## For this design you will need -



## Tools -

Floral knife
Large Spoon

## Supplies -

1 Fresh Pumpkin
1-6" Plastic tray (or use a liner)
1 Block of Smithers-Oasis Foam
Floralife Flower Food

## Fresh Flowers -

1 bunch of Fall Flowers

## Optional -

Small pumpkins
One votive candle insert for each pumpkin

## Instructions -

1. Soak Oasis foam in water that has flower food added.
2. Insert your floral knife into the top of the pumpkin at a slight angle. Carve a round circle around the top creating a removable cap at least 6.5 " in diameter (to make room for inserting container or liner).
3. Scrape inside of pumpkin, with a large spoon, to remove pulp and seeds. Discard this material.
4. Place 6" plastic dish or liner inside pumpkin to hold water for flowers. (Adjust dish size to pumpkin size.)

5. Insert Oasis foam in tray inside pumpkin, standing foam on one end. Cut top of foam off at about $11 / 2 "$ above top of pumpkin.
6. Use your floral knife to remove a sliver of foam from the squared edge of the block of foam, making a more

7. Remove flowers from bundle. Re-cut stems about $1 / 2-1$ "from bottom of stem. Remove excess foliage that will be below water level. Place in fresh water that has the packet of flower food added.
8. Divide flowers into groups by form. (See video.) Form flowers - helps build the form of the structure (ex: Mum, Carnation, Rose)
Mass flowers - Multiple florets form one flower (ex: Alstroemeria, Agapanthus) Filler flowers - to fill in open spaces (ex: Statice, Gyp)

Not included in this bunch of flowers Line Flowers - develops the lines of the composition (ex: Snapdragon, Liatris, Delphinium)
9. For this simplistic design - give a good, sharp cut to the flower stem ends and insert each stem into the foam. If your bouquet includes LINE flowers, begin with them. If not, start with your FORM flowers, then add MASS flowers and finish with FILLER flowers.
10. Build the geometric form of the arrangement by placing each type of flower in the design in a series of triangles. (See video) This method easily guides you to develop your flower placement, as you fill in the spaces between triangles.

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