

SURREY JUNIOR FLOWER ARRANGERS

STEP-BY-STEP DESIGN - VERTICAL DESIGN (floral foam free)

YOU WILL NEED :

- A tall pot/container, such as a plant pot around 10-12cm diameter and 15-18cm height - with polybag inserted if there is a hole in the pot, to avoid any leakages on to furniture -
- Some lengths of aluminium wire (any colour) to coil and crunch into your pot/container - the wire should come up inside the pot to near the top in order to support your design - a few small stones or gravel in your pot will add actual weight so your design doesn't topple over - be very careful not to tear the bag as you insert your wires (check for any holes allowing water to seep through)
- Foliages - in order to form your upright line a few straight twigs such as Cornus or plain attractive tree twigs, or any other straight line plant material such as a couple of Phormium leaves ::: also a little filler foliage such as Hebe, Euonymus, conifer ::: and also four/five bold leaves such as Ivy, Hosta, Bergenia, Heuchera -
- Flowers - smallish head flowers such as 1/2 stems Lisianthus, 2/3 Carnations, 2/3 Iris - or any similar size and texture of flowers - ** please see note below -



Ensure all plant material has been in water at least a couple of hours, for a good drink - after having recut (about 2cms) the stems if you have purchased from a supermarket or florist shop - before starting to arrange - **(supermarket flowers used were what was available with flower shops closed)

INSTRUCTIONS

Place your twigs/Phormium leaves straight and upright just behind the centre point of the coiled wire - avoid the lines of your plant material crossing over one another if possible - height of tallest plant material should be approx. twice the height of your container - take a look at the visual balance of your leaves or twigs when in place -





Use your bold leaves to cover up what is seen of the crunched wire in the top of your container - in different planes to create visual depth, also round the back of your design to create visual balance -

Place flowers into design, with smallest flower at the top point, grading medium and larger flowers/or more flower heads down your design towards the opening of your container, creating a focal point at the base where you have positioned your bold leaves - fill in any gaps round the wire with your filler foliage stems - (the outline visual of your design should look like a sharp-pointed pyramid)

Fill almost to the top of your container with clean cool water - position your design in the corner of a room, or wherever it will be seen and enjoyed - but not in a draught or near a radiator -