

Qualatex® The Very Best™ Balloons



Awareness Ribbon

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Labor: About 1 Hour

Materials: Item numbers and offerings may vary internationally. Check with your local Qualatex distributor for availability.

137 12" (30cm) Pink Quick Link Balloons™ **65222**

138 5" (13cm) Pink Latex Balloons **43575**

Instructions:

1. Make the following chains of Quick Links (to create a chain, inflate the specified number of balloons and tie them together end-to-end):

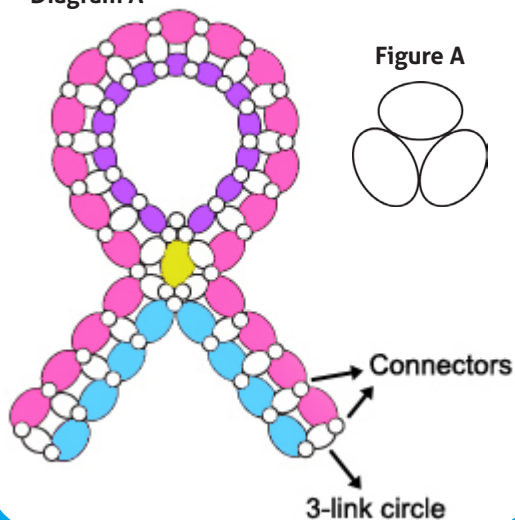
- Two chains of 21 Quick Links inflated to 9" (23cm) (indicated with **pink** in **Diagram A**; the second chain is on the back side)
- One chain of eight Quick Links inflated to 9" (indicated with **blue** in **Diagram A**)
- One chain of 13 Quick Links inflated to 5" (indicated with **purple** in **Diagram A**)

Set these chains aside.

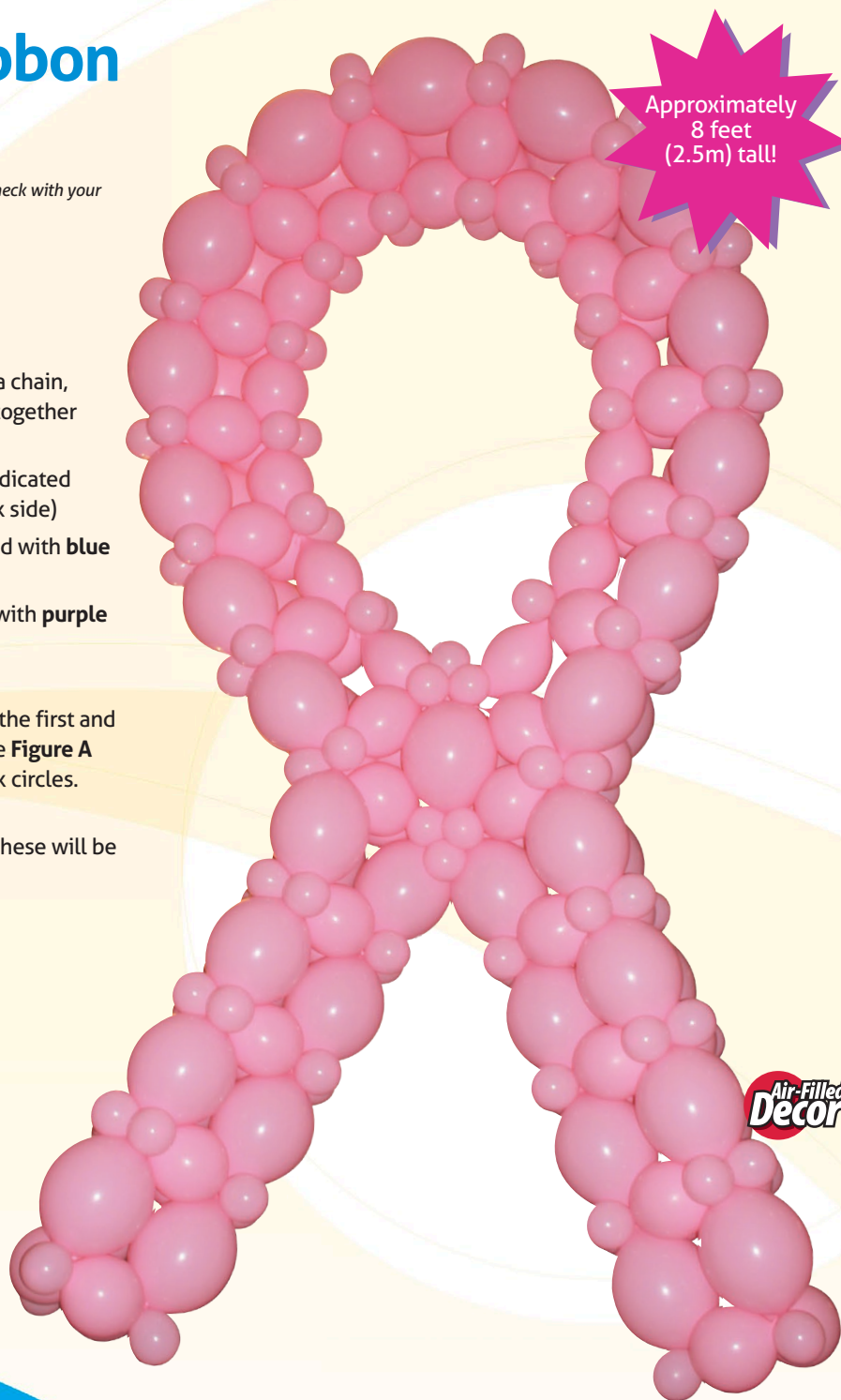
2. Make a chain of three Quick Links inflated to 5". Tie the first and the last Quick Link together to make a 3-link circle. (See **Figure A** and refer to **Diagram A**.) Repeat to make 23 more 3-link circles. Set aside.

3. Make 66 pairs of 5" Pink latex inflated to 3" (8cm). These will be your "connectors" (refer to **Diagram A**). Set aside. ➤

Diagram A



Approximately
8 feet
(2.5m) tall!

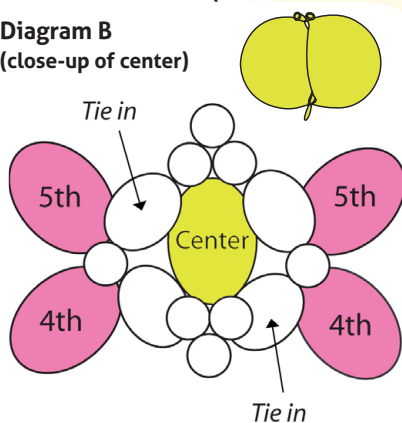


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(side view of center)

Diagram B
(close-up of center)



TIP

Promote this ribbon for various events and fundraisers associated with Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Change the colors of the balloons for other awareness months and causes.

Use the Conwin Precision Air® to precisely inflate two balloons at a time, ensuring consistent sizing and professional results.

Apply Balloon Shine™ to help keep latex balloons looking fresh longer.

4. Inflate two Quick Links to 9" and tie into a loose pair. Wrap the knot of this pair around the middle (4th) knot in the 8-link chain. Tie the tips of the Quick Link pair together. These two Quick Links will be at the center of the ribbon, on the front and the back side (indicated with **yellow** in the diagrams).

5. Tie both ends of the 13-link chain to the knot you just tied in the two Quick Links from Step 4. (This chain will become the inner part of the top loop.)

6. Starting at the left side of the 8-link chain and the two 21-link chains, take one 3-link circle from Step 2 and tie the knots onto the ends of the chains. Wrap a connector from Step 3 onto each knot to hide your mechanics and provide stability.

7. Working your way up the ribbon tail, attach four more 3-link circles by simply wrapping a connector around the knot of a 3-link circle and the adjacent knot of the Quick Link chain. **TIP:** Pull the connector through the 3-link circle first, then wrap it around the knot in the chain. Be sure to twist the two 3" Pink latex balloons completely around each other to lock them in place and position them on the *outside* of the chains.

8. Add the next 3-link circle by *tying* it onto the knot between the 4th and 5th Quick Link in each 21-link chain on the left side (refer to **Diagram B**). There will now be two 3-link circles attached to these knots. Tie the remaining knot in the 3-link circle to the juncture where the center Quick Link pair and the 13-link chain are tied together. (*Do not* use connectors in this step.)

9. To form the top loop of the ribbon, continue attaching 13 – 3-link circles to connect the two 21-link chains and the 13-link chain. (Use connectors as described in Step 7.)

10. Attach the next 3-link circle by *tying* it onto the knot between the 4th and 5th Quick Links in each 21-link chain on the right side of the ribbon (refer to **Diagram B**). There will now be two 3-link circles attached to these knots. Tie the remaining knot in the 3-link circle to the juncture where the center Quick Link pair and the 8-link chain are tied together. (*Do not* use connectors in this step.)

11. Complete the ribbon tail on the right side by attaching 3-link circles to the remaining knots of the Quick Links chains with connectors. For the final 3-link circle, tie it onto the ends of each chain and wrap connectors around the knots to hide your mechanics.

12. Make two 3-balloon clusters with 5" Pink latex sized to 3". Wrap one cluster onto the juncture above the center of the ribbon to hide the knots. Wrap the other cluster onto the juncture below the center of the ribbon.

13. Place the ribbon sculpture on conduit and base plate for support, or suspend from the ceiling with monofilament line.



WARNING:

CHOKING HAZARD

Children under 8 years can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Adult supervision required. Keep uninflated balloons from children. Discard broken balloons at once.

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