

FLOATING SPRING ARRANGEMENT 2022

Suitable for Intermediate

MATERIALS

Oblong container

Dry foam or polystyrene to sit inside container

Plastic frog and Oasis Fix

Pebbles or Moss or similar

Plastic Test Tubes (6-8 will be sufficient for a standard size block of foam)

Bamboo Sticks

Jute string/Raffia/Wool

Sticky dots

Branches – suggestions

Pussy Willow

Cornus (Dogwood)

Birch

Willow

Two Straight long lengths of branch

Paper covered binding wire/cable ties/ wire

Tulips (out of water to make more flexible)

Hellebore

Muscari

Other small head flowers

Some trailing foliage plant material

Vine or similar to loop and provide movement and rhythm

Begin by preparing your test tubes.

1. Place a sticky dot directly under the rim of the tube then one two thirds of the way down in line.
2. Place your bamboo stick in line so that the top of the stick is adjacent to the rim of the tube and adhering to the two sticky dots
3. Start winding your string or other material around and down the tube using the two sticky dots to secure in place. Continue under the tube and onto the bamboo stick finishing off with a sticky dot securely.
4. Place the frogs using the oasis fix to the bottom of your container and place the dry foam on top leaving space between the foam and the top of container
5. Position your wrapped test tubes into the foam in a line front and back
6. Secure the test tubes by using a straight piece of branch position behind the tubes and wire around the branch and tube. This will ensure the stability of tubes do not move from side to side
7. Intertwine and secure with binding wire other branches into the space within and around the tubes for design and to provide a secure brace to structure.
8. At this stage it would be prudent to place stones or similar on top of any exposed foam so that you have weight in the bottom to counterbalance the water and flowers that will be in the test tubes.
9. Place water into the test tubes
10. Weave tulips into the branches securing where necessary . Place other flowers in a pleasing rhythmical pattern ensure some trailing foliage brings the eye further down into the design..



Above attaching bamboo stick to test tube.

Left completed test tube covered in raffia



Larger version of structure to show the basis of the mechanics. Flexible branches will be used to intertwine between tubes.