

Circular Arrangements

Elements of Floral Design

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Objectives:

After completing this lesson the student will be able to:

- ✿ Design circular arrangement's.
- ✿ Identify the four types of circular arrangements.
- ✿ Construct a circular mound arrangement.
- ✿ Construct a conical arrangement.
- ✿ Construct an oval arrangement.
- ✿ Construct a fan arrangement.

Mass Flower Arrangements

- ✿ Arrangements using a geometric pattern
- ✿ A beginning designer should visualize:
 - ✿ The geometric pattern of the design
 - ✿ How the completed design should look
- ✿ Patterns are the FRAMEWORK that guide a designer
- ✿ Mass designs are either triangular or circular



Forms of Circular Arrangements

★ Mound

★ Oval

★ Fan

★ Cone



Progression of Circular Design

- ✿ Introduced during the Byzantine period
 - ✿ Foliage was arranged in containers to resemble cone shaped trees
 - ✿ Flowers and fruit were often spiraled at the base.
- ✿ Modern designs are less formal
- ✿ Primarily used as table arrangements



Conical Design

- Low round containers are used for this design when placing it on a table
- The total height should not exceed 14 inches



Oval Arrangements

- Tend to hold the viewers attention within the circular pattern created by the arrangement
- Due to the size people tend to use them as alter arrangements or at the end of a room.



Fan Design

- ✿ One-sided arrangement
- ✿ Silhouette is a “fan” shape
- ✿ Williamsburg design era



Commonly used in:

- ✿ Banquet arrangements
- ✿ Sympathy flowers (funeral)
- ✿ Basket designs
- ✿ Church altars



Mound Design

- ✿ A Mound design is also called a nosegay arrangement
- ✿ Should be viewed from all sides
- ✿ **Does not have a focal point**
- ✿ Designs may be:
 - ✿ Compact
 - ✿ Light & airy



Mound Design

- ✿ Rhythm
- ✿ Equal space between flowers
- ✿ Round or low containers
- ✿ Flowers used:
 - ✿ Mass
 - ✿ Filler
 - ✿ Form (least common)
- ✿ **Never use line flowers!**



Floral Material Choices

✿ Use mass & filler flowers such as:

✿ Carnations

✿ Roses

✿ Tulips

✿ Mums

✿ Statice

✿ Baby's breath



Constructing a Round Arrangement



Step 1: Collect Materials

- 6" design bowl
- 1/3 block of oasis floral foam
- 9 standard carnations
- Pompon (daisy) mums (optional)
- Baby's breath
- 4-5 stems leatherleaf



Step 2: Prepare Container

- ✿ Cut 1/3 block of floral foam.
- ✿ Saturate the floral foam in warm water
- ✿ Place the block in water and allow it to absorb water at it's own rate. If you push it under, it may have an air bubble in the middle
- ✿ Place securely in design bowl



Step 3: Green the Base

- Place a circle of leather leaf fern around the rim of the container.
- Allow the fern to overlap the side of the container.
- Save the remaining part of the fern stem for later use.
- Cover as much foam as possible!!



Step 4: Add Base Flowers

- ✿ Place four flowers straight into the foam, opposite each other at the rim of the container.
- ✿ These four carnations should form a square pattern.
- ✿ The base of the carnation blooms should extend just before the fern tips.



Step 5: Establishing the Height

- Place the carnation, with the straightest stem, in the center of the floral foam at a height of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 times the height of the container.



This flower will establish the uppermost boundary of the floral design.



Step 6: Green the Top

- ✿ Use the remaining fern stems to green the foam.



Cover ALL foam



Step 7: Adding Remaining Flowers

- Insert remaining carnations
- Bisect angles!
- Step 1: Draw Triangle
- Step 2: Place flower right in middle



Step 8: Add Filler Flowers

- Filler flowers such as baby's breath or statice are added to soften the design.
- Cut small pieces of baby's breath and carefully place them between flowers in the arrangement.
- Allow the filler flowers to stick out slightly around the flowers and foliage.



Step 9: Evaluating the Design

- ✿ Design should be ROUND!
- ✿ NO bald spots ☺



Tips!

- ✿ Continue adding water to foam to increase arrangement life
- ✿ Place flowers carefully in the foam, holes are permanent
- ✿ Be sure all flowers and foliage are pushed securely into the foam to increase water absorption



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