

IDEA 6 - FLOWERS IN A PUMPKIN

YOU WILL NEED :

A **pumpkin** - a medium-size specimen - ask an adult to carefully slice off the top - the 'lid' - of the pumpkin - scrape out a little rounded hole in the top to enable you to place a **dish / bowl** into the hollowed out space - secure the dish / bowl if necessary as it might slip once floral foam and plant material is within it (wrap some Clingfilm around the dish / bowl if you wish) -

A small piece of **dampened floral foam** to fit your container - you should soak your floral foam in a bowl of water : do not push it down into the water, (allow it to take up water on its own) as it will not soak up properly and dry spaces will result, causing your plant material to perish prematurely - add a little bit of extra water to your dish / bowl as plant material can drink quite a lot when first placed in floral foam - when preparing your floral foam the top of the foam should protrude about 2.5 cms above the rim of your dish or bowl to enable you to place your plant stems at a downward angle to partly cover the rim of your dish / bowl - (picture 1)

Flowers and foliage - Chinese lanterns - acorns - conkers - autumn twigs - plus a small selection of flowers and small leafed foliage sufficient for your design -

Scissors - a **tray** to place your pumpkin and its accessories to show a pleasing display - you may like to cover your tray in **brown paper** to disguise the pattern/colours on your tray -



Arrange your flowers and foliage into the floral foam in the dish / bowl keeping the shape quite low and flat -



Then place the top / lid on top of your flowers at a pleasing angle - or place the lid on your base / tray -



When completed, place your pumpkin arrangement on your tray and arrange your Chinese lanterns, conkers, acorns etc around the base of the pumpkin - do not leave the pumpkin too long as in a few days it might start to turn rotten - enjoy it for your 'pumpkin party' then ask Mum or Dad to cut it up for pumpkin soup! Enjoy!

