

A QUICK & EASY Santa Boot Arrangement



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Since Christmas is just around the corner, I thought this easy Santa Boot design would be good for anyone's mantel, tabletop, etc. So if you're ready, let's get started!

Supplies you will need:

Flowers:

5 – Red Carnations

3 – White Carnations

Note: Be sure to remove the leaves before creating your arrangement.



4 – Stalks of White Paper Flower

(You can substitute another flower here such as white button mums; any small flower to use as additional filler.)



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A few clippings from a Fir tree and a Spruce tree. I got mine from my own back yard.



2 – Leather Leaf Fern Branches



2 – Smaller pine cones



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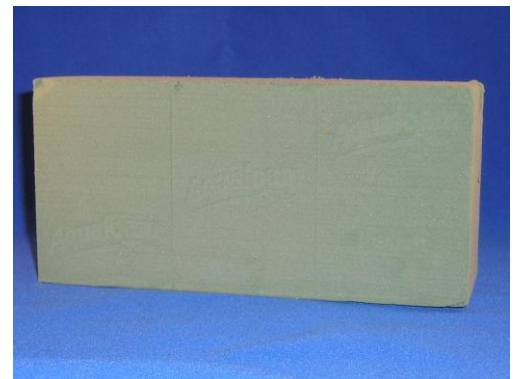
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The rest of Your Supplies:

1 – Santa Boot or container of your choosing. I purchased my boot at Hobby Lobby. It has a 3 ½" diameter and is 6 ½" tall.



1– Block of Wet foam



Some glitter glue and some gold glitter.



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Some small colored ornaments. (I bought these at Hobby Lobby, they have wires already attached). You will only need 2 balls – 1 red; 1 green; 1 gold

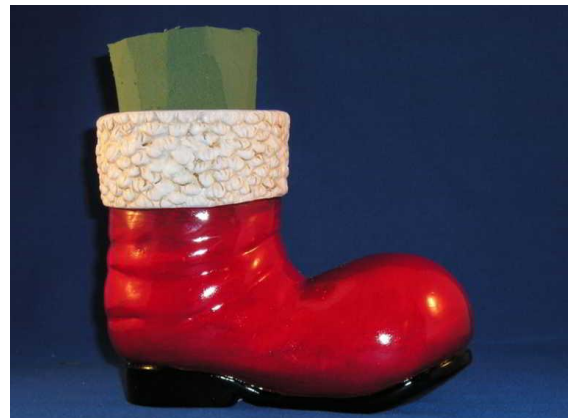


A small Christmas decoration, measuring up to 6". You will be gluing it onto a stick for insertion into your arrangement.



We're all set to put our arrangement together!

STEP 1: Cut foam to fit boot. Foam should be approximately 1 ½" higher than the rim of the boot. Soak the foam thoroughly.



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STEP 2: While the foam is soaking, you can make your pine cone adornment for the arrangement. To do this, spray two of the cones with glue and sprinkle with your gold glitter. Then using some florist wire wrap it around the bottom of the pine cone to create a stem. Next add the colored balls and three sprigs of spruce. Take another piece of florist wire to bind all these pieces together to create your decoration. Leave at least a 6" stem after your binding is completed. This will give you plenty of stem to use for insertion into the foam of the arrangement.



STEP 3: Place your now soaked foam into your container. Cut the leaves from the stalks of the fern. They should look like small fern leaves themselves. Insert them into the foam around the rim of the container. You should have plenty to go around, depending on the size of your container of course.



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STEP 4: Now let's use some of the spruce to put as a second layer over the fern and to help fill in any gaps that may be showing.



STEP 5: Add the fir cutting to the back of the foam, creating a sort of fan shape at the back. I cut the fir pieces to a length of 7 ½" at the very back to 6 ½" at the sides.

Front View



Back View



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STEP 6: Place your pine cone adornment to the right front of the arrangement.



STEP 7: Cut the red carnations stems to lengths of: 1 – 5 ½"; 2 – 5"; 2 – 3 ½". (Remove any leaves). Place the longest carnation in the center back of your arrangement. The two 5" carnations will go at the sides of the longest one and the remaining two 3 ½" will be placed towards the front of the arrangement.



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STEP 8: Now take your 3 white carnations (leaves removed) and cut them to a length of approximately 4". Place them between the red carnations as pictured.



Step 9: Take your remaining filler flower (paper flower or whatever you have chosen) and use 4 small bunches or 4 stalks to fill in between some of the gaps of the carnations.



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STEP 10: Add your decoration on a stick to the left side. And guess what? You are finished with your Santa Boot. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



I hope you have enjoyed this lesson as much as I have preparing it for you. Drop a line and let me know what you thought of it. Happy Holidays everyone! JUDY

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