

How to Create a Unique Floral Design Using Artificial Flowers

Finding the perfect floral design to spruce up your home can be challenging and expensive, so why not make your own? Though it can seem like a daunting undertaking, it's actually a lot easier than you think, especially when using artificial flowers!

All you need is:

- Vase or container of choice
- Artificial flowers
- Dry floral foam
- Floral tape
- Wire cutters or really sharp scissors

By the time you finish reading this guide, you'll be making floral designs like a pro!

Step 1

First, think about your style and ask yourself these questions: What kind of interior décor is your home filled with? How will this floral design accent your space? Where will you place it? And what do you want to feel when you see this faux arrangement? Now this is supposed to be a fun project, so get your creative juices flowing and think outside the box. The purpose of these questions is to help you decide what to put your silk flowers in. Maybe you want to use traditional containers like a vase or a pot, or maybe you want to be adventurous and use a bucket or your favorite coffee mug!

To further guide you in this process, I'm going to create a sample floral design using the vase below and some artificial flowers. This way you have a visual of what I'm describing, as well as a starting off point for yourself. So to start, I've chosen a patterned, white ceramic vase for my arrangement. It's simple yet elegant and can be used in almost any room!



Step 2

So now that you've chosen your vase, it's time to refer back to the questions from Step 1, except this time we're going to use them to determine which florals you'd like to use. Be sure to pay close attention to the color and size of your florals, as well as possibly incorporating succulents or sprays. These additions can really enhance the overall look of your floral design and give your space that "wow" factor we all long for. For my arrangement, I've chosen artificial proteas, tulips, roses, and seven son flowers. I just love the cheerful look this combination brings!



Protea cone stem, tulip, purple rose stem, seven sons flowers (clockwise)

Step 3

Next, you want to take your floral foam and cut it to size so that it fits easily in your vase. Once it is cut, place the foam inside your vase and secure it using the floral tape.

Because we want to make sure our flowers don't fall out of the container, the best taping technique is to tape an "x" over the foam – this way, even if someone were to knock over the vase, the flowers would fall with it, and not out of it!



Step 4

Create a layout of your floral design. It's good to have a visual picture of what you want the finished product to look like so that you don't waste time poking unnecessary holes in the foam.

Step 5

Now you're ready to put everything together. Be sure not to take any shortcuts when doing this step! Each flower's stem should sit both, a few inches inside and outside the floral foam. This way each individual flower can stand securely in place, while having enough room to spread out and layer between other flowers. To do this, measure the stem of each faux floral against the floral foam before you insert it. Then use your wire cutters or scissors to trim it accordingly.

If your faux florals vary in size, remember to start with the largest, working your way down to the smallest florals.

Step 6

Once you have completed your unique floral design, look it over one more time to fill in any gaps, and voilà! You are now the owner of a homemade artificial floral arrangement that YOU created all on your own. Congratulations!



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