



# RMS Builder™ (Honeycomb)

"Stretch Your Imagination"™

ROUSE Matrix Systems Instructions

[*"PANELS"*] Single sections of RMS™ frameworks are "MatrixPanels". When filled with balloons they are often called "Balloon Panels".

<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>PREPARE MATRIX</b></p>	<p><b>Unfold Matrix</b></p> <p>Spray adhesive is optional. If used, apply adhesive to both sides &amp; let it dry.</p>	<p>Adhesive helps with very slick balloons &amp; when balloon panels will be bent/curved. 3-M #77 adhesive is suggested. To color Matrix, spray paint on top of adhesive.</p>	<p>Lay out Matrix panels in front of you with the spiral anchors (circled) turned as above. Like "R" for Rouse Matrix.</p>	<p>Matrix panels may connect one above the other.</p>
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[*"HONEYCOMB or HONEY"*] refers to the hexagon grid pattern of many RMS™ frameworks. They mimic the honeycomb pattern of bee hives".

<p>Matrix panels may connect side to side.</p>	<p>Wrap tabs to connect Matrix panels.</p>	<p>Stretch Matrix straight UP.</p>	<p>Lay Matrix down. "R" turns upside down</p>	<p>Leave the triangular chips in place for now. When you load balloons, flip aside or remove only those in your way.</p>
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**TIP:** The best balloon inflation size can vary depending on softness and slickness of balloons. Test for best results.

<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>PREPARE BALLOONS</b></p>	<p>Inflate &amp; squeeze balloons</p>	<p>Size balloons 8" diameter</p>	<p>Tie balloons in very tight pairs. Balloons may be loaded in singles, but it is less efficient.</p>	<p>Trim excess balloon necks or tie them in additional very loose knot.</p>
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**TIP:** Use RMS™ Honeycomb Graph Paper to lay out your designs and build scale models to test your ideas.

<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>LOAD BALLOONS</b></p>	<p>Use 4 fingers of one hand to hold balloons apart &amp; stretch the neck of the balloons.</p>	<p>Push stretched neck of balloons down and around spiral.</p>	<p>Spiral Anchor with balloon necks loaded.</p>
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**TIPS:** Load the Matrix on a firm, flat surface. Spray adhesive on the Matrix can help when using slick balloons.

<p>Squeeze balloon near top spot.</p> <p>Press balloon against strap &amp; 1st balloon.</p>	<p>Pull strap &amp; roll top spot in.</p>	<p>Center straps on balloons.</p>	<p>To load joined, multiple panels of balloons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Put top edge of Matrix on near edge of table.</li> <li>2. Load pairs of balloons, one above the other.</li> <li>3. Load left to right (like typing).</li> <li>4. Continue loading rows of balloons and pushing them across table.</li> <li>5. Adjust balloons to smooth surface as you go.</li> </ol>
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<p>Load pairs left to right</p>	<p>Advance after double row</p>	<p>Fold panels of balloons to store or move them wrapped in plastic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lift 2 adjacent rows of balloons out of their openings to fold panels 180°. The spiral anchors will hold the balloons in place.</li> <li>2. Pull another 2 rows from opposite side to fanfold large panels.</li> </ol>	
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