

Miscellany workshop December 2021

What you will need:

Sturdy box with or without lid
Plastic bag or similar to line box
Oasis wet foam
Secateurs or Flower scissors
Garden Gloves (suggested)

Foliage and accessories or available but feel free to bring your own.

Line your box with plastic. Cut your Oasis Foam to size slightly smaller than the diameter of the box. Place foam in lined box to ensure the foam is raised approx 1-1.5 cm above the rim of the box. Place more plastic at the bottom to raise if necessary and ensure plastic is pushed down the sides of the box to ensure the foam stays firmly in place. This is easier to take in and out to get the height correct before the foam is soaked. Soak the foam and chamfer the top edges to give greater insertion area and to avoid breaking edges

Prepare your foliage . Cut to approx size leaving enough length for insertion. Remove the bottom needles or leaves(gloves may now be required.). Insert into foam ensure the stems are placed in height and radius to give a good balanced outline. Cut the foliage to different lengths within the block to create depth and avoid flatness. Wire your pine cones and baubles, etc.

Once you have your massed foliage in place add your pine cones, baubles ,or other accessories in a visually pleasing rhythmic pattern .

If you are using a plain box why not the a contrasting ribbon around the middle of the box.

Tip: to achieve a well-balanced design think in terms of volume – this is the relationship between the plant material and the container. Either the plant material or the container should dominate and the relationship between the two should be one and a half to one. There should never be equal eye pull demanded by both parts of the overall design.

