

# How to make a Pot et Fleur

You will need:

Ceramic bowl

Floral tape

Sharp scissors

Flowers & foliage to suit your decor

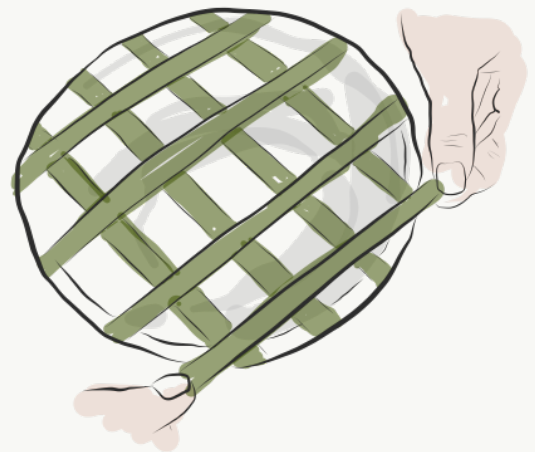


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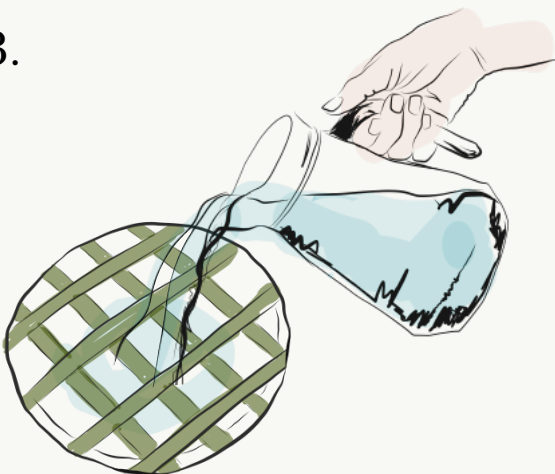
Choose your vase or bowl for the arrangement. The shape of your dish will dictate the final outcome of your arrangement. Choose something that can support some leaning stems.

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Take a floral tape cut into pieces and then use them to make a grid across the bowl. Keep the ends of the tape that overlap onto your bowl as short as you can.

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Add lukewarm water to your bowl.

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**MAKE A FRAME:** Begin with the stiffest materials, to make a general structure you can use to support weaker stems. Add much more greenery than you think you should. To gauge the length required before cutting, hold a branch next to the vase then trim it.

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**ADD FOUNDATION:** Use relatively sturdy flowers with large blooms or broad faces (like scented stocks, hyacinth, hydrangea, dahlia, chrysanthemum, lisianthus or peonies). Cut these stems on the shorter side, identify empty spots in your structure, and fill them in.

6.



**ADD FOCAL FLOWERS:** These stems should be a little longer, so they stand out. Rely on more decorative flowers with relatively firm stems, these might be considered the focus of the arrangement (like ranunculus, hellebore, lilies, tulips, carnations, anemones, aster, freesia, and roses).

7.



**FINER DETAILS:** Reach for the very delicate stems (like sweet pea, forget me not, daffodils, poppies, cosmos, and pansies). They need to go in last, for visual and practical purposes. If you put these in earlier, they can be crushed by the stronger stemmed flower.

8.



**PERSONALISE:** Finish your arrangement with a personal touch - you could incorporate cuttings from your garden, feathers or Christmas decorations. This is a great way to style your arrangement for an event.

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**ENJOY!** Clean the bowl in case you've had any water spillages, and place in your chosen spot to be admired.



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