

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

**Labor:** About 30 Minutes

**Helium:** 9 cu. ft. (0.255m<sup>3</sup>)

**Materials:**

- 5 36" (91cm) "Palm Frond" Emerald Green Microfoil<sup>®</sup> Shapes 560164
- 5 36" "Palm Frond" Lime Green Microfoil Shapes 719661
- 3 22" (56cm) "Tropical Hibiscus Garden" Bubble Balloons 719975
- 12 11" (28cm) Green Rainbow SuperAgate<sup>®</sup> Latex Balloons 563899
- 16 5" (13cm) Green Latex Balloons 388041
- 15 321Q Orange Latex Balloons 740214
- 9 160Q Rose Latex Balloons 668990
- 260Q Scraps
- Adhesive Balloon Tabs
- Sand Weights

**Instructions:**

- 1.** Air inflate four SuperAgates to 10" (25cm) and make a 4-balloon cluster (see "4-Balloon Cluster" on pg. 2). Tie a sand weight into the center of the cluster.
- 2.** Air inflate four more SuperAgates to 8" (20cm) and make another 4-balloon cluster. Using the necks of the SuperAgates or a 260Q scrap, tie this cluster to the center of the cluster from Step 1, rotating it 45 degrees so it nests.
- 3.** Air inflate four 5" Green latex to 4" (10cm) and make another 4-balloon cluster. Tie this cluster into the 8" cluster, rotating it 45 degrees so it nests.
- 4.** Air inflate a 22" Bubble Balloon<sup>®</sup> and cut off the attached ribbon. Tie an uninflated 260Q around the Bubble's neck, taking care to tie it underneath (not above) the seal. Use the attached 260Q to tie the Bubble into the top two clusters so it fits snugly into the 4" cluster.
- 5.** Place two adhesive balloon tabs back-to-back so that the holes are aligned on the top seam of the Bubble. Reinforce the tabs with clear packaging tape.
- 6.** Air inflate four 5" Green latex to 4" and make a 4-balloon cluster. Tie this cluster onto the adhesive tab with an uninflated 260Q scrap.
- 7.** Repeat Steps 4-5 to add a second Bubble Balloon, tying this one into the center of the 4" Green cluster.
- 8.** Repeat Step 6 to tie another 4" cluster onto the adhesive tab on top of the second Bubble.
- 9. Helium** inflate a third Bubble Balloon and use a 260Q scrap to tie it into the 4" cluster. Place two more adhesive balloon tabs onto the top of this Bubble, reinforcing the tabs with packaging tape.
- 10.** Make another 4-balloon cluster of 5" Green latex sized to 4", and use a 260Q to tie it onto the adhesive tab on the third Bubble.
- 11. Helium** inflate four 11" SuperAgates to 10" and make a 4-balloon cluster. Tie this cluster onto the center of the 4" cluster using the attached 260Q.
- 12. Helium** inflate the "Palm Frond" Microfoils and tie them into pairs. Gather the knots and tie a 260Q scrap around them. Using the tails of the 260Q, tie the Microfoils tightly to a sand weight. Drop the weighted palm fronds into the center of the 10" cluster. Arrange the Microfoils to resemble the fronds of the Palm Tree.



**13.** To make the “Falcone flower,” air inflate five Orange 321Q latex balloons to about 6” (15cm) and tie each one. Make a 2” bubble at the knotted end of one of the 321Qs and hold it under your arm so it doesn’t untwist. Pick up another 321Q and make a 2” bubble at the knotted end of that balloon. Now twist both balloons together at the 2” bubbles. Repeat with the remaining 321Qs until all five balloons are twisted together. Pull the uninflated portion of each balloon through the middle of the flower and wrap it around one of the 2” bubbles on the back.

**14.** To make the center of the flower, add a small puff of air into a Rose 160Q to create a 1” bubble at the knot end, and tie. Trim the knot. Repeat with two more 160Qs. Gather the 160Qs together at their mid-points and wrap them through the center of the flower, from the back to the front, so that both the bubbles and the uninflated ends are sticking out the same distance.

**16.** Repeat Steps 13-14 to make two more flowers. Wrap an uninflated 260Q or 160Q around one of the 2” bubbles at the back of the flowers, and wrap each flower into the Palm Tree as desired.

## TIP

Because the California Balloon Law states that all helium-filled foil balloons must be individually attached to a weight, pay close attention to Step 12 to ensure that you follow the law!

## 4-Balloon Cluster

**1.** 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.



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