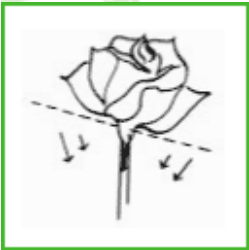


The Rose-Camellia Corsage


This corsage has personality, style, great texture and harmonious elements and is an example of an expertly designed corsage that is elegant in appearance.

Assembly Instructions



1. To ensure the keeping quality of this corsage, submerge two Rose heads in room temperature water for five minutes before beginning. Use select Roses that have started to open, not those in tight bud or in full bloom. Proceed by cutting the Rose stems, leaving about one inch of stem. Using the piercing method, use a half length of wire and run it through the Calyx. A No. 22 gauge wire is recommended, but determine the exact weight of wire by testing it to make sure it is adequate to control the flower head. If the flower remains rigid yet flexible with one wire folded from the Calyx, then the weight is correct.
2. Reflex the outer three rows of petals by rolling the petal over the thumb and forefinger to create a Camellia-like appearance. Crisp petals are likely to crack and split, so remove Roses from the cooler at least 30 minutes before use.
3. Wire and tape variegated Geranium leaves using the hairpin stitch method. Tailor each Rose with leaves and overwrap each Rose grouping with *Floratape*® stem wrap.
4. Assemble the two tailored flowers, positioning the smaller one highest in the corsage and using the larger one as the focal point. Join the two stems at a point an equal distance from each flower, binding only one place on the taped stems with binding wire. Tape over the binding making sure no wire ends are exposed. Add a ribbon bow or an elegant velvet bow as a finishing touch. This corsage may be anchored with one pin if it is properly tailored and balanced. Remember that the back of every corsage should always be smooth and finished. All exposed wires must be covered with *Floratape*® stem wrap so that the corsage fits comfortably.

After the corsage is complete, cover the tailored Roses with moist Gardenia cotton to keep the petals reflexed and to provide moisture until the corsage is worn.



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