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CENTERPIECE TIPS

ASSEMBLY TIME: APPROXIMATELY 15-20 MINUTES EACH

Tools needed:

1. Hot glue gun
2. Wire cutters
3. Light gauge wire or twist ties.
4. Rubber bands (4)
5. Foam filler (available at Home Depot or Lowes). Look for "Great Stuff" Big Gap Filler made by Dow.



Creating your base

Secure your manzanita branch in the container by stretching the rubber bands over the container, and placing the branch between the rubber bands. Fill the bottom with the foam filler, only about 2 inches up from the bottom of the container around the base of the branch. The foam will really **E X P A N D**, so be careful not to use too much! Let cure for a couple of hours.

Attaching the flowers

Use your wire cutters to clip the flowers off of the main stem, being sure to leave enough flower stem (1-2 inches) to glue to the branches. Secure the flowers to the branches using wire or twist ties. Use the hot glue gun to glue the flowers to the branch ends. Be careful not to glue the wire to the flower stem or the branch. Remove the wire after letting the glue cure for about 10 minutes.

Place the container in a larger decorative container (tin or copper bucket or a vase) and fill in around the base if needed.