

# *making an asymmetrical wreath*

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## **TOOLS & MATERIALS**

### **YOU WILL NEED:**

- WIRE CUTTERS/NEEDLE-NOSE PLIERS**
- HOT GLUE GUN** *high temp*
- SPIDER MUMS** *3 flowers*
- ANEMONES** *5 flowers*
- HYDRANGEA BLOOMS** *3 lavender, 3 green*
- HYDRANGEA LEAVES** *6*
- BIND WIRE** *brown*
- WREATH FORM** *10" wood embroidery hoop*

## **ASSEMBLING YOUR WREATH**

### **DESIGNER TIP: ODD NUMBERS**

When making any kind of arrangement, a great rule of thumb is to use odd numbers. In this lesson I am using 3 different types of flowers which include 3 mums, 3 of each color of hydrangea, and 5 anemone flowers.

### **DESIGNER TIP: PLACEMENT**

When placing each type of flower, you will want to give them a variety of space. One option is to cluster two together while leaving a larger space for the others. Another tip is to look at creating uneven triangles when you are working with three or more of the same flower. This gives a flow and rhythm to your final look.

### **WREATH FORM**

There are many varieties of wreath forms to choose from. For this lesson I am using both pieces of a natural wood embroidery wreath that is 10 inches wide. Using the complete hoop will give me more surface to glue flowers and leaves onto. For the asymmetrical wreath, I will use the metal section as my left corner point which will be the center of the arrangement.

### **ADDING LARGE FLOWERS**

The hydrangea heads have very thick stems so rather than cutting them short, simply curve the wire stems along the wood hoop. Keep in mind the direction of your arrangement so the stems will be covered by other flowers and leaves once complete. Use an extra piece of bind wire to secure the stems onto the hoop.

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### **ADDING SMALL FLOWERS**

The small spider mums and anemones are easy to slide between the bind wire that is wrapped around the hoop to hold the thick stems. Shorten your stems to about 5 inches so they are easier to manage. If you feel any flower needs a bit more hold, simply add a bit of hot glue behind the head and secure it to the wood hoop.

### **ADDING LEAVES**

Place your extra leaves onto your arrangement, then either slide stems between the wrapped bind wire or clip the stems and glue onto the wood hoop. For your large leaves, turn your wreath arrangement over to face the table and glue leaves onto the wood hoop, arranging to flow from center out and covering all of the exposed wires on the back of the wreath.

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## *homework*

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- WATCH** *Lesson 5*
- MAKE** *an asymmetrical wreath*

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