

# How to Make a Brass Cuff Wrist Corsage

It is common for moms and grandmas to wear corsages. However, it is completely optional!

This pin-on corsage is almost exactly like a boutonniere. We just added a few extra blooms to make it fancier.



## Gather Supplies

For a brass cuff wrist corsage you will need floral shears, the cuff (it doesn't have to be brass, there are some fun colorful ones out there), glue (either floral glue or a low temp hot glue gun), and something like a paper plate or paper towel to keep your surface clean.

Floral glue is safer for the flowers but hot glue can be used. Do not put the hot glue directly on the stem. Squirt it onto the plate or on a trash stem then on the flower once it has cooled a bit.



## Gather Flowers & Greens

Small flowers and bits of greenery are best for corsages. Stick to hardy items since delicate flowers will get sad fast. Our favorites are Spray Roses, Button Poms, and Mini Carnations. Almost any greenery works well.

Plan on a total of about 5-7 blooms per corsage. Added texture like baby's breath or wax flower is another way to fill in any gaps or holes.



## Add Some Grip

The brass cuff is smooth so it helps to add a small piece of paper towel to give some texture and help the flowers stick better.

This is an optional step but it does help especially if you are using the hot glue instead of floral glue.



## Dip The Stems

With both the floral glue or hot glue it is best to dip the stems in the glue instead of squirting the glue directly on the cuff.

The floral glue is runny so it is easy to overdo it. This technique allows you to control the amount of glue. It also allows the glue to become tacky and dry faster. With the hot glue it keeps you from burning the stems.



## Start With Greenery

Add your blooms one at a time until you are happy with the arrangement. You may need to adjust your greenery or baby's breath with the blooms as well. Use about 3-5 small blooms for a full corsage.

It's alright to have some of the greenery or texture in front of the blooms. However, you do want to try to make an obvious back so the prettiest part is showing once pinned on.



## Work With The Stems

Different styles of flowers will work differently on your corsage. Spray Roses and Mini Carnations have longer bases. Even if you cut the stems completely short you will still have to lay the flowers sideways because of the long base.

A bloom like a button pom has a flat base so the stem can be completely cut off and laid flat.

Use the different shapes of the flowers together to make your design.

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Wrist corsages are a good alternative to a regular pin-on corsage because they can be worn with almost any outfit. The brass cuff is a bit more comfortable than the slap bracelet but it moves around on the arm more.



## Press & Hold

Add as many flowers as you would like.

The floral glue takes awhile to set. Be patient and hold the flowers in place.

If needed, have someone else hold the flowers in place on one cuff while you start on another one.

This is likely not needed with the hot glue but still be careful not to burn the flowers.



## Add Extra Texture

Once you finish adding the blooms you can add texture and more greens,

Fill in any gaps you see. In addition to greenery you can use texture items like baby's breath, wax flower, or limonium.

Other great texture items to add are tiny ranunculus buds or rose buds.



## Store & Hydrate

Place a layer of damp paper towels in the bottom of a shallow food container.

Place the corsages inside and add another damp towel on top. Seal the container and place it in the refrigerator.

Make sure your fridge is on the warmest setting so the flowers do not freeze. Don't forget to take them with you on the wedding day!

