

# How to Make a 6 1/2' Balloon Column:

Columns made from four-balloon clusters make a bold, dramatic statement. With limitless design possibilities, including this spiral pattern, they're one element of Classic Balloon Decor that fills large spaces with big impact.

**Labor:** About 15 Minutes

## Materials:

16\* 11" Latex Balloons in One Color  
16\* 11" Latex Balloons in a Complementary Color  
SDS™ Base Plate  
Electric Air Inflator  
Balloon Sizing Template (10" Size)  
1 6 1/2' Piece of Conduit  
Pipe Cutter

## Instructions:

1. Screw the base plate shaft into the base plate, and install conduit over the shaft so that the conduit stands vertically.
2. Columns are made with a series of "clusters." To make a four-balloon cluster, air inflate two 11" balloons of one color to 10" and tie them together, creating a "duplet." Make a second duplet with two different-color balloons. Twist two balloons together, one from each duplet, creating a four-balloon cluster.
3. Repeat step 2 to make at least eight four-balloon clusters.
4. To attach a cluster to the conduit, separate two of the balloons in the cluster and push the cluster onto the conduit. To secure, twist together the two balloons that were separated. Twist so that the two same-color balloons in the cluster are directly across from each other.
5. Attach a second cluster to the conduit as in step 4. Rotate it 45 degrees so it's nested into the first cluster. Before securing, push its center firmly against the first cluster's center. Twist together the two balloons that were separated. Continue until all clusters have been added. (Remember to arrange clusters with the two same-color balloons directly across from each other to maintain the spiral pattern.)

*\*Balloon quantity may vary as much as 20% depending on how tightly the balloon clusters are packed.*

Source: Pioneer Balloon Company

