

Title: Foam free design using a clear plastic stem twister / holder

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| <p>Short description</p> <p>A clear plastic holder for use in a vase that creates a spiral effect of the plant material stems</p> |
| <p>Plant material</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any seasonal plant material you have access to• Flowers: Roses, aliums, carnations• Foliage: any |
| <p>Mechanics and sundries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stem twister – the hole diameters are approx. 1cm and made from durable plastic• Vase |
| <p>Method</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Align the points on the stem twister so the holes in the top and bottom sections are above each other2. Insert the flower and foliage stems into the holes - one by one3. Hold the stems at the bottom4. Narrow stems will easily fall through – if this happens combine large and small stems together through the same hole5. Continue to add all your plant material6. Rotate and twist the top section of the stem holder until the stems have twisted7. The integrated spiral design of the stem holder ensures the stems are held securely8. Trim the excess off the stems9. Place the flowers and stem holder in a vase of water |
| <p>Tips/seasonal modifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold the stems underneath the bottom of the stem hole once you have pushed them through the holes• Has a similar effect to a hand tie with spiral stems but is must easier to hold and create• The stem twister enables a beginner to arrange flowers easily in a vase without the flowers flopping over• If the desired effect isn't quite achieved the flowers can easily be removed and replaced without damaging them. This is not so easily done using floral foam• The stem holder can be washed in hot soapy water and reused many times• Vary in price from £2 to £5 |
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