

## Tools for Floral Designing

**Knife** - make sure your knife is sharp

**Clippers** - Good for cutting thick and woody stems

**Snips** - Good for thinner stems and hard to reach areas

**Waterproof tape** is an all-purpose method for holding either soaked or dried foam in place. It comes in two colors: white and green. The tape is waterproof and pressure sensitive. Once adhered to a dry surface, it will remain firm and in place even when exposed to moisture. It sticks on pottery, metal, plastic, wood, glass, ceramics... almost anything.

**Clear waterproof tape** is good for glass containers when you aren't able to hide the tape.

**Floral Stem Tape** is a strong stretchable tape that adheres to itself without sticking to your fingers. As the tape is stretched, the adhesive material is activated. Stretch the material as you wrap it around fresh, dried or silk flower stems.

**Oasis Floral Foam** is highly absorbent. It is best for fresh flowers, because it holds water and is easy to penetrate. Leave a space between the foam and the sides of the container so water can be added to the flowers.

## Elements of Design

### **Light**

Bright lights illuminate the entire design; spotlights throw focus on a single aspect. Colored bulbs create a mood. Side lighting casts shadows on the opposite side of the light source; lights from above create shadows beneath. Experiment with the effects of various sources of light and play with light as an element in your design.

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