

THANKSGIVING FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

From
"The Frugal
Florist"
By John Klingel

ABOUT THE FRUGAL FLORIST

- This fun little novelty arrangement (Please note this is not a creative design that one might enter in a flower show) is from a book called “The Frugal Florist” by John Klingel that I bought when the garden club visited his business in West Palm Beach in 2009.
- You can still purchase the book online at Amazon. The Frugal Florist takes inexpensive supermarket flowers and shows you how to put together a lovely bouquet step by step with illustrations. The author explains principles of design and use of color and shows how to make everything from a floral birthday cake to a holiday wreath. The directions are clear and easy to follow.
- Following is what I did to follow his instructions for the “Happy Thanksgiving” arrangement.

SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED

- **1/3 block of floral foam known as Oasis from craft store**
- **Clear floral tape to anchor the Oasis from craft store**
- **Wooden skewers from supermarket**
- **Floral pics with wire from craft store**
- **Two bunches of chrysanthemums from supermarket**
- **One yellow squash from supermarket**
- **Several Petra croton leaves and ferns if you have them in your garden or leatherleaf fern from florist**
- **Red pipe cleaners or felt from craft store to make turkey wattle**

**1. TAKE 1/3 BLOCK OF FLORAL FOAM
(KNOWN AS OASIS) SOAKED IN WATER.
FASTEN IT TO CONTAINER WITH FLORAL TAPE**



2. IF USING CHRYSANTHEMUMS, REMOVE INDIVIDUAL FLOWERS FROM MAIN STEM AND TRIM EACH FLOWER STEM TO ABOUT 4 INCHES



3. COVER ENTIRE OASIS BLOCK WITH FLOWERS SO IT ENDS UP LOOKING LIKE THE ONE BELOW



**4. ADD A SKEWER TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SQUASH,
ATTACH THE RED WATTLE MADE OF PIPE CLEANERS
OR FELT AND INSERT EYES**



5. INSERT SQUASH INTO FRONT OF TURKEY BODY, INSERT GREENS AND CROTON LEAVES INTO BACK AND SOME ON EACH SIDE FOR WINGS. FILL IN BOTTOM WITH FLOWERS TO COVER ALL OASIS. HERE'S MY TURKEY.



HERE'S THE TURKEY FROM "THE FRUGAL FLORIST"

