other to secure. Leave one 4" balloon in front, one in back, and the 6" Hearts to either side.

13. Use a Sapphire Blue 260Q to make a Daisy, and glue on as a boutonniere. **NOTE: For Daisy instructions, download the "Balloon Flowers" Instruction Sheet from Qualatex.com.** Glue the plastic top hat to the "Young Man Face" balloon.



Step 4



Step 5

### 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.

### Tulip Instructions

To make a tulip, inflate a 260Q to about 2", and tie. Push the knot through the center of the bubble with your index finger, then grasp the knot through the balloon with your other hand, and remove your finger. Don't allow air to escape from the bubble. While still holding the knot, twist the bubble at the base three times, being sure the knot is locked in the twist. Slightly push the knot into the base of the bubble as you release it.

## TIPS

- Suggest the "Bride and Groom" as a unique way to present a wedding proposal. Simply attach helium-filled balloons in the bride-to-be's favorite colors with a personal message from the groom-to-be using Qualatex® Balloon Markers.
- 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 hide the knots around the bottom of the Bride's skirt, tie in 5" Round balloons, inflated to about 2.5" (6.4cm), at the twists.
- Substitute a graduated garland skirt for the Bride's gown. Graduated garlands are frequently used to make Christmas Trees.
- Add balloon accessories, change the balloon colors, and introduce other details to mimic the appearance or attire of any bride and groom!

For example:

- Personalize the Groom's Tie and Cummerbund with the couple's chosen wedding colors.
- Give the Bride a bouquet of real flowers, or match balloon colors to her bouquet.
- Add tulle or other fabric to the bride's gown and veil.
- Try double stuffing balloons for ethnic variations.
- Cool glue uninflated 260Qs to the "face" balloon for "hair."
- Add 160Q balloon "earrings" and a "necklace."
- **To keep Character Stand-up looking fresh for a week or more, coat all balloons with Balloon Shine™ latex balloon treatment.**

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