

How to Make an Easy Pin-On 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 this type of corsage you will need stem tape, shears, ribbon, pixie pins, and a low temp hot glue gun (optional). You'll also need a clean food container for hydration and storage. You'll want to prep a "corsage station" with everything. If you are also making bouts have the same person make these corsages as the bouts. You'll likely use the same blooms so gather all of your smaller pieces together. Make sure the stems are clean and a good length to work with.



Gather Flowers & Greens

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

Since you want the corsages to be fancier than the bouts plan on about 3-5 small blooms each. Added texture like baby's breath or wax flower is another way to make these more fancy.



Stem Tape

To hold everything together you will use green floral stem tape.

This tape does not feel sticky at first. You need to stretch the tape to activate the glue. Then it will stick to itself.

It will be hard to cut or tear the tape with the flowers in your hand. Pre cut the tape into approx. 3-inch pieces. One piece per corsage.



Start With Greenery

Use 1-2 types of greenery in your corsages. Two to four sprigs of greenery will make a good base for the flowers. Try to trim off the lower leaves so they do not get in the way of the tape. Pinch the stems together with two fingers to make a mini bouquet.

If you want to add a texture item like baby's breath or wax flower add that next. Layer this in after the greenery but before the flowers.



Add The Blooms

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.



Tape The Stems

Take your pre-cut and pre-stretched piece of tape and wrap it tightly around the stems.

This is usually the hardest part. If the stems shift around too much while you are taping it's alright to take it apart and try again.

You do not have to wrap the entire length of the stems, just enough to hold it together. The less tape you use the easier it will be to cover up later.

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Each corsage can be different. They don't all have to be the same. You can mix and match colors, flowers, and styles.



Cut The Stems

Trim the ends of the stems so everything is straight and even. This will make the arrangement look neat and clean.

Leave the stems at least 1-2 inches long so the pins have enough stem to hold on to.



Cover The Tape

Use a pretty ribbon to wrap the stems and cover the tape. You do not have to cover the entire stem length. Just make sure the ribbon is covering the tape.

Use a thin silk or satin ribbon that is about 1/4 - 1/2 inch wide.

Depending on your style you can simply wrap the ribbon around the stems and tie a knot or a bow. Otherwise, fold the ribbon over for a clean look.



Fold & Glue The Ribbon

To wrap the ribbon without a knot or bow you will need something else to keep it in place.

For this example I used a low temp hot glue gun. Put a small dot of glue on the end of the ribbon. Fold it over just about 1/2" to create a smooth edge. Then put another dot of glue on the ribbon and press it onto the ribbon on the stem.

Double sided adhesive like glue dots can be used instead of hot glue.



Add Pins

Just in case you forget the box of pins on the wedding day go ahead and add the pins to the corsage now.

Usually 2 pins are plenty but you might need three just in case.

Just poke the pins right into the ribbon but make sure they don't stick out the other side so no one stabs themselves when they pick them up.



Store and Hydrate

Place a layer of damp paper towels in the bottom of a shallow food container. Set the corsages in flat 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!



Pin On

You may want to check ahead of time that the dresses everyone plans to wear will work with this style of corsage.

These can be pinned on to most sturdy fabric. However, they may not fit some style of dresses. For thin material it is best to pin through the dress to the bra strap (so something like a lace top and a strapless bra might not work).

Use two short pins. Angle one pin down through the dress first then the corsage. Angle another pin up. The angle will keep the pins from stabbing through and poking.