

IDEA 9 - 'TAPESTRY' OR 'PILLOW' - using your self-expression and whatever materials you have available -

YOU WILL NEED :

A baking tin - or small/medium round/square/oblong casserole dish - or pie dish - about 4 to 5cm deep -

Pieces of damp floral foam cut to fit into container - or if no floral foam is available, you can use clean pebbles, stones or nuggets to almost fill your container, to support your plant material - the damp foam should lie almost flat to the top of your container - sufficient crumpled aluminium wire can also be used to support -

When soaking floral foam, do not push it into water, leave it to absorb water on its own - if pushed, it will not absorb water properly and your plant material will perish prematurely -

You might like to cover up the sides of your container (the baking tin used is painted blue) with leaves such as Laurel, Bay leaves, firm Ivy leaves or lengths of Phormium - secured with double-sided tape or cold glue -



Flowers - a colourful bunch of stems of rose, spray chrysanthemum, Lisianthus (Eustoma), Statice, small Gerbera (Germini) - choose from two or three types of flower in complementary colours and different textures/forms -

Foliages - a handful of medium-size leaf foliage such as Ivy, conifer, Heuchera, Hebe, Eleagnus, Spirea - sufficient to tuck in between your flowers -

WHAT TO DO :



For this design, you can create a tapestry with a pattern or outline shape, such as diamond, square, circular - or in blocks or groups of similar plant material - or in an all-over colourful mixed blend of your plant material -

Begin by placing short stem foliage in your container to your chosen design, then your flowers until you have covered the floral foam/pebbles/stones within your container - ensure all your damp foam is covered -



If you wish, you can add small balls of wool or fabric - as a different medium - to complement your colour scheme, tucked in appropriate little corners -

This design can be used on your dining table - for Christmas instead of fresh plant material, artificial plant material can be used, together with small baubles and ribbons - for Easter yellow Daffodils/Tulips cut short with small Easter trimmings - this design can also take a selection of fruit or vegetables, or fruit and vegetables in similar patterns and mechanics -

Note - Daffodils do not like floral foam as the stems can break quite easily - Daffodil stems should be cut at 90degrees to give them extra strength for inserting into foam -