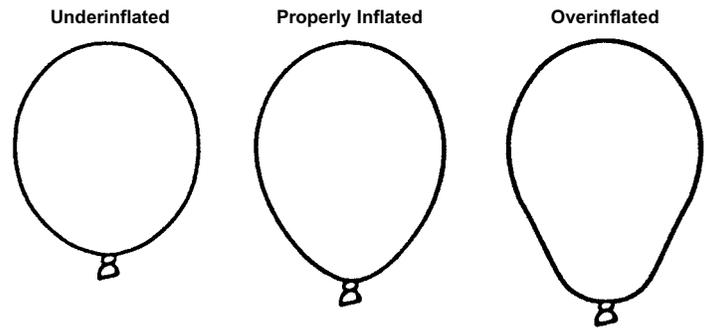


# Inflating Qualatex<sup>®</sup> Latex & Microfoil<sup>®</sup> Balloons

Ensure long-lasting balloons and satisfied customers by following these simple steps to properly inflate Qualatex latex and Microfoil balloons.

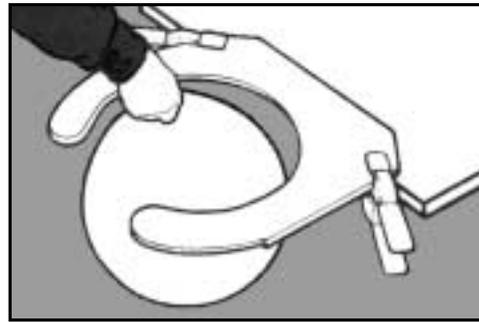
## To inflate Qualatex Round latex balloons:

When inflating Round latex balloons, note the recommended teardrop shape. Even though Qualatex balloons stretch well beyond their properly inflated sizes, be careful not to over inflate, causing them to have a pear-like shape. When Qualatex balloons are underinflated, they have a round shape.



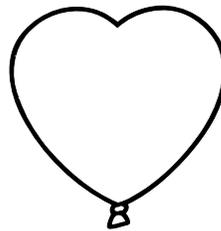
## TIPS

- For maximum flying times when using helium, inflate latex balloons to the designated size.
- Use Qualatex ProSizer™ Balloon Sizing Templates (shown at right) to ensure that all balloons are the same size. Simply pull each inflated balloon through the template, making sure the balloon barely touches the sides of the template. You should not have to force the balloon through the template.



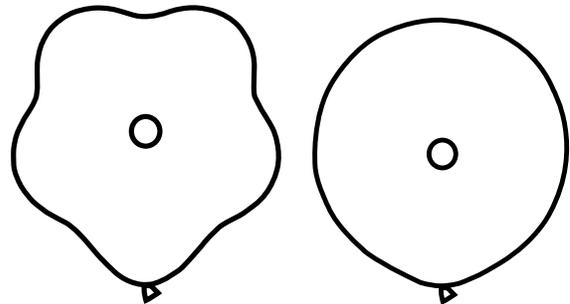
## To inflate latex Hearts:

1. Grasp the base of the Heart to prevent inflation into the neck and provide sufficient length for tying.
2. Inflate the balloon to its full, designated size. Do not inflate by mouth. Use an air inflator or helium inflation regulator. **NOTE:** Do not over inflate, as overinflation will cause the base, or tip, of the Heart to inflate, losing the Heart shape.
3. Tie the balloon at the Heart's base as high up on the neck as possible to maintain the Heart shape.



## To inflate GEO Donut<sup>®</sup> and GEO Blossom<sup>®</sup> latex balloons:

1. Grasp the base of the balloon, not the neck. This will prevent inflation into the balloon neck and ensure easier tying.
2. Inflate the balloon to its full, designated size. (Underinflated GEO<sup>®</sup> balloons will have a greatly reduced float time.) Do not inflate by mouth. Use an air inflator or helium inflation regulator. **NOTE:** GEO balloons can be sized with a template just like Round balloons. Simply inflate the balloon, slide it through the template, and release helium or air until the balloon can be pulled through the hole.
3. Tie the balloon as high up on the neck as possible to maintain its special shape.



## TIP

For best results, first fully inflate GEO balloons and latex Hearts with air, then deflate to stretch the balloons so they can be inflated even larger the second time.

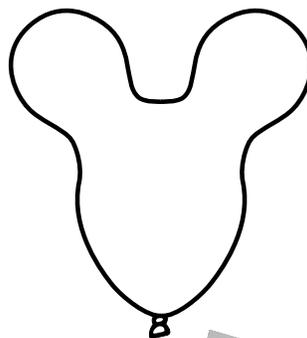
### To inflate Mousehead latex balloons:

1. Put the balloon over the inflation nozzle so the nozzle tip is at the base of one of the "ears."
2. Place your index and middle fingers between the ears and inflate the first ear.
3. Move the nozzle tip to the base of the other ear and inflate.
4. Once the ears are inflated, allow the rest of the balloon to inflate from the top down.

**NOTE:** For best results when inflating with helium, use a flex-tip regulator. When inflating with air, use a hand air inflator. Do not inflate by mouth.

### TIP

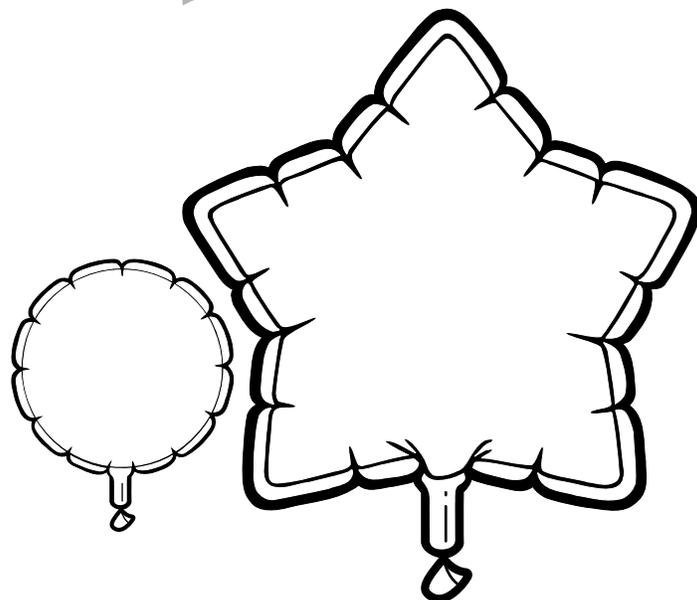
Treat your helium-filled latex balloons with ULTRA HI-FLOAT® balloon flight extender. It increases the flying time of latex balloons up to 25 times longer than untreated balloons, adds value to your work, and increases profits. For more information about ULTRA HI-FLOAT, visit [www.hi-float.com](http://www.hi-float.com), or call 1-800-57FLOAT or 502-244-0984.



All latex balloons can be sealed by knotting the balloon necks. See the "Easy Ways to Tie Balloons and Attach Ribbon" instruction sheet for details. To receive your FREE copy, go to "Instruction Sheets" on [Qualatex.com](http://Qualatex.com), or call 1-800-999-5644 (press 2).

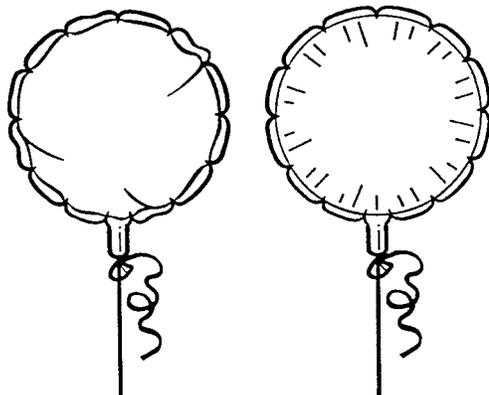
### To inflate Qualatex Microfoil® balloons:

Microfoil balloons (18" and larger) are inflated through self-sealing valves, located in each balloon's "neck." Simply insert the helium inflation nozzle (designed for inflating Microfoil balloons) into the hole in the balloon neck and inflate. When the balloon is fully inflated, remove it from the nozzle and the balloon will automatically seal.



Underinflated

Properly Inflated



Properly inflated Microfoil balloons are tight (even drum-like) with uniformly spaced creases along the seams. **Tie the ribbon to the lower portion of the balloon neck below the valve.** (HINT: Look for a notch in the balloon neck – it's specifically designed for tying on ribbon.) When Microfoil balloons begin to soften, you can add helium to refresh them without removing the ribbon.



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