

longstanding forms

Easel sprays are traditional sympathy tributes that should be a part of your design repertoire.

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HOW TO

Create the shape, framework and size of the spray with foliage and *Gladioluses* (or other line flowers). Following the established outline, arrange the rest of the flowers, one type at a time, from the extremities of the spray into the center.

customary creation

For more than a century, easel sprays (or standing sprays) have been traditional funeral tributes in many parts of the United States, with flowers reaching outward to form primarily diamond or oval shapes. These designs often feature focal points positioned in the centers or upper halves of the floral gatherings, commonly comprising ribbon.

MATERIALS: 'Litouwen' LA hybrid lilies and 'Telstar' Irises from **The Sun Valley Group**; *Gladioluses* from **Glad-A-Way Gardens**; 'Moonshade' carnations from **Florigene Flowers**; peach stocks, emerald fern and leatherleaf fern from suppliers of your choice. Anisha ribbon (Red Coral) from **Lion Ribbon Company/Offray**; Floracage Grande Holder and Oasis Wire Easel from **Smithers-Oasis North America**.



HOW TO



Arrange flowers into the upper portion of a floral-foam cage in a “presentation bouquet” style, and place the cut-off stems into the lower portion of the cage so that the finished spray resembles a hand-tied bouquet.

modern composition

Once you've mastered standard easel spray designs, you can learn to create more artistic variations, such as this “hand-tied bouquet” standing spray. Cut off the lower portion of the flower stems, but save and insert them into the bottom of the floral-foam cage. Arrange the blooms in a radiating manner into the upper portion of the cage, to mimic the appearance of a tied bouquet. **sf**

MATERIALS: *Gladioluses* from **Glad-A-Way Gardens**; 'Crane Rose' ornamental kale (*Brassica*), "Hotline" Oriental lilies and heather from **The Sun Valley Group**; emerald fern and leatherleaf fern from supplier of your choice; Oasis Wire Easel and Floracage Grande Holder from **Smithers-Oasis North America**; Satin Value Wired Edge ribbon (Lavender) from **Reliant Ribbons Bow & Trims**.