Play with Flowers

Learn Floral Design

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In the summer issue of *The National Gardener*, you learned the basics of a traditional line-mass design. With the bounty of the harvest season, we look at an easy mass design to decorate your holiday table. This design is kept low to allow for easy conversation between guests while dining. It is stable in case of bumping. Have fun adding your special touch to this design style. See the following page for step by step instructions and images.

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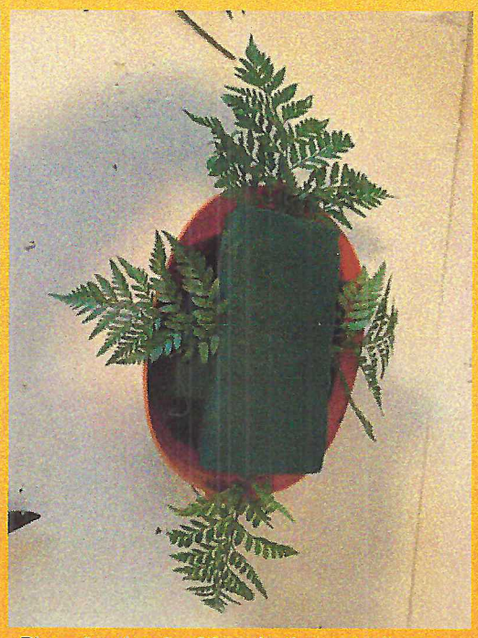


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Assemble your supplies. This design uses two blocks of oasis, an orange plastic container, clippers and sticks. Plant materials are all available at the grocery store: Leather leaf fern, Salal leaves, orange roses, yellow and orange peppers, pine cones, white chrysanthemums, wheat and cattails. You can easily switch out the color of the materials to fit a different holiday or your tableware.



Fill container with oasis, allowing at least one inch above the rim of the container.



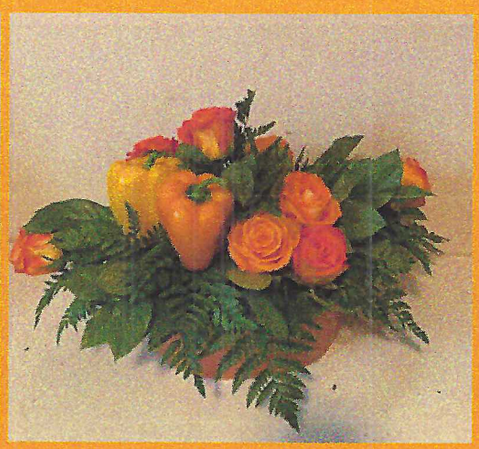
Place leather leaf fern in the container to set the dimensions of the completed design. Place one at each end and one in the front and one in the back. Lay them flat against the rim of the container and place the stem in the oasis next to the rim of the container.



Completely cover the oasis with leatherleaf and salal. Continuously turning the container so that both the front and back are covered consistently



Place your feature flowers. Group three roses in the front, turn the design and place three roses in the back, in the corner diagonally from the other roses. Then place a rose at each end of the design, almost directly on top of the larger piece of leather leaf.



Insert a wooden dowel into the peppers and place two next to the roses in front and back. Continue turning the design to ensure it looks good from all sides.



Now the fun part! Finish by adding pine cones (wired to insert into oasis), wheat, cattails and chrysanthemums. Always turning the design so that it will look good from all sides of the table.

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