

IDEA 4 - FLOWER ARRANGING

YOU WILL NEED :

Container, which can be a clean baked bean tin or a glass jar (of similar size to a tin) -

Some glass nuggets or some crumpled wire in the bottom of your tin or jar for flower support -

A bundle of leaves such as laurel, three stems of Phormium cut to the length of your tin/jar, or large Ivy leaves - sufficient to cover round your tin/jar -

Double-sided tape - a decorative length of ribbon, raffia or twine - for tying your leaves -

Plant material - just one rose or one carnation plus a couple of bold leaves, small fern leaves, or whatever is available in your garden



You should first of all place several strips of double-sided tape on to your tin/jar - remove white tape -

Cover your tin/jar with your leaves - in a pattern or in strips - tie round your covered tin/jar with your ribbon/raffia/twine



Then place your rose or carnation into your container (after filling near to the top with water) - ensure you don't make the stem too short as your flower will disappear into the container - likewise with the foliage you have available -

NB - in order to ensure the stems of your plant material are not cut too short, turn your stem upside-down, placing the stem end where you would want your flower head to be - then cut

This little design can be created several times, so that you can line up the flowers down your dining table or in a little group of say, three, to make a focal point situated somewhere in your home -