

A Basic Carnation Corsage



The triangle is a beautiful and interesting shape often used in floral design, and this shape of Carnation corsage is particularly pleasing.


In order to create a triangular pattern with large Carnations, part of the blooms should be feathered, or cut into halves, quarters or even smaller units. The smaller units create a daintier effect, but require more work. The natural stems are eliminated to reduce weight and bulk. Wire substitute stems are wrapped with green *Floratape*[®] stem wrap or Parafilm[®] florist's tape for a natural effect.

Assembly Instructions



1. Four medium or large Carnations make a good sized corsage using one full flower, two cut into halves and one cut into quarters. The whole Carnation, used for the center or focal point, may be stemmed with No. 24 wire. Partly splitting the calyx makes the flower larger and fluffier. The sections of Carnation are made into medium and small flowers with No. 26 or 28 wire for stems, all neatly taped with *Floratape*[®] stem wrap. Group the medium-sized flowers around the large central one, and place the smallest blooms farther out to make the tips of the triangle. Bind the stems firmly together high up under the center of the corsage. The lower flowers should fall overboard. This gives proper balance and prevents a top-heavy corsage.
2. Add a few short delicate tips of Carnation foliage stemmed with No. 28 wire wrapped with *Floratape*. Other interesting foliage of pleasing color and texture may also be used, such as Podocarpus tips, Sprengerii or Myrtle. Use only enough foliage for accent, and never overshadow the beauty of flowers. If a bow is wanted, use the best quality ribbon in harmonizing color and place it as if the ribbon is tying the stems together.





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