

Astro Botanicals Inflatable Sculptures Instructions

Safety Guidelines

Attention: Adult supervision required at all times.

Warning: Grounded outlets only. Do not set up in wet or windy conditions. Sandbags are provided and must be used.

Caution: This sculpture attracts attention and is very interactive. Do not leave unattended. It is strong but must be treated gently. Do not lean, climb or jump on it or it may pop. It is durable but can be pulled down by a child. If the fan is blocked it will not re-inflate.

Hazard: Inflatable sculptures can be moved by people or wind and can cause damage or injury. Proper care to anchor and monitor the sculptures is mandatory. It is made of fabric and is a potential suffocation hazard.

Product Description

Astro Botanicals are large inflatable fabric sculptures with a continuously running fan and color changing lights. Each sculpture is made of nylon Ripstop fabric that is fire retardant and UV resistant. The fan has a 20 foot power cord.

Set Up and Take Down

Set it up only in a controlled environment. It must be a large clean space, clear of anything that will scratch or stain the fabric. Do not allow dirt to be vacuumed into the fan. If needed, use a ground cloth for set up and take down.

Remove the sculpture from its carrying bag. Be careful not to drop the fan. Keep the fan from being blocked by the fabric or the ground. Plug it in. Check to be sure that the zippers are closed. It will inflate in one to two minutes. Lift it to its correct footing and add sandbags as necessary. Secure the power cord with tape if necessary.

To deflate, unplug it and open the zipper(s). Do not open the zipper around the fan itself. Starting at the top, fold it very loosely and gently toward the open zipper(s). Do not crush it too much. Close the zipper(s) and return the sculpture to its carrying bag. Cushion the fan with the fabric. Transport and storage in a large box is best.

Anchoring

The sculptures are free standing but are more stable with sandbags in the base. They require sandbags if they will be in contact with people. Each inflatable sculpture comes with 1 to 3 empty sandbags, sand not included. Play sand costs \$5 for 50 pounds at hardware stores. Each sandbag has a black heavy-duty bag and an inner white fabric tube which holds 10 to 12 pounds of sand. Using the funnel (a plastic container with the bottom cut out), fill the tubes with only 15 inches of sand, to the line at one quarter of their 60" length. Tie a loose knot in the end of the tube (so it's easy to untie), leaving room for the sand to move around. Put the tube into the heavy-duty bag and zip it.

Inflate the sculpture and orient it in its correct location. For the Dragon Lotus, tip it over and open the zipper on the bottom. It will begin to collapse. Put the sandbags inside without straining the light strip and close the zipper. For the Magnolia Starship, on three of the feet, open the zipper and slide the sandbag in. If you close it quickly the sculpture may not collapse. For the Asparagus, the sandbags buckle to the underside of the sculpture, not inside it. The handles face up so the buckles are close to the floor. The sculptures can be deflated in place and covered up temporarily if needed. Sandbags can be installed before inflation with some practice. Do not lift or store the sculpture with sandbags inside.

Lights

The lights have 4 rainbow fade settings. Fast or slow and 2 colors or 7 colors visible at a time. There is a small button hidden inside the small black connector where the lights meet the power cord.

Care

If the sculptures get wet for any reason they must be re-inflated in a dry environment for several hours until truly dry. If they are put away wet they may become mildewed and stained. Spot clean with soap and water.

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