

# A QUICK & EASY 2-for-1 Easter Arrangement



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Wouldn't it be nice to surprise your Easter guests with their own take home mini-flower arrangement? Well, in this lesson that is exactly what we are going to create. So let's get started.

Supplies you will need:

Flowers:

3 – Bunches of Mini-Carnations (I chose 1 each Yellow, Pink and White for my arrangement, but the final color choice is up to you.



2 Bunches of Filler Flowers (I used mini asters in Purple and White – 1 of each color)



12-15 Leather leaf ferns



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1 – Bunch of Wax Flowers (or Baby's breath if you prefer)



The rest of Your Supplies:

1 – Round Bowl 8"



2 – Blocks of Wet foam



6 – Plastic eggs that come apart. They should be 2 1/4" (minimum) across, and have somewhat of flat bottom.

NOTE: If you prefer you can use votive glasses instead of the plastic eggs.



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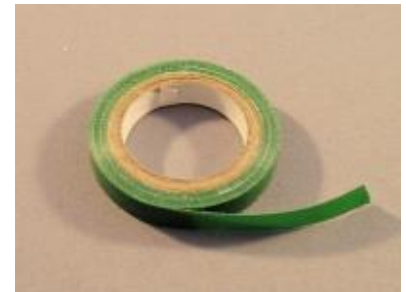
6 – Poker chips to glue to the bottom of the egg giving it a stable base.



An Easter decoration for the center of the arrangement. Nothing too high so that it does not interfere with your guests view at the table.



Some waterproof florists tape to hold the foam inside the egg/votive base to increase its stability and help keep the flowers from moving.



Some moss to help cover the center block with the Easter decoration.



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Some florist pins to hold the moss on the center foam block.



1-large platter to place the center decoration with its bowl on. It should also be large enough to place the mini arrangements around the diameter.



Florist Clay. We will use it to hold the mini arrangements in place.



Glue gun.



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We're all set to put our arrangement together!

**STEP 1:** Glue the poker chips to the bottom of the six plastic eggs. This will provide stability for the mini arrangement.



**STEP 2:** (a) Cut one block of foam to fit your 8" bowl, (b) the second block will be cut smaller pieces to fit the plastic egg cups/votive glasses. (c) The finished pieces for the egg cups/votive glasses should extend approx. 1/2" above the rim. Be sure to trim enough from the sides so that the mini-arrangements can be watered. Soak all the foam pieces so that they get good and wet. When ready place the larger foam block into the 8" bowl. Then take each smaller trimmed piece and place into each of the 6 egg cups/votive glasses.



(a)



(b)

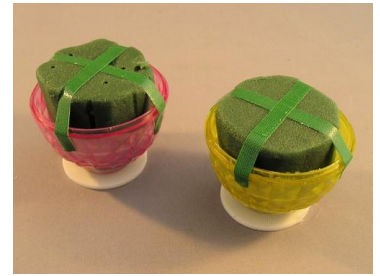


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**STEP 3:** Now take 2-strips of florists tape and apply them in a crisscross fashion over the foam in each of the 6 egg cups/votive glasses. Set aside for later.



**STEP 4:** Next we will begin work on the center of the arrangement. Start by placing leather leaf fern into the foam around the bottom of the bowl. You can actually cut the leaves from the individual branches of fern to fill around the bowl. You do not want the fern to stick out too much, only enough to hide the rim of the bowl.



**STEP 5:** Now we will cover the rest of the block with the moss. Use florist pins to help hold the moss to the block. You want just enough moss to hide the foam block.



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**STEP 6:** Place your decoration on top of the foam block. We will be adding some flowers and fillers to finish off the arrangement. (Note: I placed some plastic wrap beneath the decoration to protect it from the moisture)



**STEP 7:** Place some the mini-mums around the block. Stems should be cut to approximately 1". Alternate the colors around the block.



Front



Back

**STEP 8:** Now cut some of the asters and place them around the block, alternating the two colors.



Front



Back

**Step 9:** Now add some wax flowers as additional filler. It's okay if some of the moss shows, it just adds to the texture of the arrangement. Believe it or not your center piece for the arrangement is now complete. It is actually an arrangement of its own.



**STEP 10:** Place the center piece that you just finished in the middle of your tray. We are now ready to finish off the mini arrangements'.



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**STEP 11:** Take one of the egg/votive cups and insert fern around the rim. Cut the leaves from the fern branch to accomplish this. Go all around the cup. Do this for all 6 cups.



**STEP 12:** Cut 2 pink mums, 1 yellow mum and 1 white mum from bunches. Stem length should be as follows: Pink: Cut one stem 1" in length, the second pink stem 4" in length. Cut each yellow and white stem 2" in length. Place the short pink mum into the foam near one end. Place the yellow and white mum behind the pink next to each other. Place the last long pink stem behind the yellow and white mums.



**Step 13:** Cut 1 length of purple aster approximately 8" and place in back and to the left of the long pink mum. Add some wax flowers to fill in a few of the gaps, plus one longer piece to place in front of and below the short pink mum. This completes the first mini arrangement. Repeat the process for all 6 alternating the flowers as shown on the next page.



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Here is a sample of all three variations.



Uses 2 pink.



Uses 2 yellow.



Uses 2 white.

(NOTE: Alternate the aster colors also, as shown above.)

Complete this process using two of each sample until all 6 mini arrangements are completed.

**STEP 14:** Now place the 6 mini arrangements around the center piece you made in the first steps. (NOTE: I used a small amount of clay on the bottom of each mini arrangement to hold it to the tray.)



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That's it, you have completed another arrangement. **Congratulations!**

When friends come to visit or to dinner, give them one of the mini arrangements to take home as a gift.



Close up view showing the happy chicks in their floral surroundings.

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Here is a picture using the arrangement on a mantel.



Another use might be use the mini arrangements as place markers at your dinner table with the large piece placed in the center of your table as a separate centerpiece. (Just insert signs taped to skewers with the name of your guest) Of course you might need more than 6 mini arrangements depending on how many guests you have. Or place one mini arrangement between each couple.

I' m sure you will find many ways to use this 2-in-1 arrangement.

**Have fun!**

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