

Floato™ is a foil balloon that has been coated on one side with an ink-jet receptive material so the balloon can be printed onto directly with an inkjet printer. The balloon is assembled into a patented structure that guides the balloon through the printer. Either 5 or 20 assembled **Floato™** balloons are vacuum-packed into a poly bag for protection while in transit.

Anagram recommends the use of 3 Printer Models with Floato™. In fact, Anagram assumes no responsibility for results when any printer model other than those recommended are used.

32279-73 is intended to be printed with the **Canon Pixma Pro-100 AND the Epson Workforce WF-7110** inkjet printers and is supplied in a trade package, packed 5 to a vacuum-bag. Please see the separate document for instructions for using the **Epson Workforce WF-7110.**

32279-76 is intended to be printed with the **Epson Stylus Pro 4900** inkjet printer and is supplied in a trade package, packed 20 to a vacuum-bag. This Epson printer is a more expensive, professional-grade machine and requires additional set-up.

IMPORTANT! Floato™ CANNOT be printed with a laserjet printer. The heat produced by a laserjet printer will damage the **Floato™** balloon!

Printing **Floato™ 32279-73** with the **Canon Pixma Pro-100 inkjet** printer and the free **Floato™** App with **WINDOWS 8** (other Windows versions will be similar but not exactly the same):



1) Download the latest printer driver from Canon, connect the printer and apply the following settings:

Click **Preferences**

- Click **Maintenance**
 - then click **Custom Settings**
 - Tick only:
 - **Detect Printable Disk**
 - **Prevent Paper Abrasion.**
 - Click **OK**

Canon Desktop Printers

Canon desktop printers have a Prevent Paper Abrasion to minimize head strikes with thick paper.

On a PC go to the printer preferences.

Locate the Maintenance Tab

Locate and click the CUSTOM SETTINGS button

On the next menu click the PREVENT PAPER ABRASION check box.

The screenshot shows the printer preferences window with several options: Executes print head alignment to correct the misalignment of colors and lines., Nozzle Check (Prints a pattern to check whether the print head nozzles are clogged.), Turns the printer on., Auto Power (Allows you to set the auto power), Quiet Mode (Allows you to reduce the operation for night or silent situations.), and Custom Settings (Allows you to select operation options). A red arrow points to the Custom Settings button. Below it, the Custom Settings dialog box is open, showing the 'Prevent paper abrasion' checkbox checked, 'Align heads manually' unchecked, and 'Detect paper width' checked. The 'Ink Drying Wait Time' is set to 'Short'. Buttons for 'Send', 'Cancel', and 'Defaults' are visible at the bottom of the dialog.

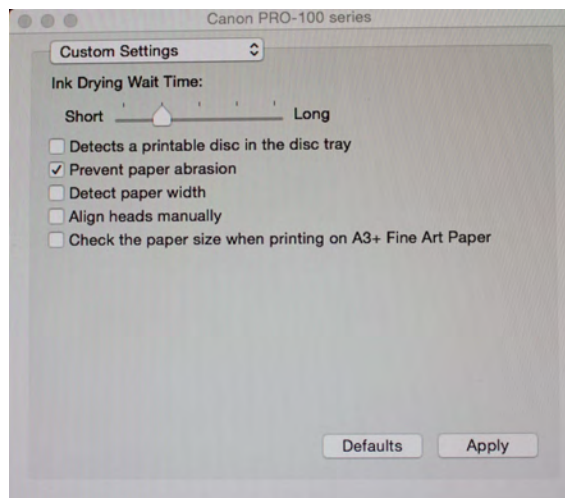
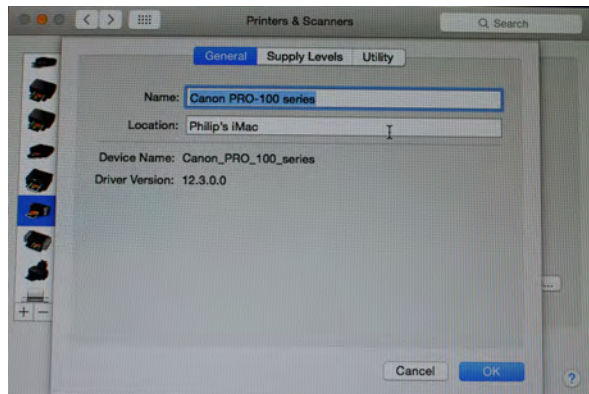
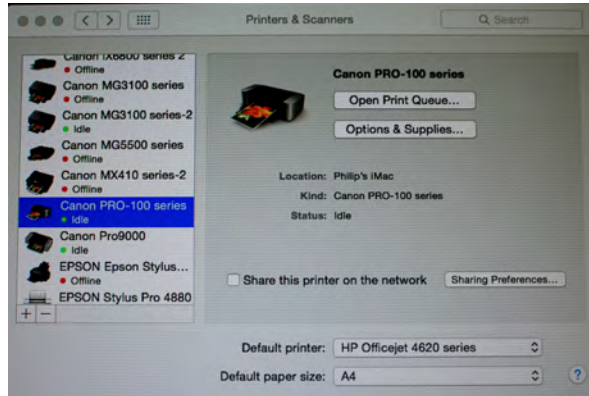
- Next a Window Appears: "Apply Settings to Printer"
 - Click **OK**
- Then **Printing Preferences** window Appears
 - Click **OK**
- Now Click **Preferences** again
 - In **Commonly Used Settings**
 - Select: **Photo Printing** and Save Below as "Floato"
 - An Icon will appear
 - In **Additional Features:**
 - Un-tick all 3 Options
 - In **Media Type:**
 - Select **Photo Papers**
 - and then **Matte Photo Papers**
 - In **Print Quality:**
 - Select: **Standard** or **High** (uses more ink)
 - In **Paper Size:**
 - Select: **A3+ 13" x 19" (33cm x 48cm)**
 - DO NOT select **Borderless**
 - In **paper Source:**
 - Select: **Rear Tray**
 - Check **Borderless Printing** remains Un-Ticked and all settings are correct
 - Then tick **Always print with Current Settings** and Click **OK.**
 - A window will appear to Confirm use of these settings in the future:
 - Click **OK.**

NOTE: **WINDOWS** users may skip the following section **1a)**

1a) If using an **Apple/MAC** to print **Floato™ 32279-73**, connect the printer and apply these basic settings in **PRINTER PREFERENCES:**

- In **PRINT UTILITIES** choose:
 - **Prevent Paper Abrasion**
 - Reset Ink **Drying Wait Time** as directed

- **IMPORTANT! Repeat this procedure each time the printer is turned on for printing Floato™**



- When printing, in the **Print Window** set:
 - Paper Size is **A3+ Borderless (329mm x 483mm)**
 - Paper Type is **Matte Photo Paper**
 - Print Quality is **Standard** or **High Quality** (uses more ink)

2) Download the App free-of-charge at anagramballoon.com

- Apple and Windows version both available
- Install on computer as directed per **Windows** or **Apple**
- Printing is done from the computer – not from the website
 - **IMPORTANT:** please note that the **Floato™ App 2.0** version, while operating on your computer, uses an internet connection to download the art templates and search for template updates each time it is opened

3) When ready to print Floato™ cut open the plastic bag

- Be careful not to cut into the product itself
- Remove only the balloon(s) you plan to print
 - Leaving balloons in the bag until ready for printing will keep them protected from dirt and stains



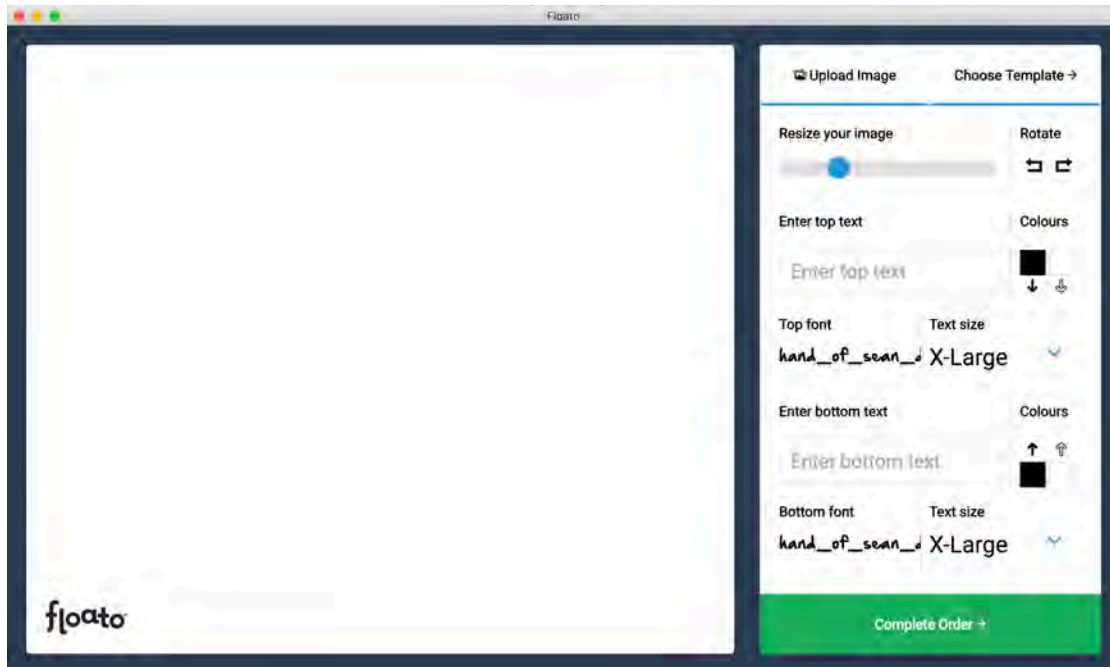
4) To Print **Floato™**

- Place balloon into printer with arrows pointing downwards towards the printer and **blank printable surface facing you** – so that the blank BALLOON side is printed when in the printer

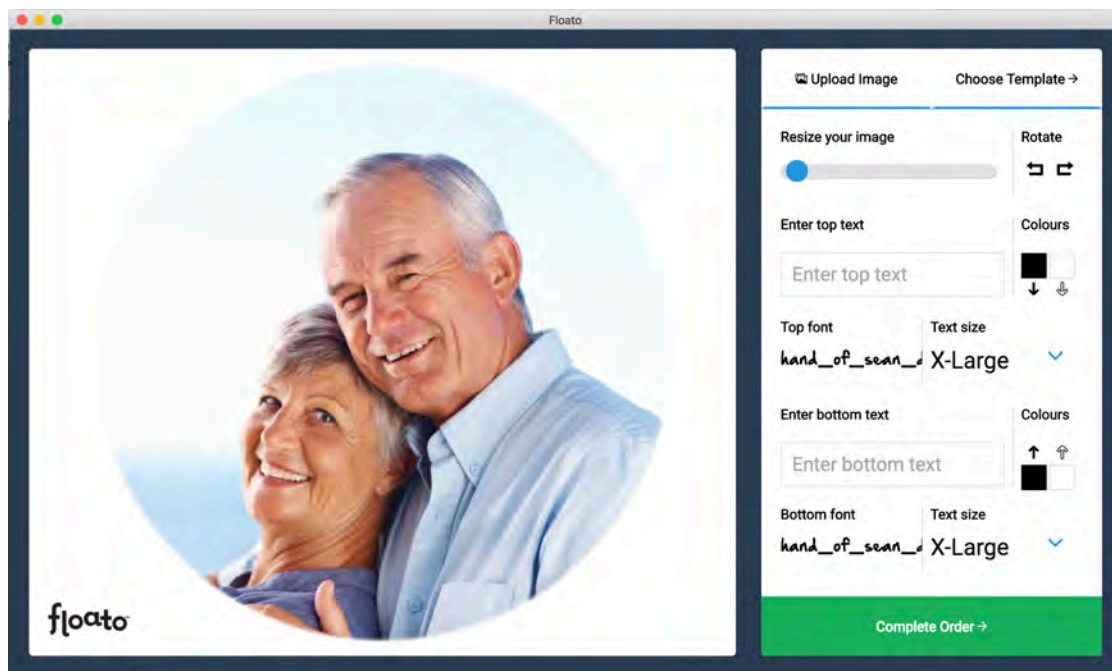


- **WARNING:**
 - Before printing the first balloon of the day print the reverse paper side of a **Floato™** first with the arrows pointing downward (you won't hurt the balloon) or use throw-away paper instead
 - This is important - the inkjet heads may be clogged when not used for several hours (same with a new printer) and this will clear the heads
 - You can then insert and print a balloon in the normal way
 - **You can also use the reverse of the Floato™ balloon to practice printing or to proof a design before printing on the actual balloon side**

5) Click on the App and Design your balloon



- “Drag” your photo (jpg) or **Upload Image** into the display window



- Adjust the size of the image with the bar in the upper right of the **Tools** section and its placement by clicking on it and dragging within the “circle”



- Type your message in the **Top Text** and **Bottom Text** boxes
 - Choose from 8 different fonts

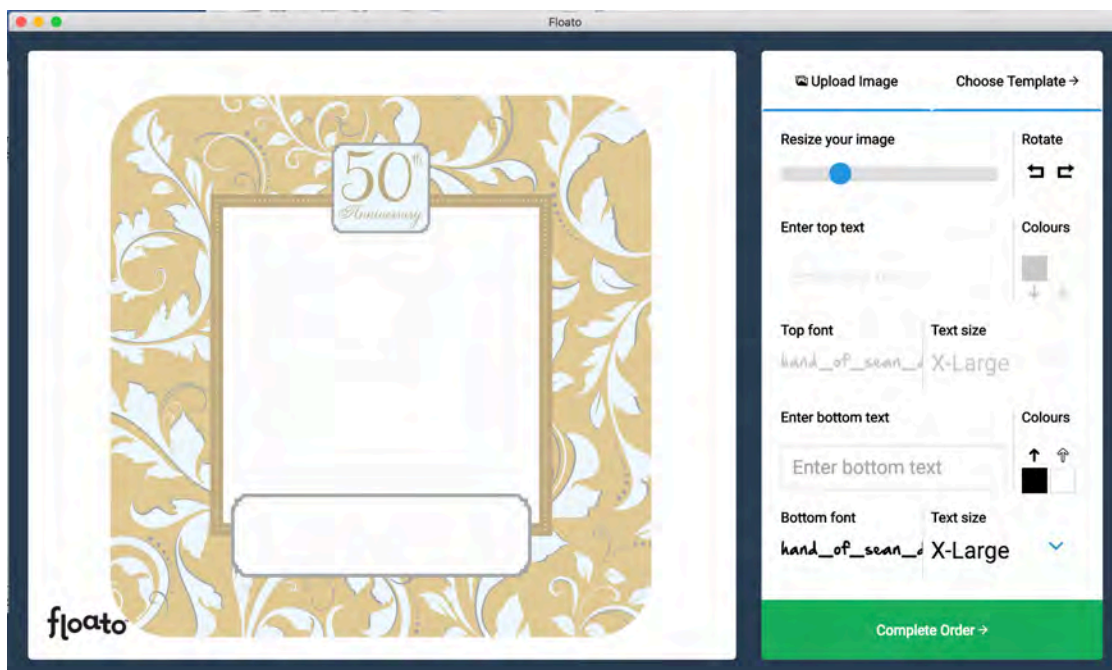
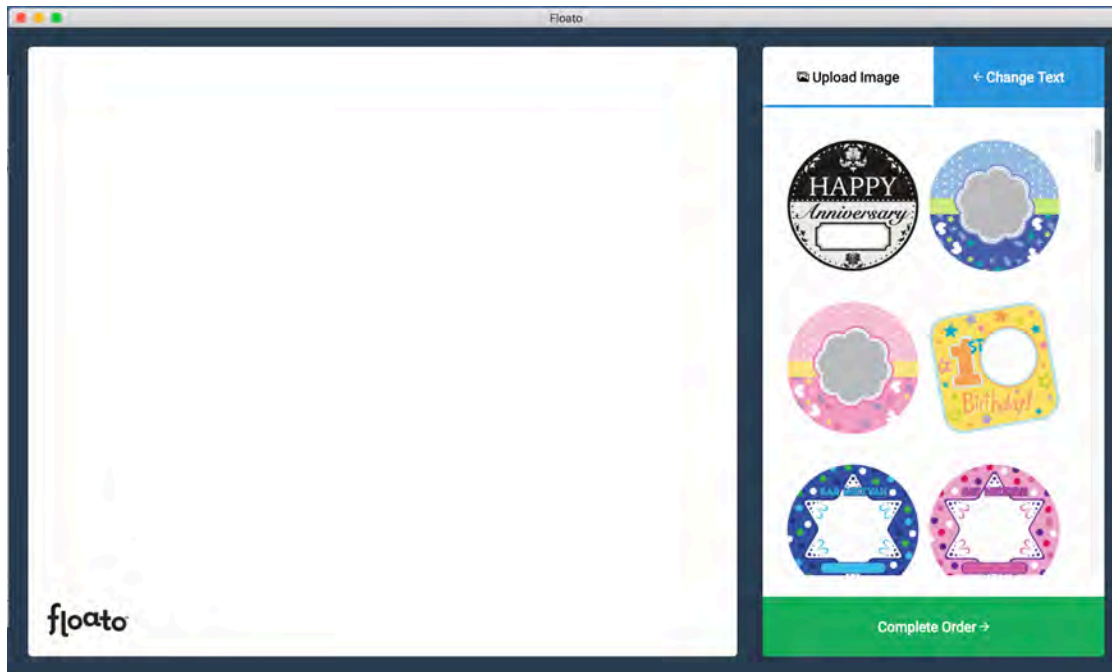


- Choose the color of the text and its outline by clicking on **Colours** – top and bottom text can be different fonts and/or colors

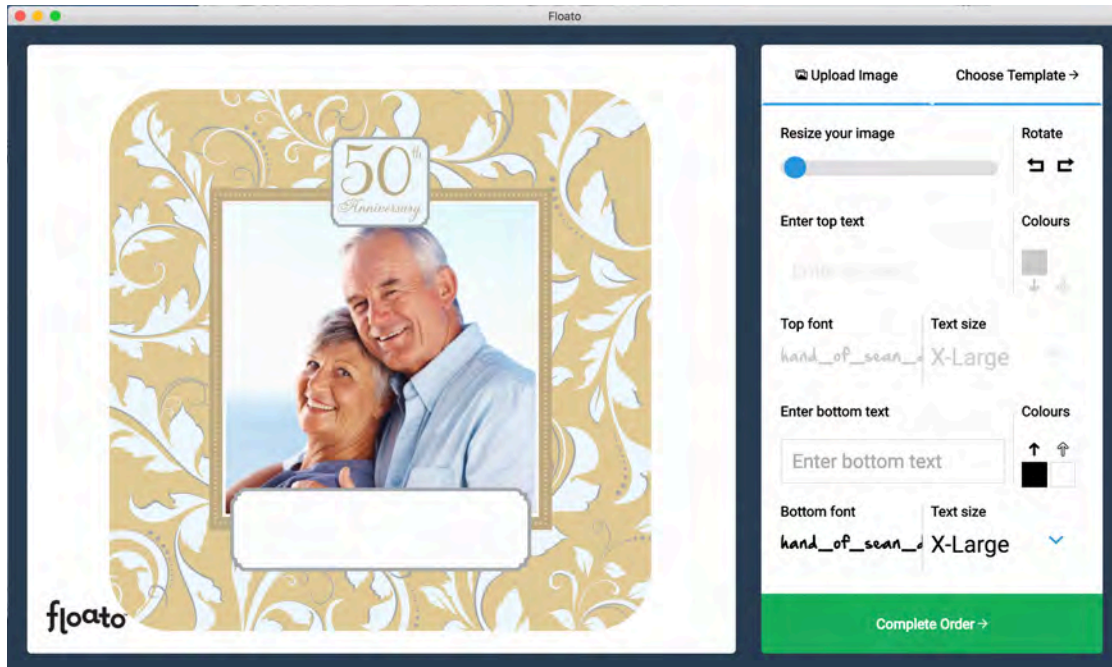
- The colors can be replicated in either box by using the arrows beneath each color box



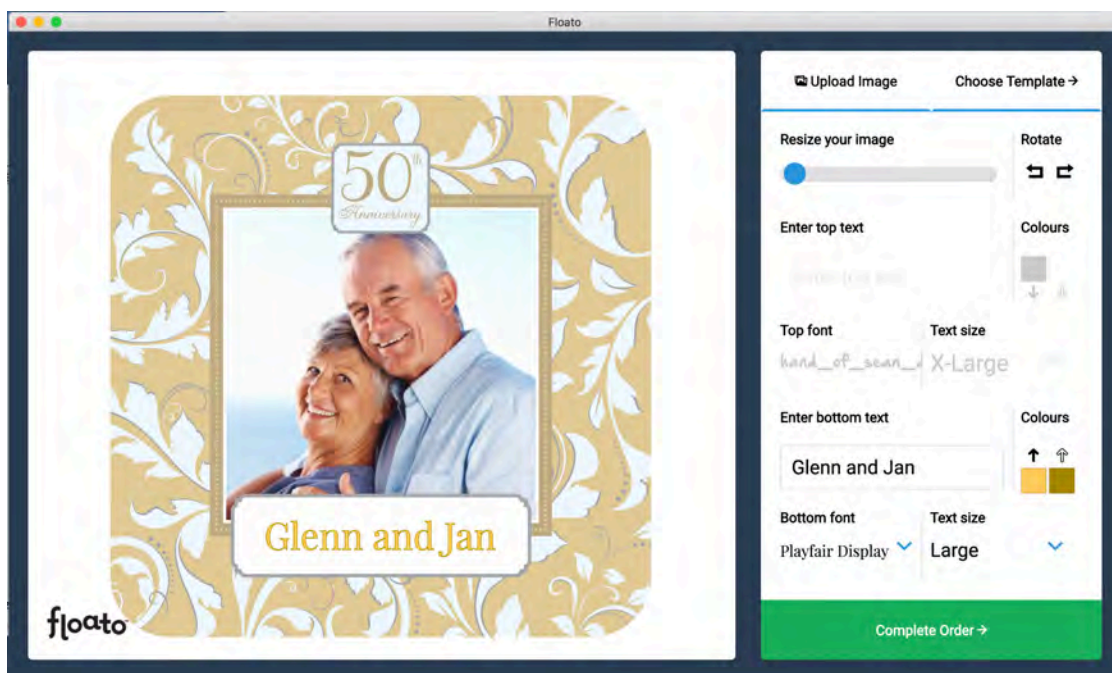
- You're ready to print your **Floato™** balloon now, but what if you want to use one of the pre-loaded border templates instead?
 - Click on **Choose Template** in upper right corner of app window and scroll down to choose a template



- “Drag” your photo (jpg) or **Upload Image** into the template window and move and re-size it as in the previous example

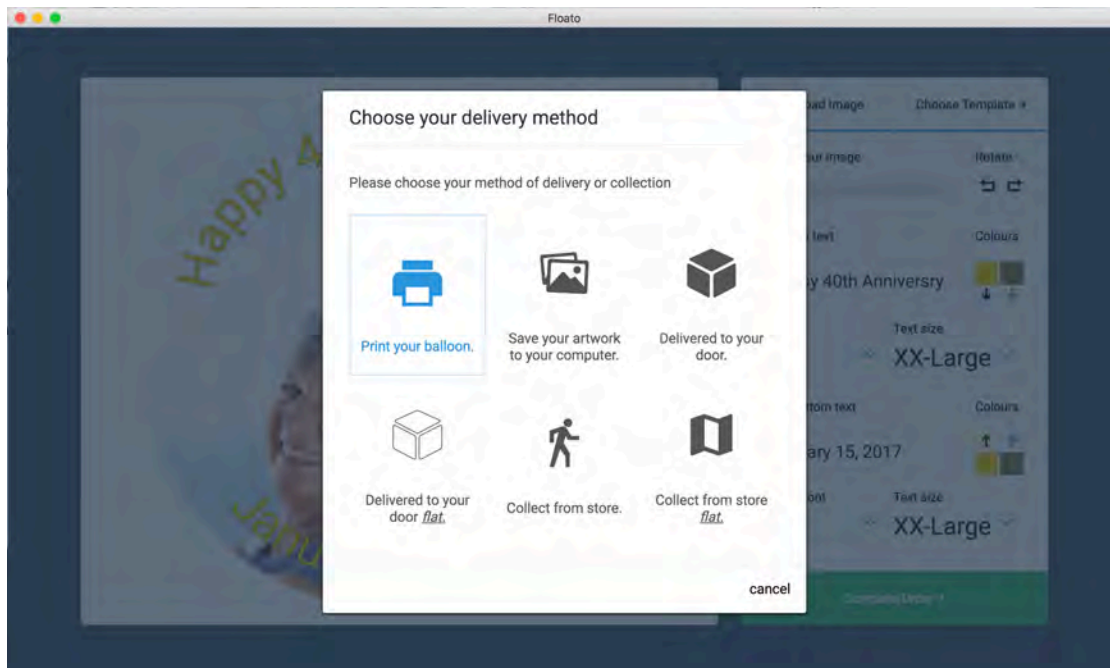


- Add text and move it and choose its colors as in the previous example
 - Note that some templates do not have the option to add text, and some only have text top or bottom – the text box in the app window will be grayed out if text is unavailable there

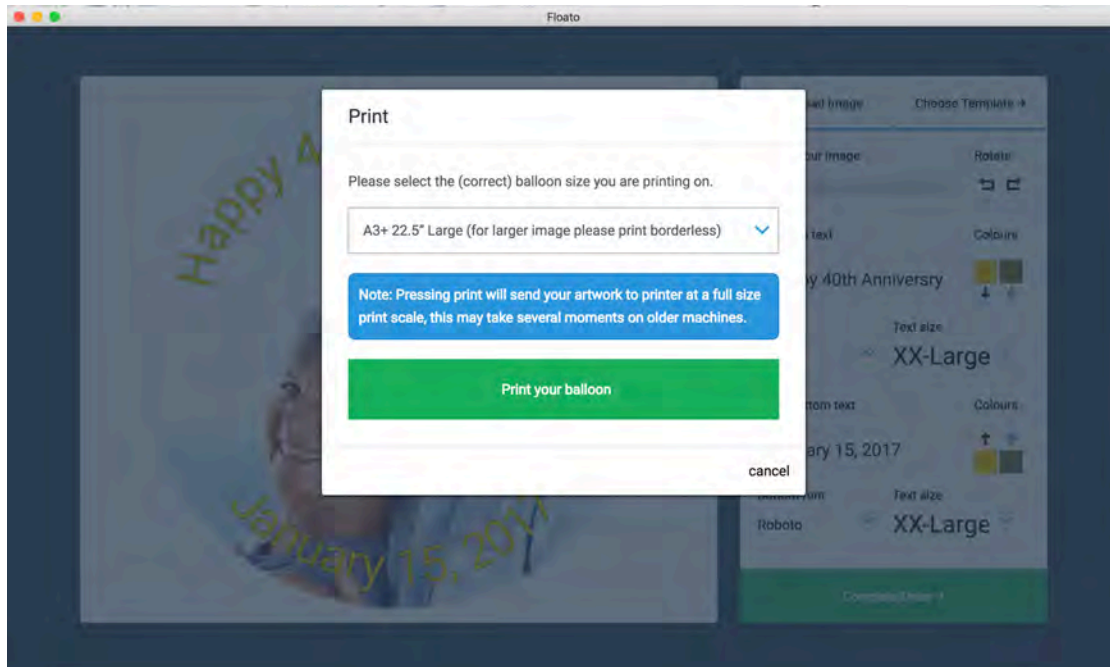


6) Send your balloon to the printer to print

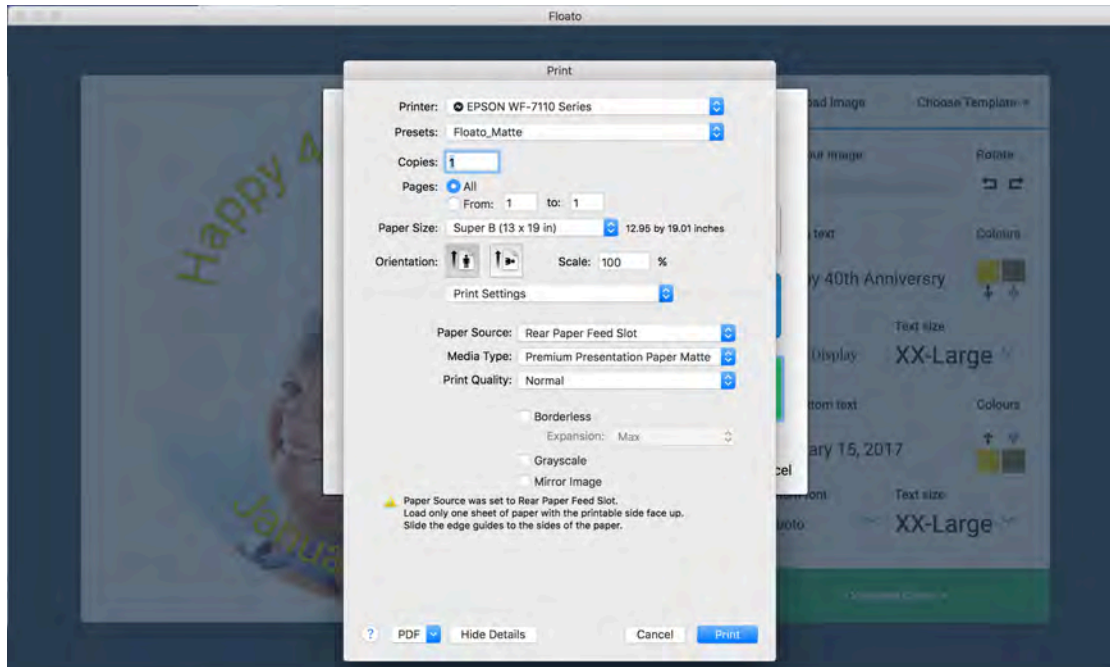
- When you are ready to print, Click **Complete Order** – the big green bar at bottom right
- The **Choose Your Delivery Method** window will appear



- Only the first two options are currently activated:
 - Click **Print your balloon** to print your balloon
 - The Print Window IN THE APP will appear
 - Note that clicking **Save your artwork to your computer** will save the design you just created to your computer as a jpg file that you can later print from your desktop without the app – or use it as a customer proof



- Just click on the big green bar **Print your balloon**
- When the **Print Window** appears – which will vary depending on the operating system of your computer - **select correct printer and check settings** (save these specific settings for repeat use):
 - Paper Size is **A3+ 13" x 19" (329mm x 483mm)**
 - DO NOT select BORDERLESS
 - Paper Type is **Matte (or Other) Photo Paper**
 - Print Quality is **Standard** (High can also be used)

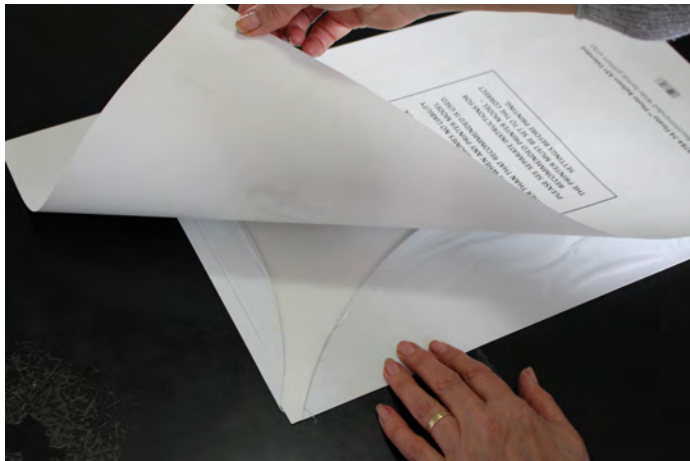


- The print file is now sent to the printer for printing

7) Remove the balloon from the printer tray after the printing is complete

8) Remove the balloon from the paper carrier assembly

- Slowly and gently peel the top sheet from the folded balloon



- Slowly unfold the balloon "flaps" from the carrier paper and slowly peel the paper from the balloon



9) Floato™ is ready for helium and a ribbon!

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