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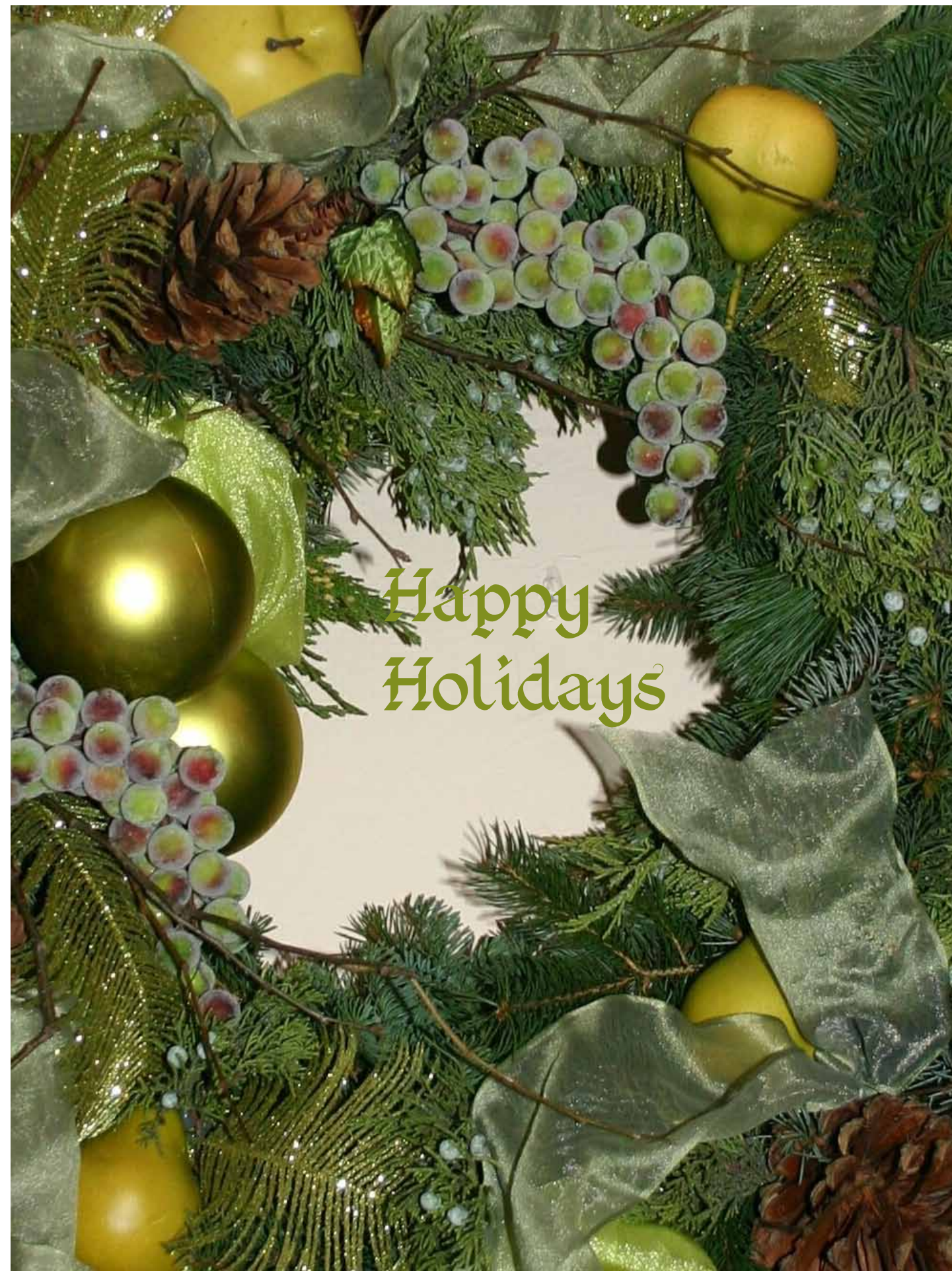
Dear Friends,

Greetings to all! In this special Holiday 2018 edition we have wreaths, swags, floral designs and ideas for your holiday decorating. Many of these are reprints from our past issues; now together in one holiday volume along with some ideas for your enjoyment.

Winter here in New England is cold and snowy. Lights and festive decorations inside and outside your home bring a little sparkle to an otherwise frosty time. Our gardens are put to bed and we can focus our attention on our interior landscape of house-plants and holiday decor.

It's a time for family and friends ...so decorate for the holidays.

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*Happy
Holidays*



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Consider the following for your holiday decorating:

EVERGREENS

Arborvitae
Balsam
Juniper
Boxwood
Cedar
Cypress
Eucalyptus
Fir
Holly
Magnolia
Pine
Spruce

DECORATION MATERIALS

Artificial foliage
Decorative artificial fruit
Lichen covered branches
Lotus pods
Magnolia seed heads
Milkweed pods
Non-breakable ornaments
Pine Cones (Variety of sizes)
Ribbon



How to Make That Wreath



Make or buy an evergreen wreath, This one was made with Blue Spruce tips on a round wreath ring. A 24 inch width mesh ribbon in chartreuse and gold flecks is added and tied in with floral wire.



Next add some interesting plant materials. Here I have added Magnolia leaves with its rusty velvet under leaf. Consider evergreens such as Berried Juniper, Pine or Cedar. Use floral wire to secure branches to your wreath. Be sure to wire materials tightly.



Here 2 very large Sugar Pine cones are placed near the top along with 4 Loblolly Pine cones. Secure each pine cone as tightly as possible with floral wire. Glue will not secure your decorations adequately...So don't turn on those glue guns just yet.



Now things are getting interesting. Add 6-7 artificial pears and 5-6 glitter covered artificial fern fronds. Again, be sure to wire each element for the stability of your wreath especially if it is to be placed outdoors and exposed to wind and the elements.



We're almost done. Pick a ribbon and make a bow. Wire it onto the wreath. Lastly I have added some small pine cones, decorative artificial gold pine cones and some lotus pods to the wreath. These too were all individually wired on. Only consider gluing small, lightweight items if you desire more.



Add some interest to a swag...add a big gold star with a bow. Think about some large pine cones natural or spray painted. Find the perfect ribbon for the perfect bow.



Here a simple garland with a festive bow and ribbon will bring that holiday spirit into your home.



More simple garland with a festive holiday bow.



A sparkle filled wreath with a matching garland, create an interesting contrast between the contemporary design of the decorations on this 1774 fireplace mantel.



This decorated garland draped over this tall chest of drawers, draws attention to this piece of furniture.



An antique writing desk enjoys some festive touches with a garland as the base of the design.

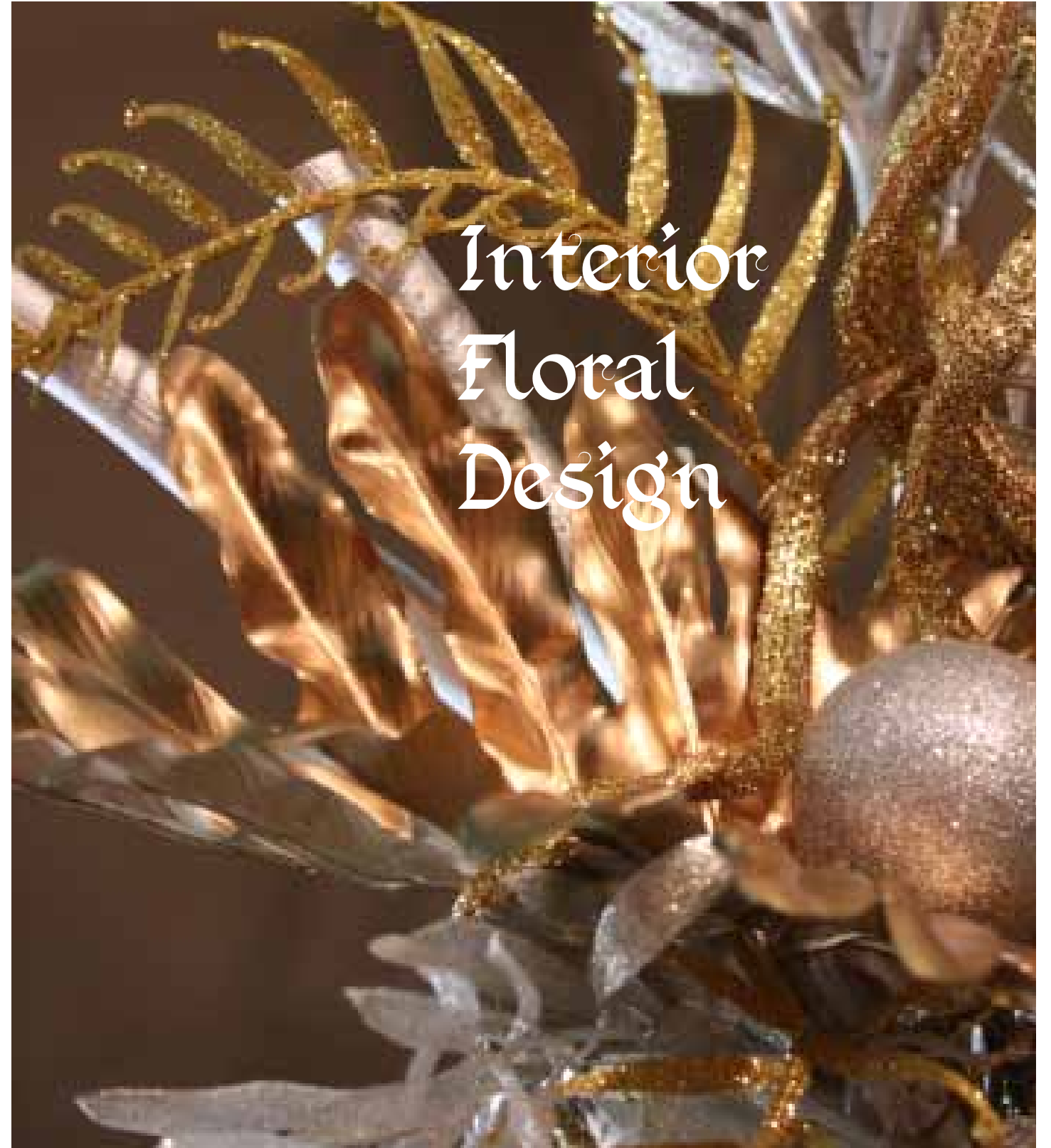


Close up of the writing desk.





This garland is made from trimmed fruit tree branches. Mesh ribbons, Sugar Pine cones and glitter balls are added for the sparkle.



Interior Floral Design



This clear glass vase is filled with sparkling holiday ornaments. Artificial painted foliage has been added and a snowflake hangs on the edge of the vase.



A simple copper vase is filled with fresh evergreens and accented with pine cones and painted foliage.



An antique silver coffee urn has fresh balsam and painted artificial foliage and ornaments.



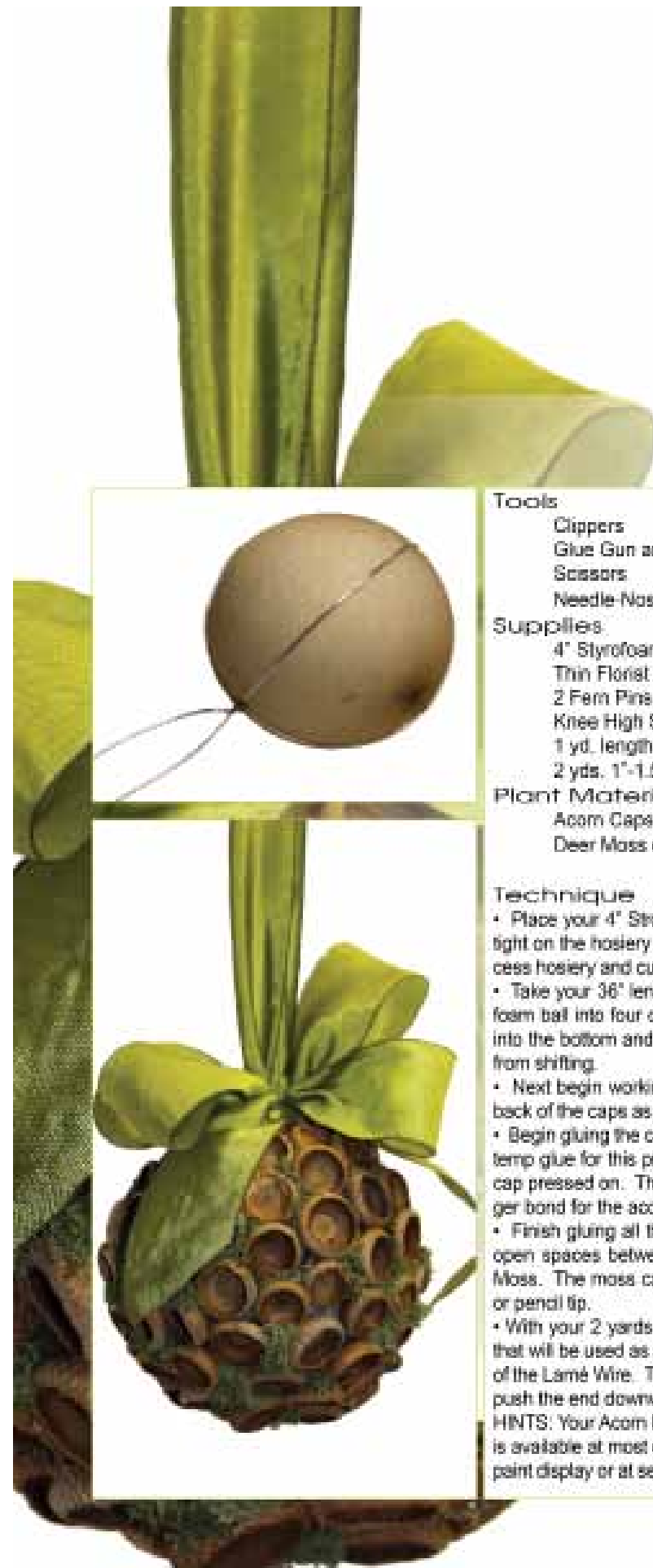
Groupings of like objects create a drama. Here 3 holiday tree made of coconut fiber stand tall behind a bowl of glass ornaments.



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December 2013
Deck the Halls

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Tools

- Clippers
- Glue Gun and Low Temp Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Needle-Nose Pliers

Supplies

- 4" Styrofoam Ball
- Thin Florist Wire
- 2 Fern Pins
- Knee High Stocking Hosiery
- 1 yd. length of 2mm Lamé Covered Wire or any other Wire
- 2 yds. 1"-1.5" width Holiday Ribbon

Plant Materials

- Acorn Caps
- Deer Moss or Spaghnum Moss

Technique

- Place your 4" Styrofoam Ball into the toes of a knee high hosiery. Pull up tight on the hosiery and secure with a piece of thin florist wire. Trim off excess hosiery and cut wire ends.
 - Take your 36" length of Lamé Covered Wire and tightly wrap your styrofoam ball into four quadrants. Twist to secure the ends. Push in Fern Pins into the bottom and top wire cross-overs of the lamé wire to keep the wire from shifting.
 - Next begin working with the Acorn Caps. Cut off any stems leaving the back of the caps as smooth and flat as possible.
 - Begin gluing the caps to the top of the styrofoam ball. Be sure to use low temp glue for this project. Glue may be applied directly to the ball and the cap pressed on. The glue will penetrate through the hosiery giving a stronger bond for the acorn caps to adhere to.
 - Finish gluing all the caps all around the ball. When finished look for any open spaces between the caps and fill in with Deer Moss or Spaghnum Moss. The moss can be pushed into the openings with a bamboo skewer or pencil tip.
 - With your 2 yards of fancy Holiday Ribbon make a bow with a long loop that will be used as a hanger. Attach the bow to the ball using the two ends of the Lamé Wire. Twist tightly, trim the wire and with needle nose pliers and push the end downward and out of sight. Project Time: 30 minutes
- HINTS: Your Acorn Ball maybe flocked to add a wintry look. Spray flocking is available at most craft stores during the holiday season. Look in the spray point display or at seasonal holiday offerings.



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Easy Rose Wreath for your Table





Tools
Clippers

Supplies
Wreath frame of bamboo or grapevine wreath
Clear water tubes
Ribbon if desired

Plant Materials
12 Roses
Variegated berried holly or variegated english ivy or evergreens
Dried mini lotus pods
Small cones

Technique
To begin (A). Find a suitable wreath frame or make a wreath from cut bamboo sticks as pictured. A grapevine wreath will work provided that you are able to insert water tubes into the vines. The pictured bamboo wreath form was made with 4" cur pieces of bamboo that were glued together. The wreath forms may be left in their natural color or spray painted to suit your needs. Silver and gold are colorful and can be used throughout the holidays including New Year's.

(B). Cut your Holly and Roses and place into water tubes. Keep the stem length uniform and short. Take the picked Holly stems and randomly place into the wreath not overloading any one area. Next place the Roses or other floral choice, Red Gerbers Daisies would be very cheerful. Next add your dried materials. Cut stems appropriately and place amongst the fresh plant materials.

A holiday ribbon if desired will add another festive note to your design. Think about other evergreen choices too...Pine, Spruce and Fir Tree branches.



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Vertical Design




Tools
Clippers

Supplies
Floral Foam
Low Rectangular Vase
Design Master Spray Paint
Non-breakable holiday ornaments (large and small size)
Tumbled clear glass chips

Plant Materials
1 Mixed Holiday Supermarket Bouquet
or suitable mix of flowers and greens
Painted Sticks

Technique
(A) Trim and paint straight sticks. Begin the floral design by placing the sticks into a floral foam filled vase. Keep the sticks straight. Add non-breakable holiday ornaments in several sizes and colors as desired.

(B) Randomly place mixed flowers and evergreens into the design. When finished placing the flowers and greens pour in pieces of tumbled glass pieces to hide the floral foam.

Silver and gold with red and green is festive for the holidays. Change out the design using unpainted, natural sticks and seasonal flowers for very naturalistic design. Marbles and or polished river rocks can be substituted for the tumbled glass pieces.

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February 21-24, 2019

Connecticut Flower & Garden Show 2019

Connecticut Convention Center
100 Columbus Blvd
Hartford, CT 06103

Hours:

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

March 2-10, 2019

PHS Philadelphia Flower Show, *Flower Power!*

Pennsylvania Convention Center
12th & Arch Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Saturday, March 2 -

Sunday, March 10, 2019

March 13-17, 2019

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The Beauty of Balance

Seaport World Trade Center
Boston, MA

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Harrogate Spring Flower Show featuring beautiful show gardens, great shopping, live entertainment and the biggest exhibition by florists and flower arrangers in the country.

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RHS Chatsworth Flower Show

Chatsworth is home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, and has been passed down through 16 generations of the Cavendish family. It is a family home, a working farm and a living landscape.



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