

Topiary Centerpiece



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Add a touch of class and beauty to the center of your dining tables with this easily made topiary centerpiece. With a different variety of flowers and pot bases you can match your wedding decor perfectly.

Supplies:

- 1 dozen 12"-14" silk flowers of choice per topiary
- Dried or silk babies breath (the dried is much cheaper)
- Planter (Check your local dollar store for selections)
- Floral foam
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Small stem of ivy (optional)
- Moss
- Ribbon (optional)

Instructions:

1. Remove all leaves on floral stems. No need to wire and tape 14" tall natural stem roses.
2. Start with the first rose. Put it in your left hand. This rose is straight up. This is the center of your topiary.
3. Now start adding your first row of roses one at a time. Bend the rose heads forward. You may leave a little space between the heads to put

in your babies breath after you are finished bending the rose heads. You should use 6 roses.

4. Now start adding your last row. These will face down. Remember you are going for a round look. Keep this in mind as you are bending the rose heads. It is important to put this row below the spaces of the first row.....so they are staggered.
5. Once you have all the roses in and you like the shape tie them at the top with floral wire securely. Wire the bottom securely.
6. Fill planter with a good sized block of floral foam. Hot glue in well. Now add your topiary. Center it well. Leave room at the top of the planter for moss or leaves.
7. Finishing touches.... Hot glue in your babies breath between the roses. You may also add ribbon to the main stem or even between the roses if you wish. Cover foam with moss. Or put a bow in the planter. Wind a stem of ivy around the main stem if you wish.

Notes:

You may use bush type roses but you will have to wire and tape them to extend the stems. For this graphic I used the bush type roses. It is much easier to use the natural stems.

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