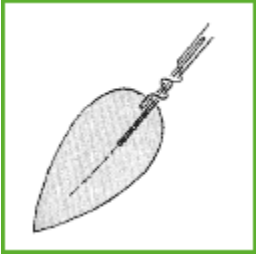



Foliage Accents for Corsages

Decorative leaves of pleasing color and character add beauty to a corsage. Well-chosen foliage used cleverly gives distinction even to common corsage flowers.



Assembly Instructions

1. In all better corsages, the heavy and bulky stems are eliminated. The individual leaves or tips of foliage are given wire stems that are wrapped with green *Floratape*[®] stem wrap. Use fine wires, usually No. 26 or 28, that are thin but strong enough to support the leaves. Always cover the wire stems completely with *Floratape*[®] stem wrap to give a natural appearance. Try never to leave a wire unwrapped, especially if it is rusty or oily and soiled. But use green enameled wires if they cannot be wrapped.
2. Strengthen individual leaves by piercing a wire under the mid-rib on the back of a leaf or about a third of the way up from the base. Wrap one end of the wire around the other end that has been laid along the shortened stem of the leaf. If the leaf has no stem to which a wire can be anchored, push the second end of the wire through the base of the leaf to make a rigid stem as shown in the sketch.
3. To make a small leaf from a larger one, such as a large Croton or Camellia leaf, cut away the base leaving the natural tip. Some leaves can be trimmed quite severely.
4. Experiment with many types of foliage to accent your corsages. Tiny tips of pussy willow, small heads of dried grasses, holly leaves with the sharp points trimmed away, or even small tips of evergreens can help make a corsage more seasonal.



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