

The Colonial Bouquet




Colonial bouquets are a perennial favorite of both young and old and are in demand for the bride and her attendants, at bridal receptions or baby showers and as nice Valentine's Day or hospital pillow gifts.

Assembly Instructions



1. Wire the center flower, which is usually a rosebud, with a No. 24 gauge wire. Cover the stem of the Rosebud with *Floratape*® stem wrap which is available in pink, yellow, blue and light green to harmonize especially well with the pastel flowers often favored in Colonial bouquets.
2. Encircle groups of small flowers around the Rose and bind them with a No. 30 or No. 32 gauge wire and continue blending shades of flowers in each row until the bouquet is the size desired. Keep the center Rose and the first circles of flowers high to achieve a pyramidal effect. Be sure to pull the binding wire tautly after adding each group of florets. Use simple, well-loved flowers such as Sweet Peas, Corn Flowers, Violets, Forget-me-nots, Stocks, etc. Feathered Carnations and Mums also can work.
3. To reduce the weight of the bouquet, cut out excess wires by thinning the main stem, which is the handle by which it is carried. Add a bow either inside or outside the collar and add an edging of tulle, net, lace or any special trimming. Slip on the collar and push it up close to the base of the flowers and cut off the length of the wires, retaining just three or four inches. Wrap the wires smoothly and completely with *Floratape*® stem wrap.
4. To finish the handle, spiral ribbon-wrap around the stem.





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