

Thanksgiving Flower Basket Recipe

Ingredients:

Floral foam soaked in warm water

Clear plastic liner for basket

Basket (to accommodate 4" pot and having a handle)

3 yellow gerbera daisies or 3 yellow spider mums

3 stems of leatherleaf (baker) fern

2 stems orange cushion mums

2 stems bronze or scarlett button mums

Floral tape and or modeler's clay



Step 1: Remove clear plastic liner from basket. Cut liner to a height of 2" by removing approximately one-half of the length from the top with sharp scissors. Cut wet foam and insert into liner, allowing 1" of foam to stay above the top of the liner. Turn the basket onto its side (90 degree angle, so it rests like cornucopia) and slide the foam into the liner. Secure the liner by inserting foam shavings underneath. Floral tape may be used also. Keep the basket stable by sticking a piece of modeler's clay to the table surface, by the rim of the basket.



Clay



Step 2: Green-in the basket with the leatherleaf fern, using progressively larger triangles of the frond (leaflets) moving from the top (smallest) to bottom (largest). Use one entire piece of fern inserted parallel to the table extending to the handle of the basket, only a 1/4 to 1/2 inch above the table (barely resting on the table.)

Step 3: Take the three largest flowers (gerberas or spider mums) and insert them into the floral foam about 1/2 inch, creating a long triangle. The longest point is low and barely above the long piece of fern extending nearly to the basket handle. The second point reaches 2/3 the length of the first and is about 2" above it. The third point is at a 90 degree angle from the table and is about 1/3 the length of the longest stem. These are focal points and the triangle they create is the heart of the cornucopia.



Step 4: Add orange cushion mums in 3's by inserting them into the floral foam, creating smaller, asymmetrical triangles with imaginary lines. Add the bronze or scarlett mums to the arrangement next, keeping blooms inside the original yet imaginary line created by the focal flowers. Add accents such as cattails, dried grass plumes, colorful fall leaves, or bumpy gourds. Keep floral foam moist by watering once a day. Enjoy!



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