

Feathered Flowers



Small clusters of certain kinds of flower petals may be stemmed and used effectively in corsages and some wedding bouquets.

Carnations, Mums, long-petal Double Asters and even Peonies can be used in this way. While clusters of petals are sometimes called shattered or split flowers, it is better to call them feathered flowers.

Assembly Instructions



1. The groups of petals are taken from the large mum or other flowers a small pinch at a time. A fine wire such as No. 28 or No. 26 is bound around the petals as shown in the illustration. The first binding of wire should be quite firm but not tight enough to cut or bruise the delicate petals. The rest of the binding should be very tight to prevent the petals from falling out of the wire even if they should wilt and shrink a little while hanging upside down. Cover the wire stems completely with a smooth wrapping of the desired color of *Floratape*[®] stem wrap, usually green or light green, but sometimes white or brown.
2. Feathered Mum petals are particularly useful as fluffy fillers in corsages or as edging for colonial bouquets. An interesting variation is to turn the Mum petals upside down, especially if the petal tips should be injured or brown. The delicate green bases of the petals make interesting quill-like tips. Use either clusters of right-side-up or upside-down petals, but do not mix them together.
3. Feathered Carnations are often made by cutting the flowers into halves or smaller units. However, by using clusters of petals pulled out of the flower calyx, the little feathered flowers have neater and more tapered bases that are better in hairdos and finer quality corsage work.



Larger feathered flowers such as Mums and Peonies are seldom used alone, but they are excellent in combination with Roses or other featured flowers.



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