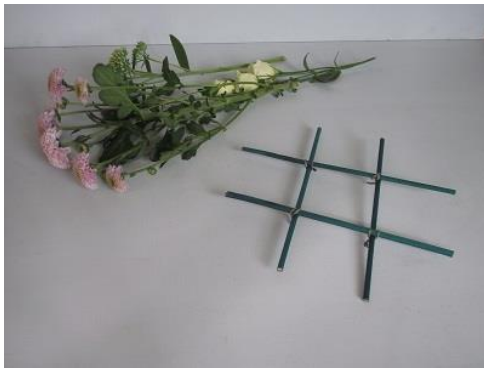


IDEA 1 – FLOWER ARRANGING

YOU WILL NEED :

A container – square, round or oval – between 3 and 6 cms deep, between 15 and 25cms diameter – glass, ceramic, pottery, any manmade material – (the example shown is using a glass container, 7.5cm deep and 15cm diameter, 2 canes crossed with 2 were used for the grid) -

4 or 6 sticks, canes or twigs, depending on the width of your container (if using +/- 25cm diameter 3 crossed with 3 sticks might be better) – from the garden centre, from the woods nearby, any twigs fallen from a tree – ensure those from the woods are clean of any insects –

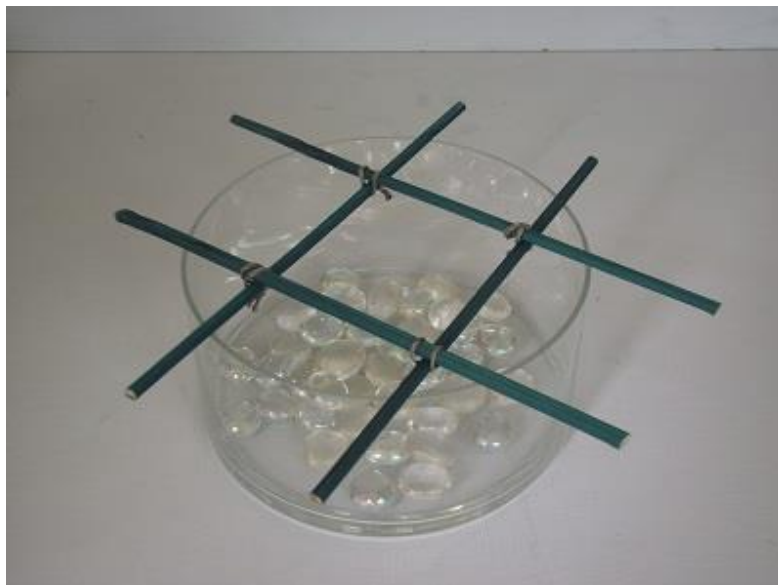


If you do not have any sticks or canes available, it is possible to create a grid straight on to the top of the container, using cellotape or other decorative tape forming squares across the top -

Some string, twine, sturdy wool or thin wire will be necessary for securing the canes/twigs into a grid – see **pictures 1 and 2** –

Flowers – you might like to use two or three different types of flower in colours of your choice – small roses, spray chrysanthemum, spray carnations, daisies, Alstroemeria or Lisianthus (from your local florist shop), Sedum or other flowers from your garden – try to choose flowers in different shapes to show contrast -

Place the grid evenly over your container – add some shiny stones or nuggets if you have them to your container - **picture 3** –





See **picture 4** – measure length of flowers to be inserted into the grid in your container, by turning the stem upside down and measuring approximately where you want the flower heads to be balancing in the grid in your container – this is to ensure you don't cut the stems too short and you lose your flowers into the container – (you can always recut the stem shorter if it is too long) –

Picture 5 – place your flowers into the squares of the grid, in a pattern if you like, or just randomly into the spaces – if you run out of flowers you can use some leaves from your garden or other source – fill your container with water - your arrangement of pretty flowers can now be placed carefully on a dining table, or in some other prominent position – do not leave them in full sun as they will wilt very quickly -

