

Texas State Florists' Association

Power Point Presentation for the High School Floral Certification Testing



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Power Point Presentation for the High School Floral Certification Testing of the Symmetrical Triangle Arrangement and Boutonniere



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High School Certification Testing Information

- Must enroll by deadline date – usually in middle January
Check TSFA website www.tsfa.org for updated information
- \$100 Testing Fee,
if not receiving scholarship by application deadline
- Must pass 100 question written exam: true/false, short answer, multiple choice, fill in the blank
- Need #2 pencil
- Must pass judging criteria for symmetrical design and boutonniere
- Test Dates and Locations: to be announced each year
Check TSFA website www.tsfa.org

Additional Testing Information

- Students will be provided with design bowl, 1/3 brick wet floral foam, anchor tape, floral wire, floral tape, and fresh product for hands on design
- Students should bring knives, stem cutters/shears, and wire cutters. There will be **no** tools provided
- Written test and design portion will be timed one hour for each section (written test and hands on)
- Re-testing is available for students who do not pass either test or do not pass one part (written or design)
- Date, place, time: to be announced.
Check TSFA website: www.tsfa.org
- \$35.00 Re-testing fee

Symmetrical Triangle Arrangement

- 9 stems of carnations provided
 - 10 stems of leather provided
 - 7-10 florets of static – approximately 3 stems provided
 - There will be no extra product provided
- Students MUST be careful with product
- Broken stems will not be replaced, may wire if needed
- Will not count off for inferior product - judged on stem placement only
- Strict guidelines and procedures



A Completed Arrangement

- Completed arrangement with flowers, foliage and filler

Required Materials For Arrangement

- 9 Carnations
- 1/3 bunch Statice
- 10 stems Leather Leaf Fern
- Container, Floral Foam and Anchor Tape
- #21 or #22 wire
- Necessary Tools:
Wire Cutters, Clippers,
and Knife...Band Aids
(There will be **no tools**
provided)





Front View

Prepare Container for Design

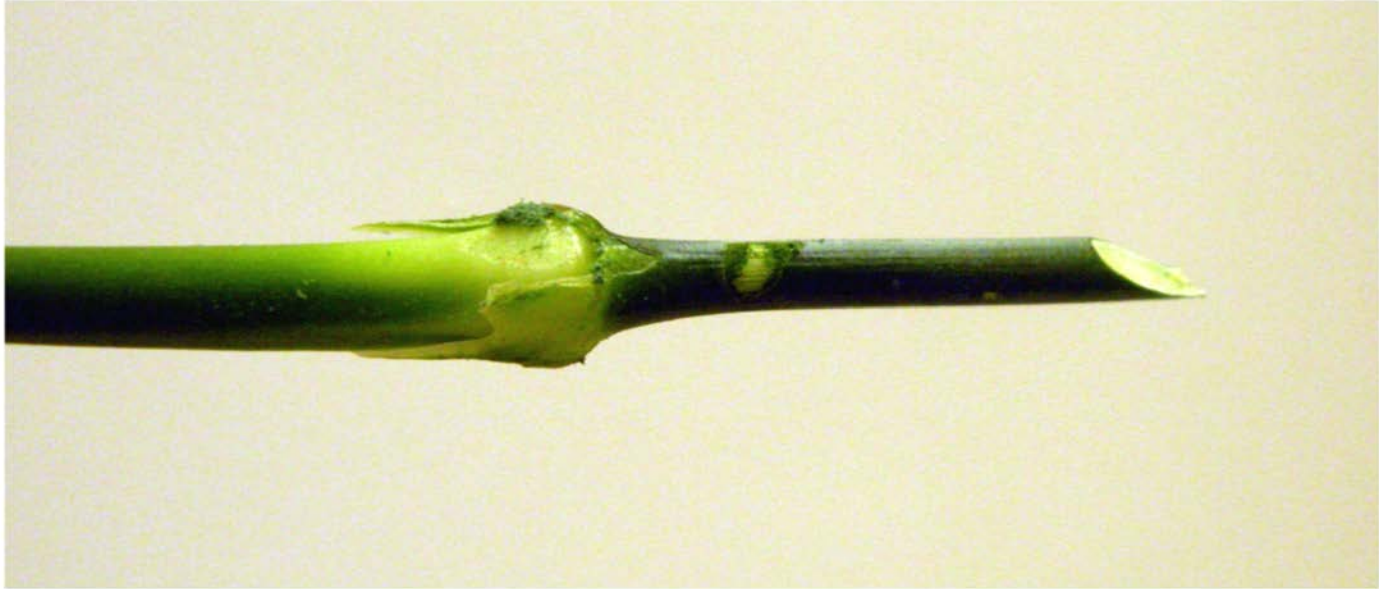
- 1/3 block wet floral foam
- 2 pieces $\frac{1}{4}$ " anchor tape enough to secure oasis into bowl
- Slice off front corners of floral foam for better insertion of stems into front corner area. (Suggestion only)

Insert Carnations

- Cut stems at an angle
- Stems must be secure in floral foam below water line
- Should be no re-insertions
- Must develop symmetrical triangle
- Carefully measure before cutting stems
- Develop skeleton of design in steps 1-9
- May fluff tight or non round carnations before inserting into floral foam
- Filler flowers to be inserted between carnations, placing them high and low to create depth

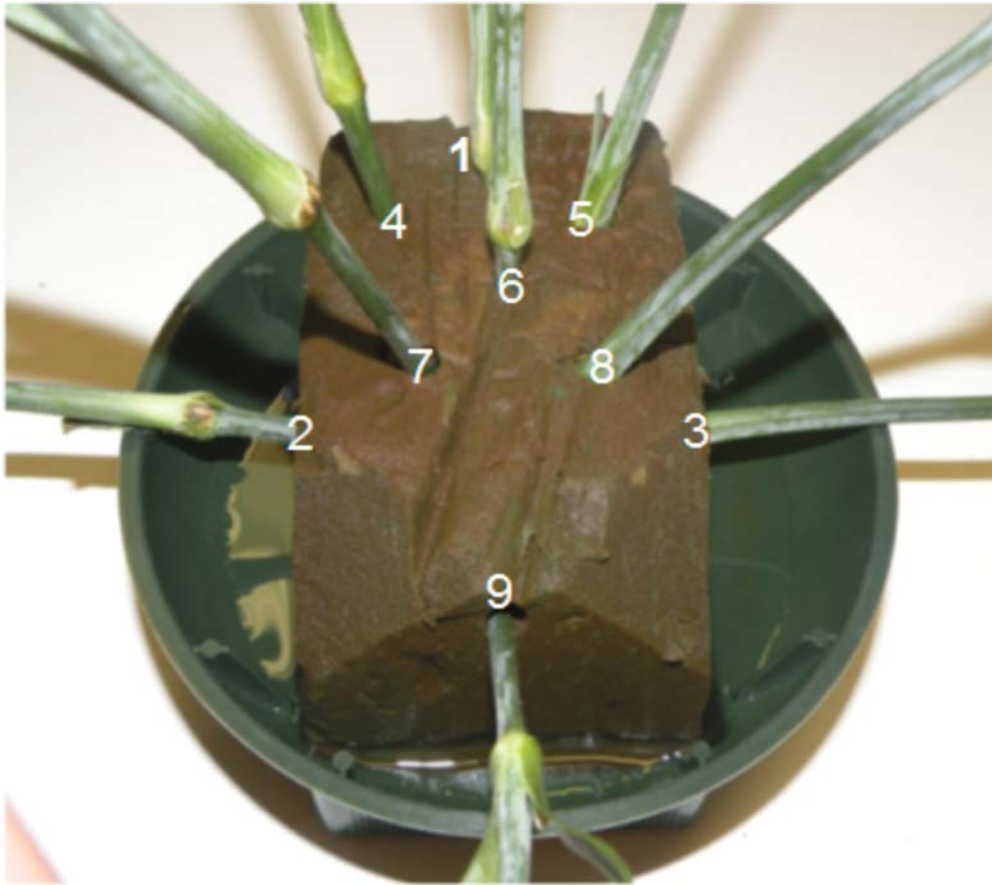
Cutting Stems For Insertion

Stems should be cut with a knife
at an approximate 45 degree angle,
immediately prior to stem insertion into the floral foam

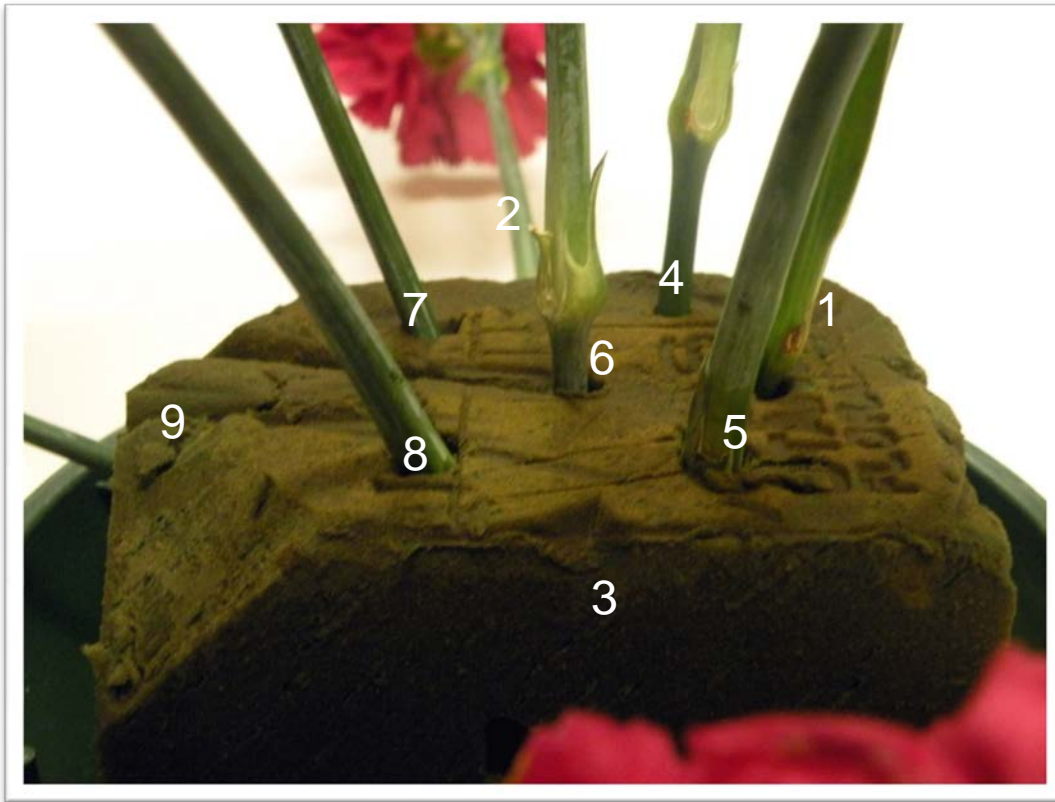


9 Stem Insertions Into The Floral Foam

- Placement of stems to form the Symmetrical Triangle Skeleton



Front View
Floral Foam with Insertions



Side View
Lengthwise Floral Foam
with Insertions

9 Stem Insertions (Side View)

- Placement of stems into lengthwise floral foam creating a Symmetrical Triangle Skeleton



Front View

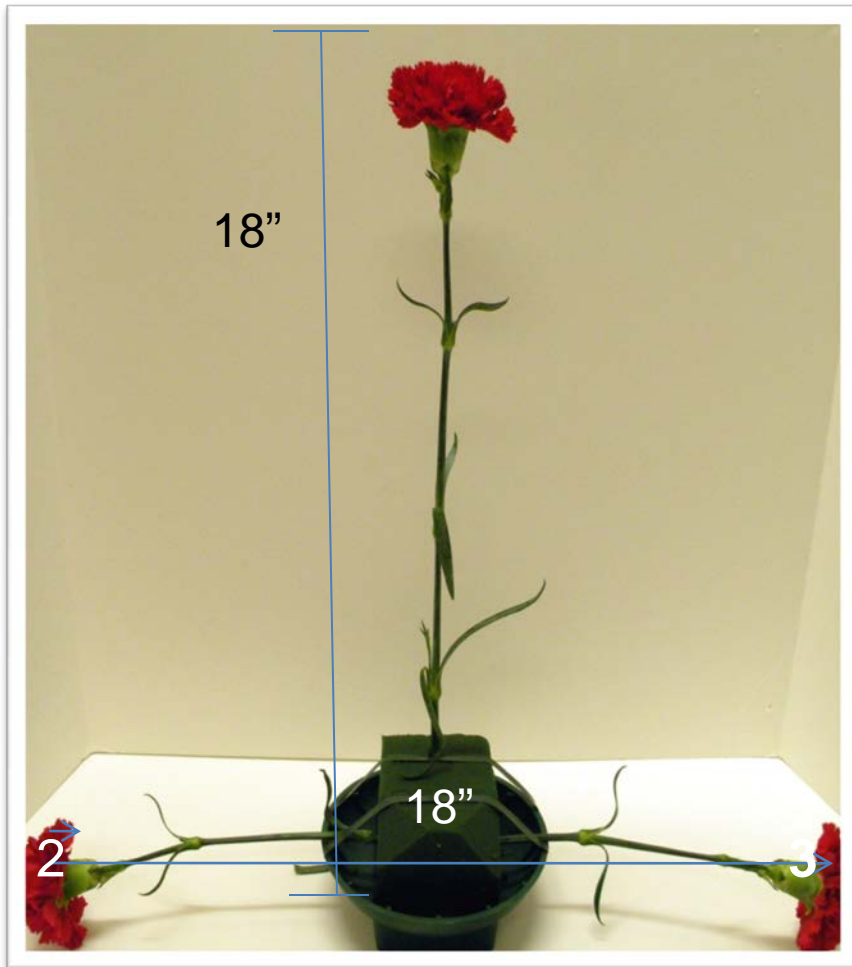
Overview:
Placement of
skeletal stems
for Symmetrical
Triangle
Arrangement



Side View

Beginning Insertions

- The first stem (#1) will be approximately **18" tall** and will be inserted toward the back of the foam, using the lengthwise direction of the of the foam
- Insert the stem approximately 2" into the foam as upright as possible with **no more than a 95 degree angle**
- Note: 90 degree angle to use as a guide
(The stem should lay no further back than shown in example)



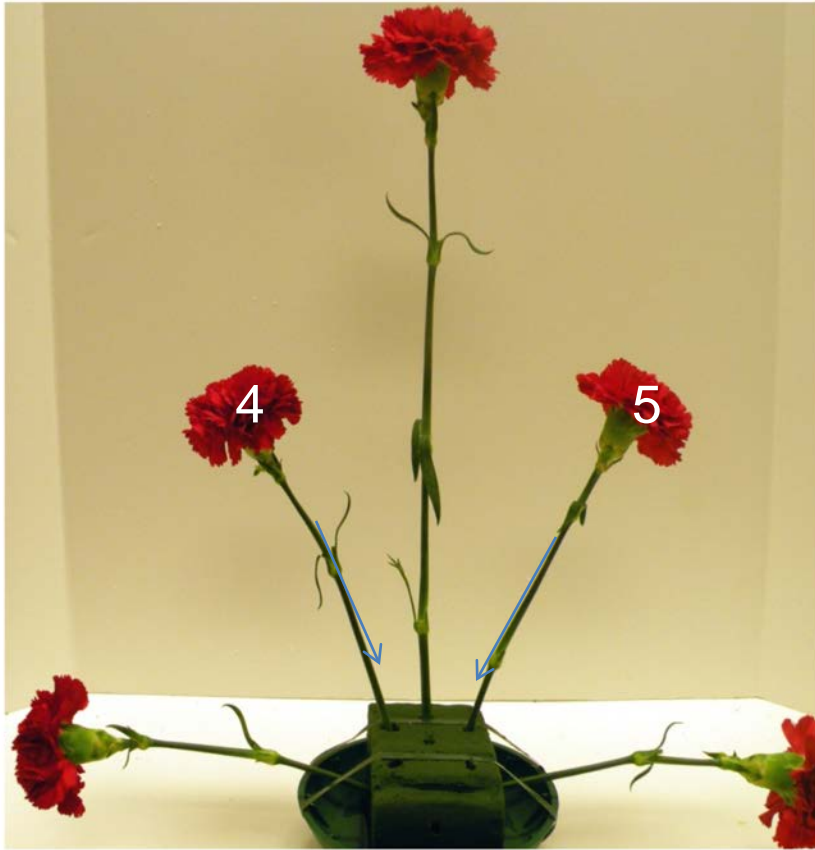
Total width is approximately 18"

Insertion of the #2 and #3 Stems

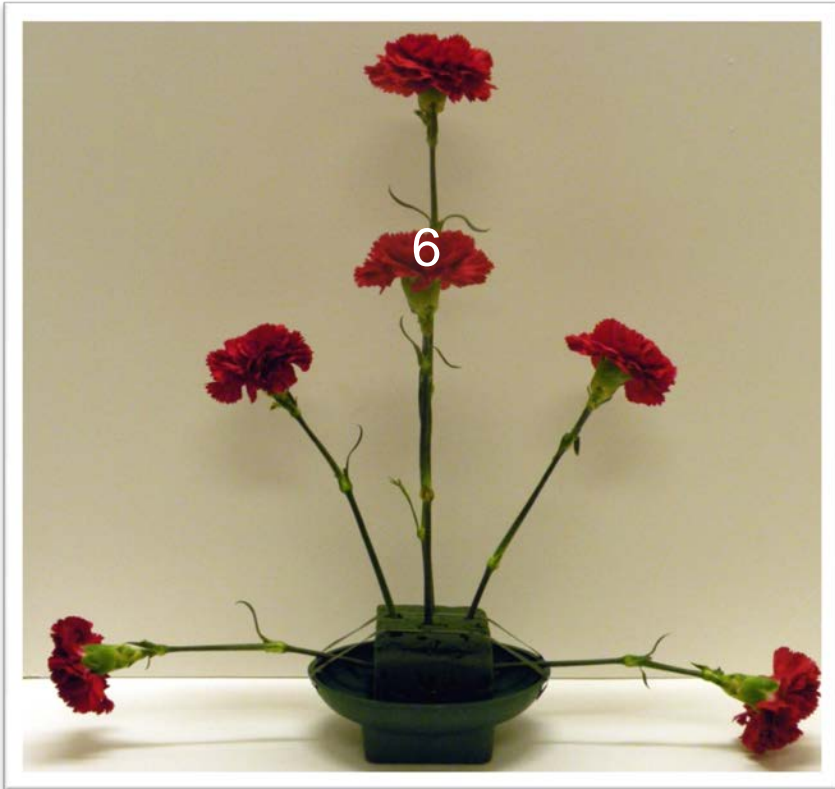
- The combination width of the two stems will be approximately **18 inches**.
- Insert the stems half way between the length of the oasis in front of the vertical stem.
- You are creating depth and space within the arrangement by placement of these insertions.

Insertions of #4 and #5 Stems

- Insert #4 and #5 in front of the line of #1 stem and behind the line of the #2 & #3 stems.
- The stems will be inserted toward the focal point/area and will lean slightly back.
- The stems will also be inserted closer toward the center of the floral foam.



Front View



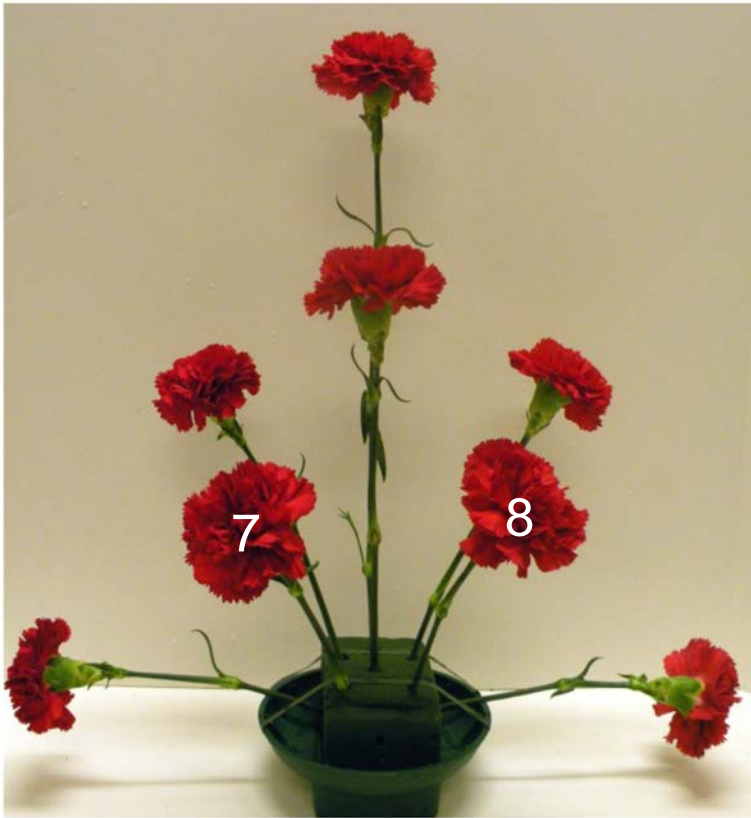
Front View

Insertion of #6 Stem

- The second vertical stem, #6, is placed directly in front of the #1 stem

Insertions of the #7 & #8 Stems

- The #7 and #8 stems are placed in front and toward the center of #4 and #5 stems.
- The stems are inserted in a direct line toward the focal point/area creating a V shape from #4 and #5 insertions



Front View



Insertion of #9 Stem

- This stem is placed in front of #1 and #6 stems near (but not directly on) the lip of the container.
- This insertion defines the focal point/area of the arrangement. All stems (flowers, foliage and filler) will **radiate** from this point.
- Stems become shorter and tighter, as they near the focal point/area

Front View of Skeletal Symmetrical Triangle Arrangement

Side View of Skeletal Symmetrical Triangle Arrangement



Side View



Enter from right side toward focal point



Enter from left side toward focal point



Enter from front center toward focal point

Inserting Foliage

*You may add filler or foliage
as the next step*

If adding foliage first:

- Begin adding Leather Leaf in the same manner you inserted your flowers
- Foliage should cover the stems and floral foam
- When you trim the length of a stem, save the excess to be used to fill in, where needed
- A stem must be inserted at least 1" - 2" deep into the oasis, in order to take up water

Insert Leather Leaf Fern

- Follow same insertion pattern as carnations
- Leather should support carnation stems
- Insert leather closely behind carnations
- Keep greenery wings for filler pieces, i.e. front spaces and to fill gaps and cover foam
- No anchor tape should be visible
- No floral foam should be showing
- Do not cut foliage into tiny pieces and insert into floral foam

Inserting Foliage

- Photo shows side view of the symmetrical triangle and the foliage which shadows the carnation stems



Side View with First
Insertions of Foliage



Purple Statice

Filler

- Statice is a filler flower with multiple breaks on each stem.
- Each bloom/floret on the stem, may face a different direction.
- When designing with statice, you will need to separate the breaks so that you are using the blooms/florets in the correct direction. They **must** follow the lines within the arrangement.

Insert Filler

- Should be placed deeper than carnations to fill in empty spaces
 - If using directional fillers, they should radiate out of design
 - Insert filler securely into floral foam
- Do not over fill design with filler; graders will count off for this; must consider price points of design, do not have to use all filler material provided



Directional Placement of Filler

- Statice blooms/florets **will radiate** from the focal area with the tip of the bloom pointing outward

* Filler may be placed in before or after the foliage

Side and Front Views of Symmetrical Triangle Arrangement



Side View



Front View

Back View of Symmetrical Triangle Arrangement



Back View of Completed
Arrangement



The Completed Arrangement

- Completed arrangement with flowers, foliage and filler
- The photo shows depth created by the filler and the emphasis of the focal point created by bringing some of the filler and foliage in tighter/shorter toward the #9 carnation



Top View Of Finished Arrangement

Design Conclusions

- Design will be judged on stem placement, NOT product quality
- Smaller blooms placed on outside edges of design and larger blooms to inside/interior of arrangement for depth and focal
- DO NOT make design short and dense. Cannot determine space and proportion within arrangement. Arrangement should be approximately 18" tall and approximately 18" wide. With this height and width, space will be created within the arrangement.
- Mass flowers (carnations) MUST NOT touch each other.
- Graders will not count off for broken carnation stems that have been re-wired together and taped correctly. Repair broken stems/carnations as needed

Rose Boutonniere





Required Materials For Boutonniere

- Small Rose head appropriate for boutonniere (ie Charlotte Red Rose)
- Foliage – Small piece of Leather Leaf Fern
- #28 wire
- Floral Tape

Boutonniere Stem Length

- Stem length for a rose boutonniere should be *approximately 1 1/2"*



Inserting Wire

- Use $\frac{1}{2}$ length of a #28 wire, pierce through the receptacle of the rose





Inserting Second Wire

- Using a second #28 wire, cross pierce the receptacle slightly lower than the first insertion
- See example pictures





Securing Wires

- In order to keep the wire straight down and not spiraling the stem of the rose, you may tape around the lower part of the stem, if necessary, with floral tape to keep the wires parallel to the stem
- Do not remove the sepals



Foliage

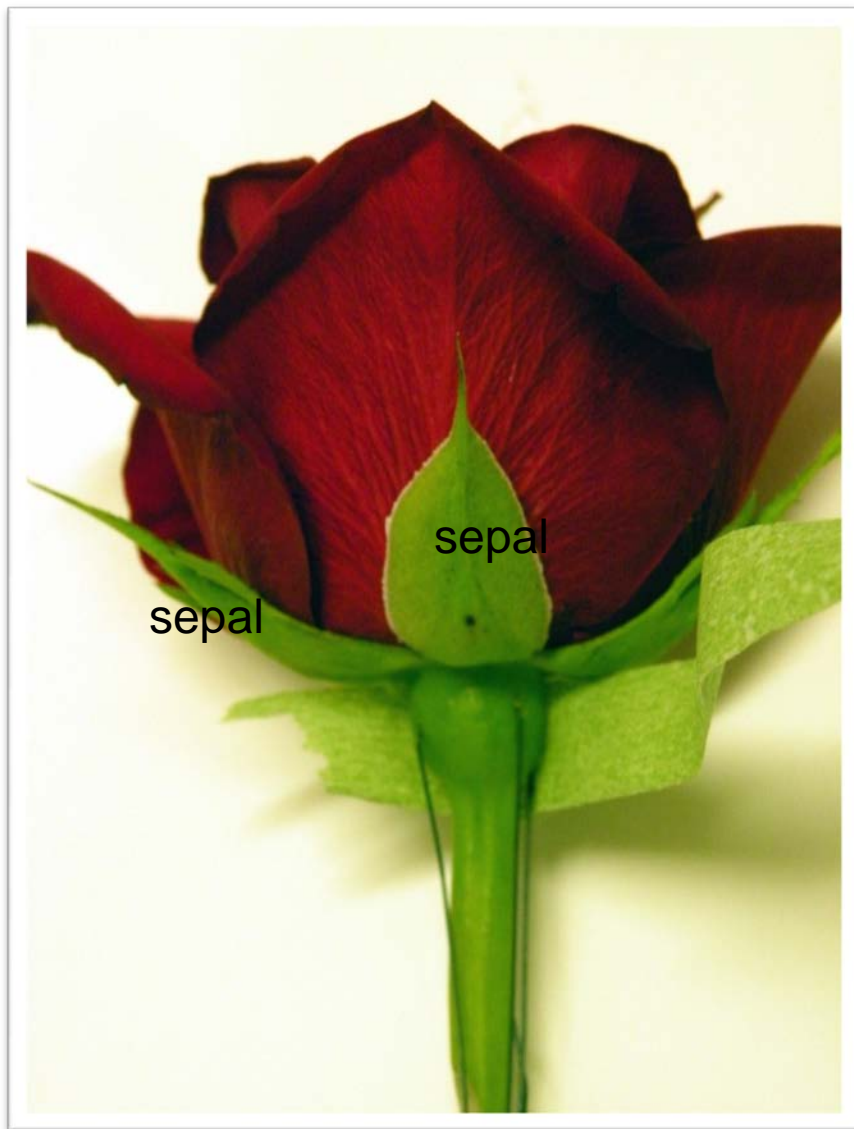
- Choose a tip from the Leather Leaf Fern that is proportional to the size of the rose head. Foliage is an accent



OPTIONAL: WIRING LEATHER LEAF FERN

- If you chose to wire your Leather Leaf Fern, create a hairpin of $\frac{1}{2}$ length #28 wire
- Thread through the two lower fronds and pull the wire straight down parallel to the stem.
- Tape partially down the stem
- If not wiring, do not need to tape





Tape Wired Rose Stem

- If sepals hanging down, do not remove, simply move aside
- Tape around receptacle with floral tape, being careful to cover all insertion holes and pulled tight to top of stem
- Tape should be pulled tight and smooth all along stem
- No curled (pig tail) stems, please
- Be sure there are no barbs or pieces of wire showing along the stem or at the bottom of the stem



Tape Rose and Foliage Together

- Lay Leather Leaf Fern so that the lower end of the fronds fit close to the bottom head of rose
- Tape stem and foliage together

The Completed Rose Boutonniere





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