

FLORAL ART SCHOOL OF AUSTRALIA
Cream And Gold Christmas Arrangement Featuring Candles



This glamorous arrangement features artificial cream and gold poinsettias, gold anthuriums, gold feathers, pods, pine cones, gold grapes, candles twisted willow and green foliage.

NOTE: Artificial flowers can be sprayed gold.

You will need 3 feature flowers of choice such as poinsettias. Other suitable types are roses and tulips.

3 gold anthuriums. Other suitable types are tulips and lisianthus.

3 pine cones, 2 bunches of gold grapes and gold pods.

1 flat container. Dry foam, pot tape, two candles, gold ribbon, wreath pegs. 22 gauge wire x 23cm (9") long, tape, moss.

1. Cut the dry foam to the right size and place it in a container. Secure in place with pot tape criss crossing it over the top and down the sides of the container for 2.5cm (1"). An extra 5cm x 5cm (2" x 2") square of grey foam is placed on top of the left hand side of the foam to raise one of the candles higher. Use 2 wire hair pins to hold the foam square in place. To make hairpins use 22 gauge wire x 23 cm (9") long and bend into a hair pin shape with equal sized legs, place on top of the square and push into the foam.
2. Place 3 wooden wreath pegs or short 7.5cm (3") lengths of 18 gauge wire against the base of a candle to form a tripod stand and secure them in place with pot tape, winding it around a couple of times. Repeat the step with the other candle.
3. Insert 1 candle on top of the foam square. Insert the other candle in the grey foam about 7.5cm (3") to the right of the other candle – as shown in the photograph.
4. Wire 1 gold feather on double legs with short 22 gauge wire x 23 cm (9") long. To do this, place the centre of the wire behind the end of the feather and wind the right hand wire twice around the stem and bring the two wires straight down together. Cover wires with tape for 5cm (2"). Insert the three gold feathers as shown, having 2 to the left and 1 to the right.
5. The gold anthuriums are now positioned in the arrangement. Cut each one to the desired length. Wire as in step 4 and insert around the lower part of the arrangement as shown.
6. Wire the 3 cream and gold poinsettias in the same way as step 4 and insert along the center of the arrangement as shown.
7. Insert the green foliage around, wiring the stems if required as explained in step 4.
8. Wire the 3 pine cones by placing the centre of a 22 gauge wire x 45cm (18") long behind and across the base of the pine cone and cut the wires to the desired length and insert in the arrangement as shown. Wire the two bunches of gold grapes at position as shown. Insert the gold pods evenly throughout the design. Insert the twisted willow at the back of the arrangement.
9. Cut a piece of ribbon to measure about 15cm (6") long and fold in half to make a loop. Wire across the base with 22 gauge wire x 23cm (9") long. Make up another 2 loops in the same way and insert evenly throughout the design. If any bare foam is showing, it can be covered with moss.

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