

Fall Floral Workshop

Flower Arrangement in a Pumpkin

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SUPPLIES

- 1 small/medium pumpkin
- Wet floral foam
- 2 stems of daisies
- 1-2 stems golden rod
- Floral pick
- Greenery (leather leaf)
- 1-2 stems statice
- (other flowers can be substituted 1 focal flower, 2 filler flowers recommended with greenery)

1. Get all supplies together.
2. Cut the top out of your pumpkin in an appealing pattern.
3. Take all of the insides out of the pumpkin.
4. Put plastic wrap down inside the pumpkin covering the walls.
5. Get the block of wet floral foam and cut it down to size to fit into your pumpkin.
6. Trim the top of the floral foam to be 1/4" above your pumpkin.
7. Take the leather leaf and cut the tip out of it to use first. Insert the leatherleaf around the outer brim of the pumpkin working your way to the center. Once you have used the tip, start cutting the main stem every two opposite leaves, leaving the stem about one inch, at least, to use to stick them into the floral foam. The idea of the leatherleaf is to provide a base cover of the foam.
8. Look over your pumpkin from different angles to be sure there are no big gaps left where the foam is still visible.
9. Pick up your daisies. There should be two stems per person, preferably two different colors. Evaluate your stems of daisies to see how many you have that look good enough for you to use. Sometimes the buds are nice filler pieces, so try not to waste any of your valuable flowers. Counting them can help you with your design. I start with the biggest flowers and make a pattern of three in the center. Then you can use that pattern to help you space the remaining flowers in between the other row you just put in moving out and down the pumpkin as you go. Continue the pattern until you are satisfied or run out of daisies. Each person's arrangement can look a little different.
10. Now use the Solidaga/golden rod as a filler, spacing it between the flowers to fill in the empty holes. Continue to follow the pattern of three that you used in the beginning.
11. Now it is time to add a bit of contrasting color to the design. You are going to use the statice. Using the same principle as the golden rod, you will place the purple statice in as our last filler.
12. Look at your arrangement and see which side looks the most sparse for you to put your pumpkin lid on top. You may want to take out a few flowers and reinsert them to make room for the pumpkin top.
13. Take your pumpkin top and push your green floral stick into the top being careful not to go all the way through it. Then place the floral stick like a flower stem into your pumpkin in the chosen place.



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