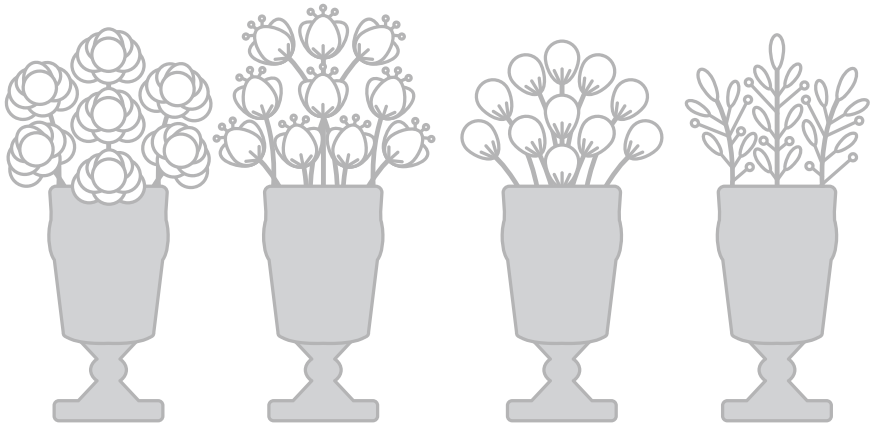




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I think we can all agree that flowers are an essential part of a nicely set dinner table. But the thought of creating flower arrangements from scratch can seem daunting and even impossible. But it doesn't have to be! We have teamed up with our florist Hürriyet to explore the art of floral decorations and devised three variations you can easily recreate at home with just a few basic tools!



THE WEE VASE ENSEMBLE

A selection of mugs and vases of different sizes is ideal for smaller tables because it's a very flexible solution that doesn't make the set up feel crowded. Here's how to do it:



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1. It's important to pick the right kind of flowers. Feel free to play around with different textures, small and large blossoms or even berries. Make a color scheme that fits the rest of your table decorations the shared element.



2. Now you need a selection of small vases, glasses or mugs. How many will depend on the size of your table, just check which amount makes sense. Small flower arrangements are also a great eye catcher on sideboards or in your hallway greeting your guests.



3. Now select the best flowers, blossoms or berries for each vessel and cut the stems down to the right length using a small, sharp knife.

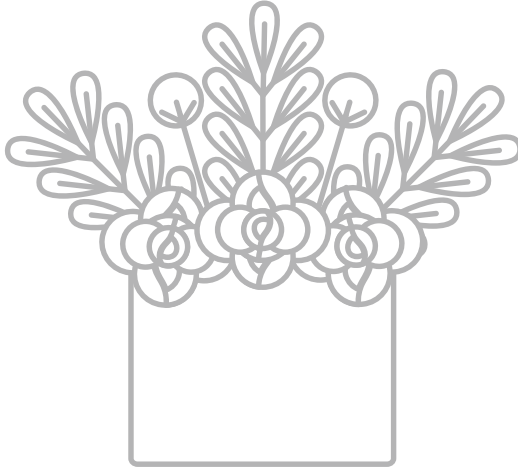
4. When placing the individual flowers in the vases consider letting the middle ones stand out a little higher to create a round shape.



5. With small vases it's best to limit your selection to one type of flower per vessel. Several small vases together will still make for a diverse flower arrangement.



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CENTER PIECE

A central flower arrangement serves as a great eye catcher and also adds a symmetrical component to the decorations on both a circular and rectangular table. Don't worry, centerpieces look more complicated than they actually are to make:

- 1.** Vessel selection is key! The most suitable one will be rather wide and also have a sufficiently large opening.
- 2.** Fill your vessel with water (up to 2/3 full) then place several strips of adhesive tape across the opening creating a chess board shape. Make sure to leave sufficiently large gaps between the strips. This way your flowers will stay exactly where they are supposed to be.





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3. Put the centre piece together starting in the middle. Begin by selecting several large flowers and cut them down to the appropriate length. Let selected blossoms stand out a little further so they won't disappear into the background of the piece.
4. Tape the cut flowers at the bottom to ensure they stay in shape then place them in the central opening of your tape board.
5. Next select smaller, oblong flowers, cut those and place them around your first selections.
6. Now grow your bouquet around these central flowers. Try creating small groups of the same kinds of flowers – e.g. roses to the left and right of the centre. This will add to your creation's symmetry. Achtet beim Füllen auch darauf, verschiedene Höhen einzubauen, damit das Gesteck nicht leblos wirkt.
7. Make sure to incorporate different lengths of flowers so as not to end up with a lifeless piece.
8. Apply the finishing touches to the sides of your bouquet. Berries, large leaves and grass are all great option for these areas. Consider adding colorful highlights like the dark shades in our example.
9. Every centre piece is unique so be open-minded in the choice of your materials and try out different variations and combinations. Many of the most beautiful creations are a complete coincidence.



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FLORAL TABLE RUNNER

The green table runner will catch everybody's eye on any table. Arrange colorful highlights like berries or candles all around it for easy variations. A table runner doesn't block anyone's view of their opposite fellow diner but still makes for a particularly lush decorative choice.



1. For this table runner you will need a selection of green twigs; plus pine or fir needles and leaves to your taste; and some small accentual items like berries or blossoms. You will also need pruning shears and thin, green wire.
2. Cut any long stems off the twigs to make them all one length.



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3. Unwind some of the wire, take a few twigs and tie them together at their base. Make sure to start with twigs which are particularly full and lush because they will form the top end of your runner.



4. Grow the runner by adding more twigs working your way down and threading the wire through the stems and branches.



5. Feel free to try different combinations and levels of thickness. Your table runner doesn't need to be perfectly even throughout!

6. Select the lengths and thickness that best serves your own individual purpose. Vary the amount of twigs per layer according to your table's width.



7. Once your table runner has reached the desired length, wrap the wire around the end a couple of times, tie it up and cut it off.

8. Select a few lush twigs – or needles like the ones in our example – to be placed at the end of your table runner but facing in the opposite direction to create a nice edge.

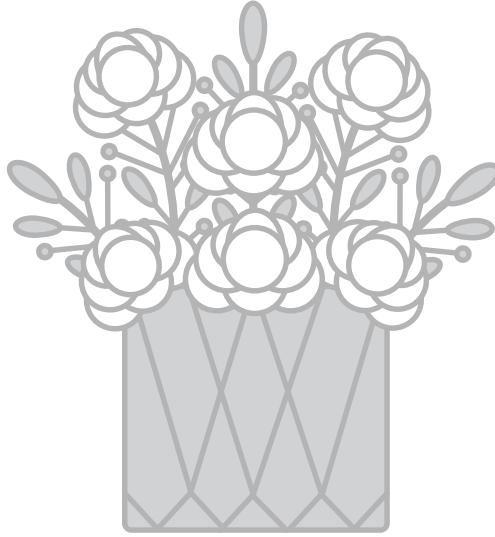
9. Interlock these twigs with the runner and tie both elements together with extra wire if necessary.

10. Finish your table runner by placing small leaves, berries or blossoms at various intervals all along and between the twigs. This is also a great way to level out thinner areas.

11. Use your beautiful new table runner as a particularly lush and flexible piece of table decoration!



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FESTIVE CHRISTMAS BOUQUET

Holidays in general and Christmas time in particular are excellent opportunities to set an elegant table and finish the look with a stunning bouquet. We have selected a Christmas bouquet in traditional seasonal colors but with a modern twist in its distinct creative shape.



1. You will need an opaque vase for this centre piece. At its bottom, place a wire ball created from crumpled up wire mesh.



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2. Now fill the vase with water but make sure not to fill it all the way up because you will need room for the flowers.



3. Start with your largest type flowers. We have opted for hydrangeas to give our bouquet its fabulous shape.

4. Using pruning shears, cut the stems down to the desired length and make an incision at the bottom of each stem. This will make the flowers stay in their place in the wire ball even better.



5. We're working our way from the sides to the centre and the next step is to arrange green twigs with berries all around the shape.

6. Since the amaryllis provide a special eye catcher they are up next to be cut and placed in prominent spots within the wire ball.



7. Finish the bouquet by filling it further with small flowers and more berries. Consider letting individual twigs stand out further than others or hanging off the sides. This will provide an extra layer and make the whole arrangement more interesting.

8. Be daring when it comes to selecting the right colors for additional flowers. We have gone for white and bright shades of red.