

Evergreen Centerpiece

GOAL

To learn floral arranging techniques to create a centerpiece out of recycled pieces from tree pieces. These centerpieces are an additional agricultural product that florists and farmers can sell. This lesson will teach you how to make a centerpiece.

PREPARE

Gather materials, clear and cover (plastic or newspaper) a space to work on.

A few things to know before you start. Greens should only be cut on one end! It should be the end towards the trunk of the tree. Not the branch tip. Think about it. Water travels up the truck and out to the end of the branch. If you clip both ends it will dry out faster. This is very important in centerpiece arranging. Cut the pieces. Then hold them up next to the piece.

is too long, cut it again, DO NOT trim centerpiece like a hedge when you are done. This creates 2 cut ends on the branch and it will dry out quickly!

TIPS: Try to avoid pulling the pieces in out of the oasis many times because oasis won't hold your pieces tight once holes are huge and stip off the bottom of every piece on the cut end. This pokes a much smaller tighter hole!




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MATERIALS


Floral Wet Oasis	Greens	Tape-Floral or Masking	Container	Gloves	Scissors	Decorations
						

STEPS

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Put oasis on cup, push down to make a imprint, cut oasis (butter knife works). Make it snug with the top about an inch above the rim. Soak the oasis (overnight is best), put in cup and secure with a tape, X across top.
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Pick a Shape. Florist use a few basic shapes. Like oval, fan, crescent, equilateral triangle, right triangle. Then cut a bunch of greens 6-12”.
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Put in the highest piece first, then 2 pieces on the right and the left to make the shape! Push pieces in about 2 inches. Then continue from the bottom of the cup to make the bottom ring.
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Continue filling in until you don't have holes. You don't want to see oasis. Add pinecones, ribbons and decorations. Some items you will need to wrap a small piece of wire to and then poke into the oasis or tie to the branches. Then you are done! Water every day and they can last up to a month.

