

Title: Seasonal Round

<p>Short description</p> <p>Using a posy pad to highlight the textures and colours of a season in a vegetative manner</p>
<p>Plant material</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seasonal flowers – some single headed• Grasses/thin branches/twigs• Range of foliage with different textures e.g. Heather, Conifer, Ivy, Pittosporum• Alternative could be decorative gravel to cover the surface of the foam
<p>Mechanics and sundries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Floral foam posy pad. I used 8” but you could use 10” or bigger• 65cm of 2mm cork sheet/roll, available from, Amazon, eBay, etc. Alternatives are wallpaper, ribbon, hessian. (Join could be at the back of the design)• A length of florist’s Poly ribbon• Pins – corsage or steel or pearl headed• Raffia or jute twine wrapped round the circumference could be used to hide any pin heads if wanted
<p>Method</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lightly soak the posy pad2. Slice the cork sheet on a craft or chopping board to strip/s or just cut a suitable length off a roll. Can be straight or angled. Either cut to the depth of the posy pad or deeper if preferred. If deep, the flowers will need to be bold to balance the visual weight of the cork strip3. Fix a length of poly ribbon round the circumference of the posy pad, pinning into the hard plastic base. This is to protect the cork from getting too wet4. Cover the ribbon with the cork strip, pinning appropriately5. Place foliage as groundwork on the surface of the posy pad or leave the surface bare until the end then cover the surface of the foam with decorative gravel6. Arrange plant materials in a vertical manner to create interest at the base and at height. The central area should be visually ‘transparent’
<p>Tips/seasonal modifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could use evergreens/seasonal colours e.g. red and green for Xmas• Pussy willow, Iris flowers, blossom, twigs, Narcissi, etc. for Spring• Alternative is to cover the top of the foam with sand, crab apples, small baubles, seed compost, etc
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