

# Texas State Florists' Association

## Power Point Presentation for the Corsage Basics Class



Copyright 2013

Texas State Florists' Association  
PO Box 170760  
Austin, Texas 78717  
United States of America

All rights reserved, including the rights of reproduction and use in any form or by any means, including the making of copies by any photo process, or by any mechanical or electronic device, printed, written or oral, or recording for sound or visual reproduction or for use in any knowledge or retrieval system or device.

# CORSAGES

The design of a corsage is governed by the principles of design – all of which apply to a corsage no matter how small. Those of the most obvious importance are:

**Proportion** – The scale of materials to each other in the design and scale of the corsage to the recipient

**Balance** – Comfortable balance, symmetrical or asymmetrical

**Focal Point** – The point at which all stems come together

Additional elements of design of great importance in corsage design are:

**Weight** – A corsage should be light

**Compactness** – A happy medium of spacing

**Security** – Good quality of product and good mechanics

# Basic Crescent Shaped Corsage with Mini Carnations



## Product to be Used

1. One Miniature Carnation Bud
2. Two Slightly Open Buds
3. Three Open Blooms
4. Foliage

May use Individual Leaves  
or a Grouping of Small Leaves

### Examples:

Ruskus, Ivy, Pittisporum,  
Holly, Elaeagnus, Plumosa,  
etc.

5. Floral Tape and Wire

*We do not always get exact sizes of the product we want, so we make do with what is available and create accordingly!*

# Wiring Foliage For Use in Corsages



**Hairpin Wiring with  
#28 wire**



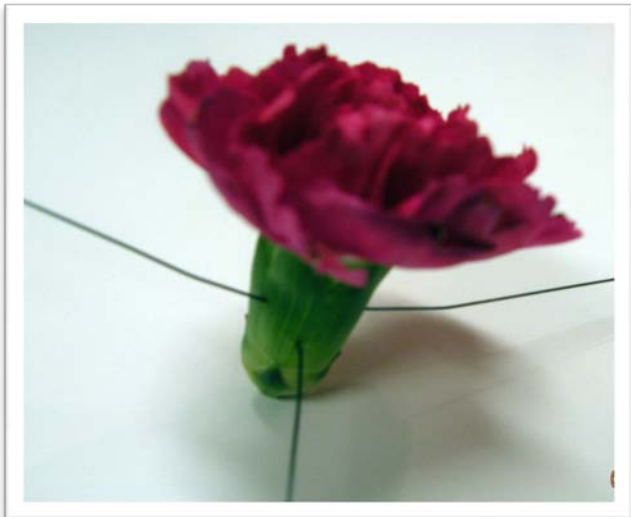
**Stitch Wiring with #28 Wire**



**Stem Wrapping with #28  
Wire**



# Corsage Basics Wiring



## Wiring of Miniature Carnations

Use one number #28 wire (cut in half) or may use #26 wire, which will make corsage much heavier and add bulk to stem. Cross pierce midway through calyx.

## **Wrap Calyx and Stem with Floral Tape, Pulling Tight and Smooth**



**The use of Light Green Floral Tape is similar in color to the calyx and stem of the miniature carnation, taping with the light green makes it appear more natural**

**Creating Corsage: Miniature Bud, Tape, Foliage,  
Tape and Slide Down Backbone and Place Open Bud  
Taping and Adding Foliage as you go.  
Trim Wire as Needed to Remove Bulk**

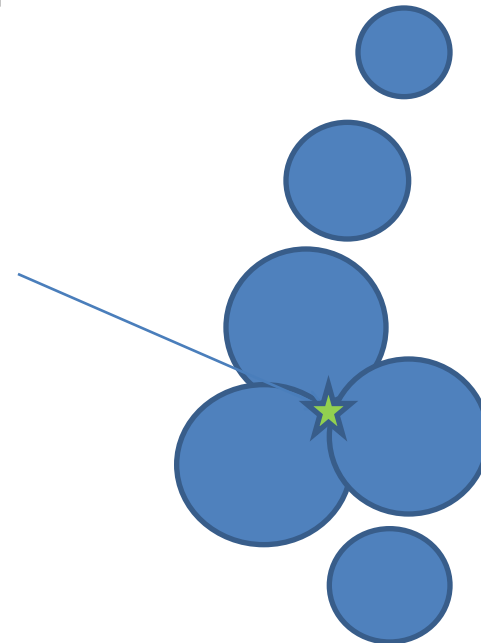




# Grouping of Three Miniature Carnations Creates the Focal Point



The three calyx should come together at the point where the taped stems meet.



Note spacing between flowers



# Spacing of Miniature Carnations on Stem

With addition of last bloom, there should again, be noticeable space between focal area and open bud

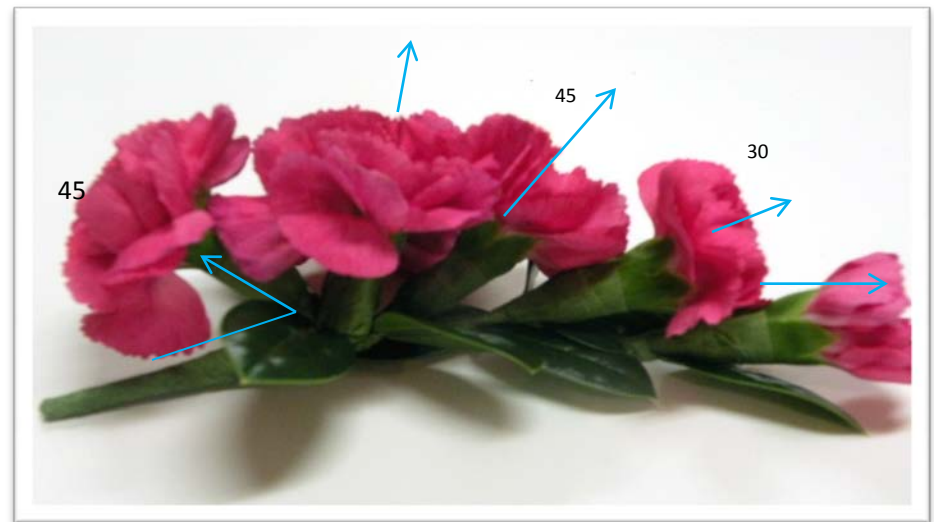
No Space between grouping of 3 blooms which create focal point

Less Space

Most Space



# Placement Direction of Mini Carnations Creating Backbone of Corsage



# Completed Corsage



# Basic Crescent Shaped Corsage with Daisy Pom Poms



## Product to be Used:

1. One Daisy Pom Bud
2. Two Slightly Larger Daisy Poms
3. Three Open Daisy Pom Blooms
4. Foliage

May use Individual Leaves  
or a Grouping of Small Leaves.

## Examples:

Ruskus, Ivy, Pittisporum,  
Holly, Elaeagnus,  
Plumosa, etc.

5. Floral Tape and Wire

*We do not always get the exact sizes of product we need, so we make do with what is available and create accordingly!*



# Wiring Foliage For Use in Corsages



**Hairpin Wiring with  
#28 wire**



**Stitch Wiring with #28 Wire**



**Stem Wrapping with #28  
Wire**



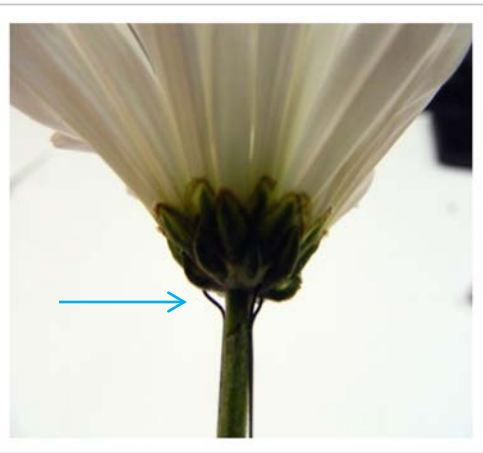
# Wiring Daisy Poms for Corsage Basics



**Cut stem approximately  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches**



**Cross pierce with #28 wire**



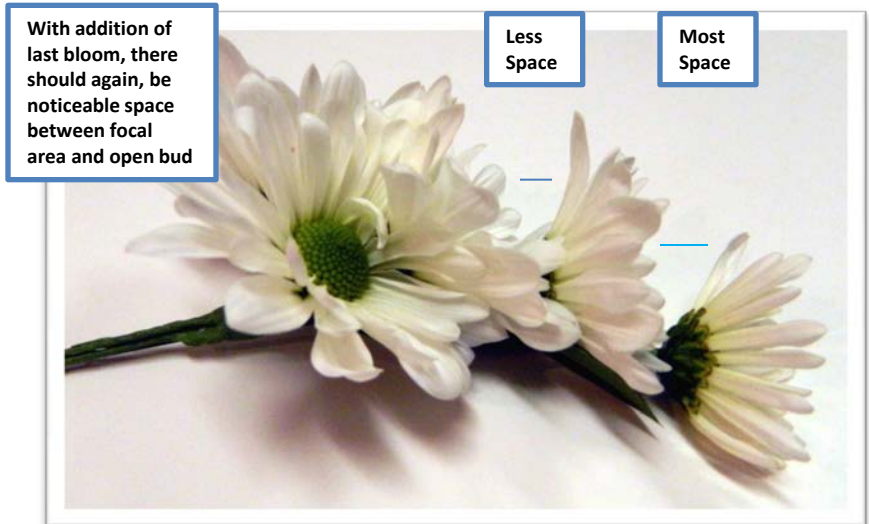
**Carefully pinch wire with  
your nail so that it lies flat  
to the stem. Then tape  
stem.**

**Creating Corsage: Bud, Tape, Foliage, Tape and Slide  
Down Backbone. Place Open Bud and Then Tape,  
Adding Foliage as you go.  
Trim Wire as Needed to Remove Bulk**





# Grouping of Three Daisy Poms, Adding One at a Time to Create Focal Area



With addition of last bloom, there should again, be noticeable space between focal area and open bud

Less Space

Most Space

## Adding the Final Daisy Pom to Corsage



## Back View of Completed Corsage



**Mechanics should be  
clean and tight**

# Completed Crescent Shaped Daisy Pom Corsage

