Texas State Florists’ Association

Power Point Presentation

For Level 2 Certification
Corsage

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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

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Wiring Foliage For Use in Corsages

- Hairpin Wiring with #28 wire
- Stitch Wiring with #28 Wire
- Stem Wrapping with #28 Wire
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.
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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 ¾ 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.
Adding the Final Daisy Pom to Corsage
Back View of Completed Corsage

Mechanics should be clean and tight
Completed Crescent Shaped Daisy Pom Corsage