

# Texas State Florists' Association

Power Point Presentation

for the

**High School Floral  
Certification**

**Level II**

**Testing**

of the

**Asymmetrical Triangle  
Arrangement**



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# High School Level II Certification

- Check TSFA website [www.tsfa.org](http://www.tsfa.org) for required information
- \$100 Testing Fee  
if not receiving scholarship, by application deadline
- Must have completed and passed Level I Certification
- Must pass **3 required designs** in a total time of 1 hour and 30 minutes. The designs are:
  1. **An asymmetrical container design**
  2. **A vase arrangement of 1 dz roses or 1 dz carnations**
  3. **A crescent shaped shoulder corsage**
- Test Dates and Locations: to be announced each year

# Additional Testing Information

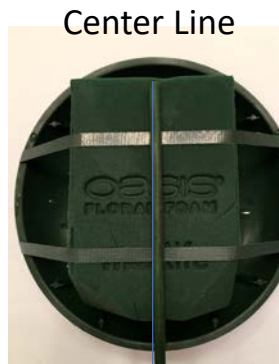
- Students will be provided with design bowl, 1/3 brick wet floral foam, vase, clear tape, green anchor tape, floral wire, floral tape, and fresh product for 3 hands on designs
- Students **MUST** bring knives, stem cutters/shears, and wire cutters. **There will be no tools provided**
- Design portion will be timed **one hour and 30 minutes** for total of three designs
- Re-testing is available for students who do not pass one item in design portion.
- Re-test time will be 30 minutes per design portion (i.e. Re-testing Asymmetrical arrangement only: 30 minutes, Re-testing corsage only: 30 minutes, or Re-testing one dozen roses/one dozen carnation arrangement only: 30 minutes)
- Date, place, time: to be announced.  
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- \$35.00 Re-testing fee

# Asymmetrical Triangle Arrangement

- 1 low centerpiece container will be provided
- 9 stems of carnations provided
- 10 stems of leather leaf provided
- 2 stems Israeli Ruscus provided (if not available, sub ... Myrtle)
- 1/3 bunch miniature carnations provided
- Anchor Tape will be provided
- There will be no extra product provided
- MUST be careful with product
- Broken stems will not be replaced, but may be wired to fix, if needed
- Graders will not count off for inferior product
- Designs will be judged on stem placement
- Strict guidelines and procedures

# LEVEL II High School Asymmetrical Design





Front View and Top View of Oasis

## Prepare Container for Design

- 1/3 block wet floral foam
- 2 pieces ¼" anchor tape, enough to secure oasis into bowl
- Slice off front corners of floral foam for better insertion of stems into front corner areas.

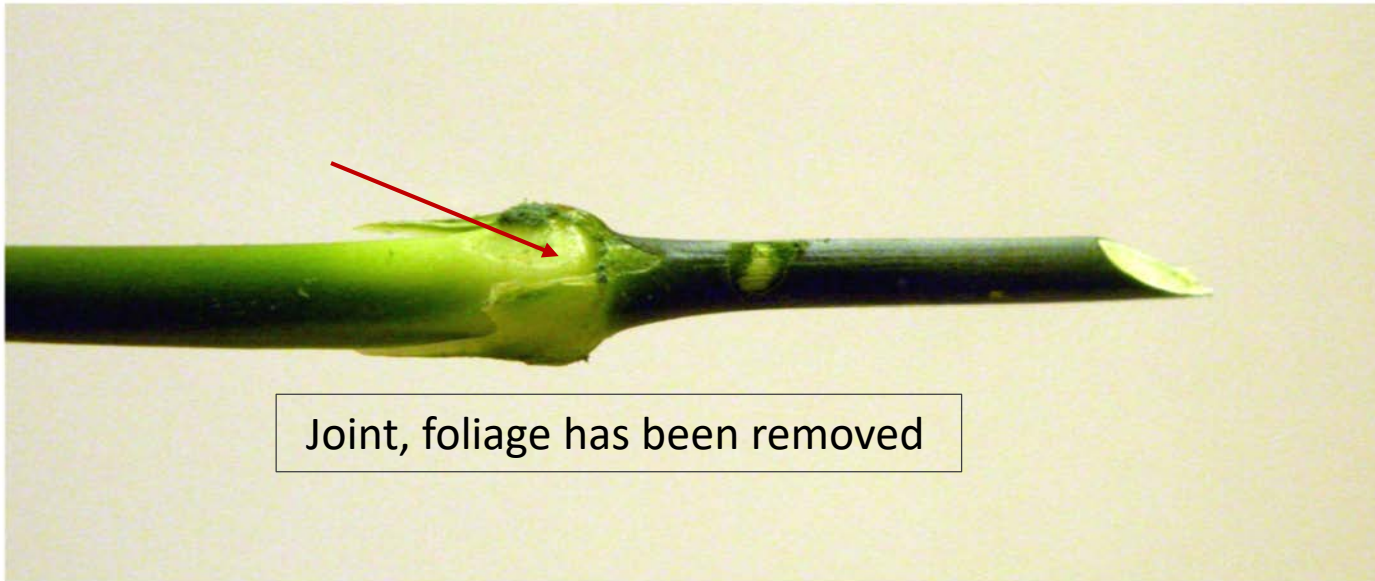
# Insert Carnations

- Cut all stems at an angle
- \*\* Hold stem securely, when cutting, as may snap or break stem where leaf node and joint meet
- Stems must be secure in floral foam below water line
- Should be no re-insertions in same hole, as will not hold
- Must develop asymmetrical triangle
- Carefully measure before cutting stems
- Develop skeleton of design in steps 1-9
- Fluff tight or non round carnations, if necessary, before inserting into floral foam
- Filler flowers should be inserted between carnations, placing them high and low within arrangement to create depth

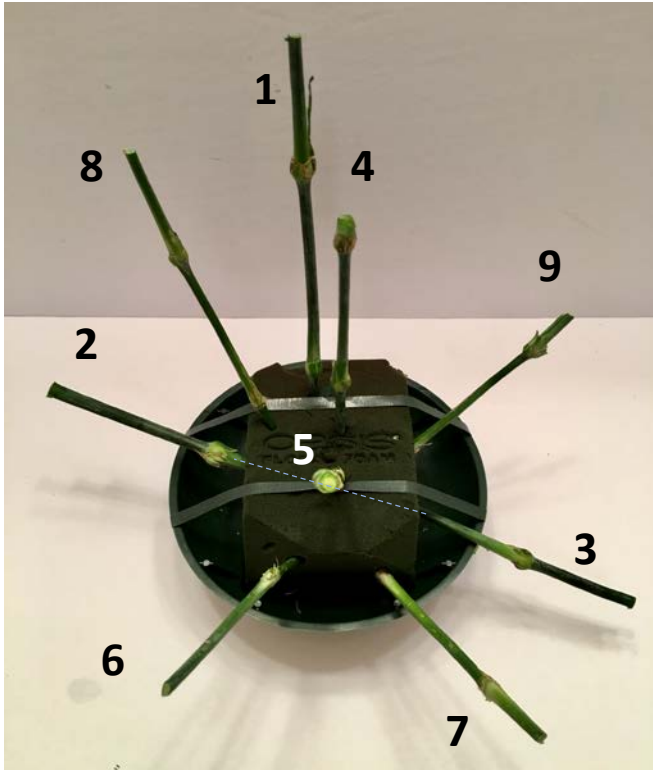


## Cutting Stems For Insertion

- Stems should be cut with a knife at an approximate 45 degree angle, immediately prior to stem insertion into the floral foam
  - Stems will seal themselves in approximately 30 seconds, once cut
  - Do not cut multiple stems at one time.
- \*\*Must be very careful with carnations when inserting into foam, as will easily snap where foliage and joint meet

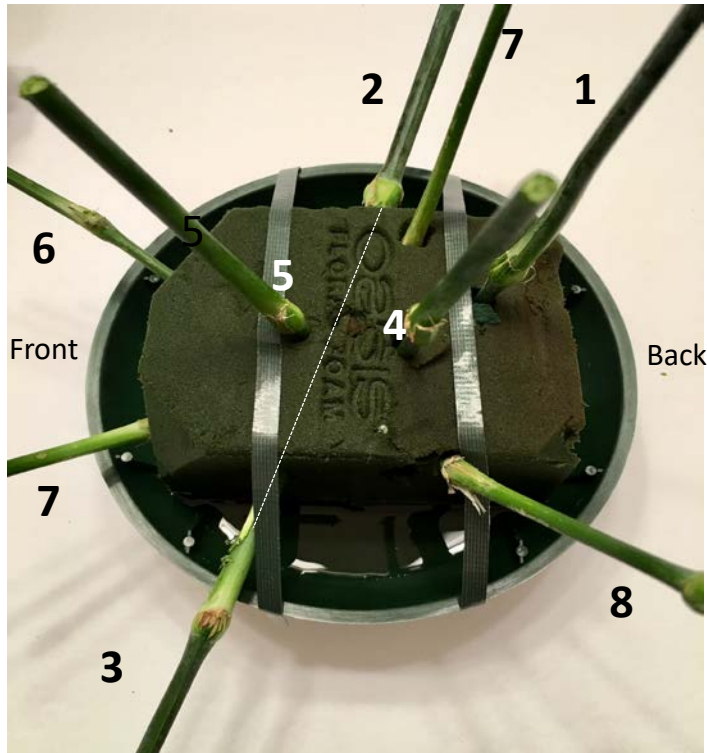


Joint, foliage has been removed



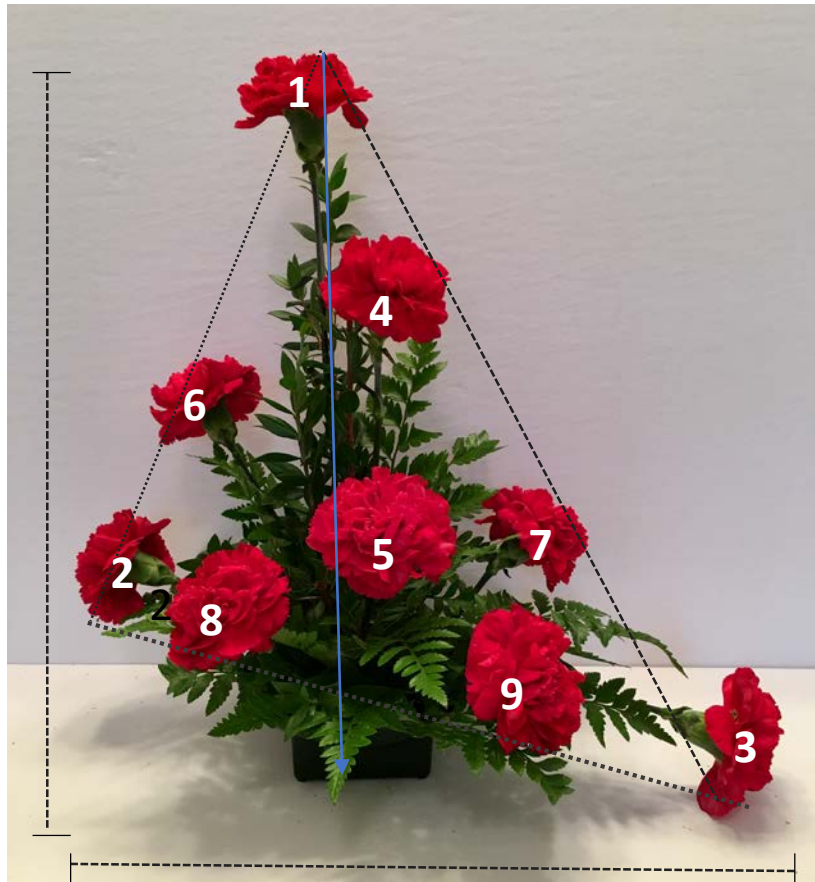
Front View Floral Foam  
with Insertions

**Placement of 9  
carnation stems to  
form the  
Asymmetrical  
Triangle Skeleton**



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**Side View Floral Foam  
with Insertions**

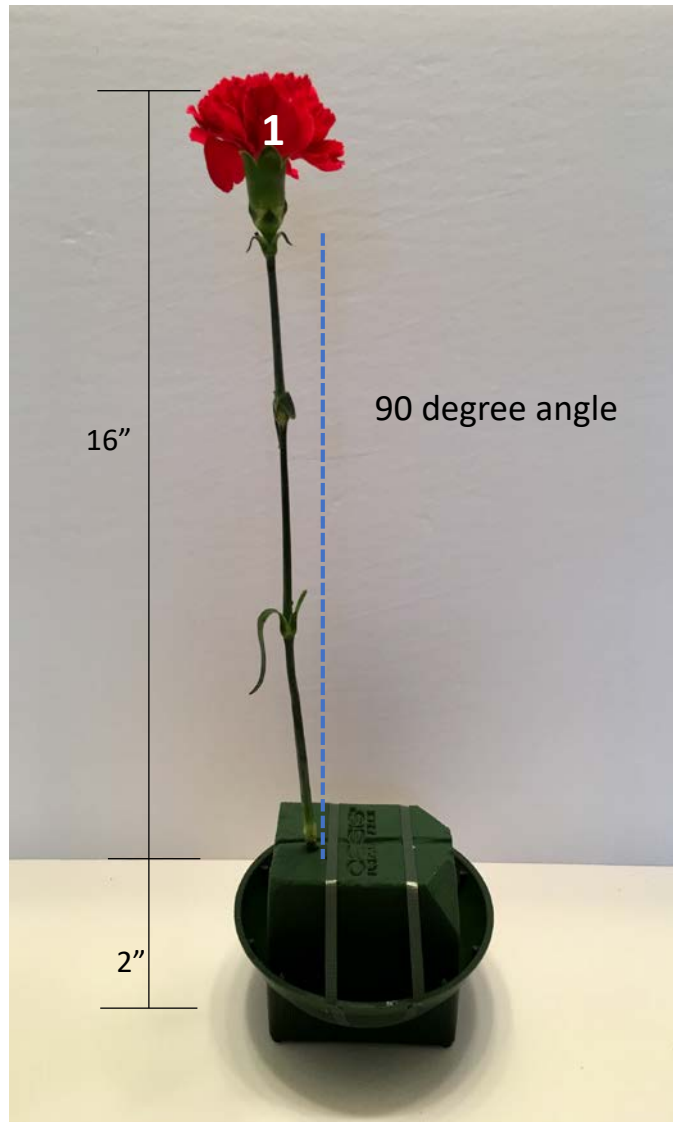


Front View

## Overview:

Placement of Skeletal  
Carnation Stems,  
Miniature Carnations  
and Foliage  
for an Asymmetrical  
Triangle Design

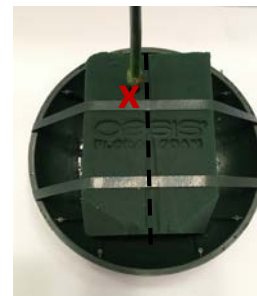
Arrangement Size  
Approximately 16" Tall x 16" Wide



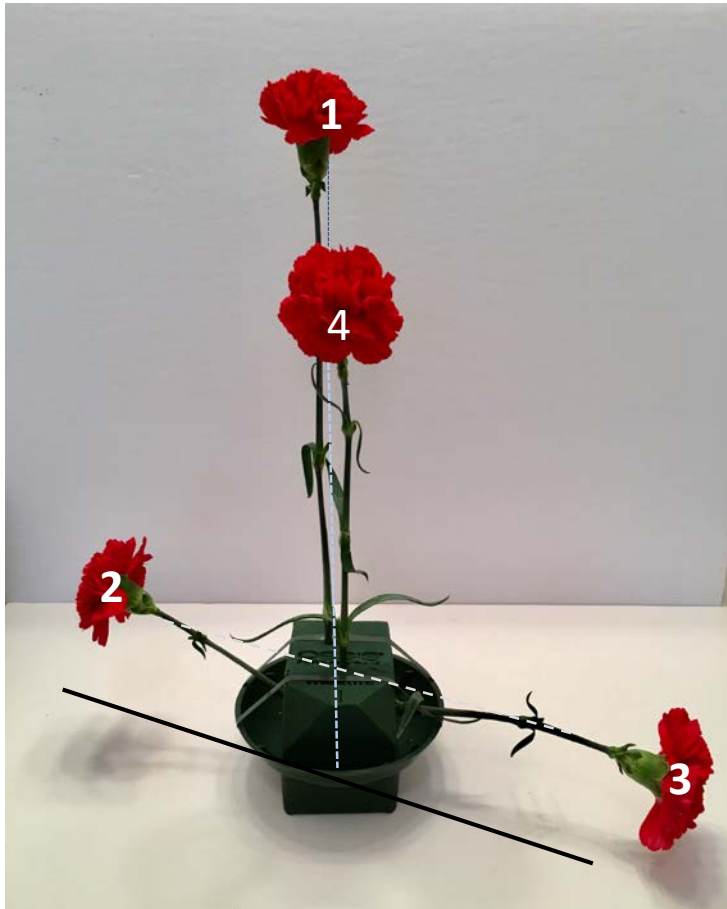
Side View

## Beginning Insertion

- The first stem (#1) will be approximately **16" tall** and will be inserted toward the back of the foam, using the lengthwise direction of the of the foam
- Insert the stem approximately 2" into the foam at a **a 95 degree angle**
- Note: 90 degree angle to use as a guide  
*(The stem should lay no further back than shown in example)*



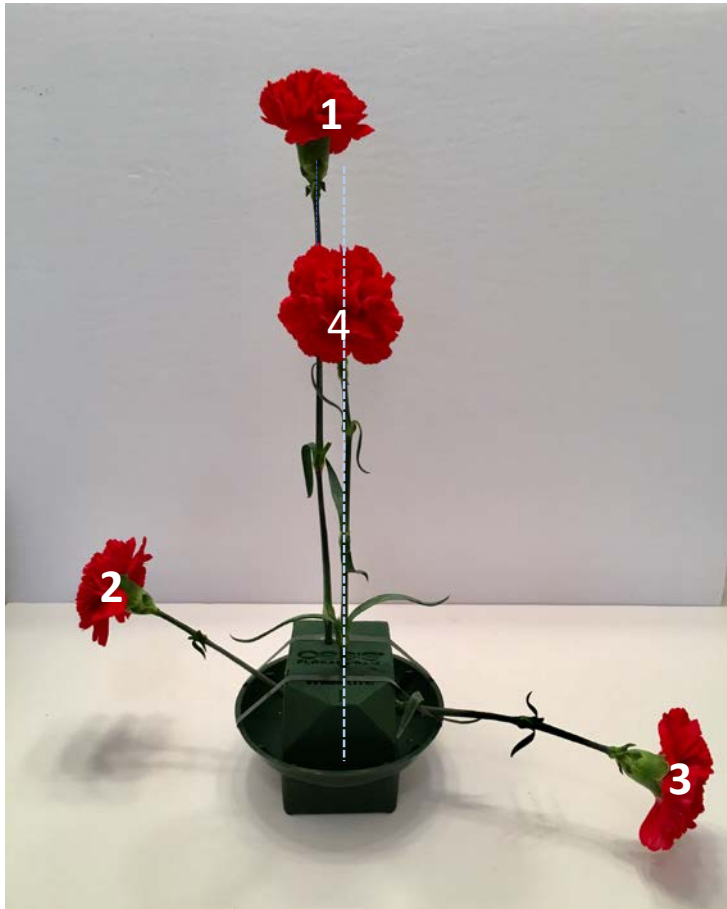
**Note:** First Insertion is to left of the Center line



Total width is approximately 18"

## Insertion of #2 and #3 Stems

- Insert #2 and #3 stems to create a visual diagonal line across the oasis
- This will begin to define depth and space within the design



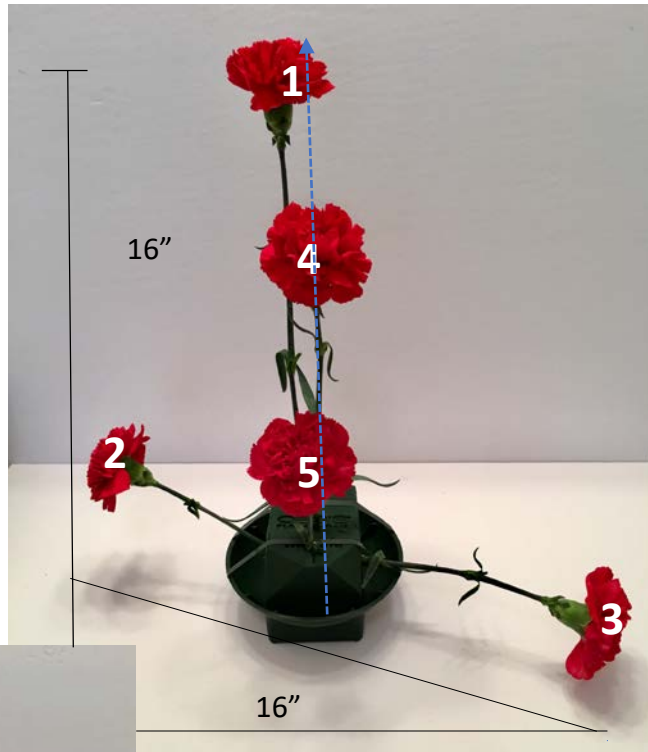
## Insertion of #4 Stem

- Insert #4 stem in the center line of the oasis, slightly to the right and slightly in front of the # 1 flower/stem



# Insertion of #5 Stem

- Insert #5 stem “radially” in front of the #4 stem to create the focal point of the design
- Noting the side view, the stem is inserted just past the first container tape line into the oasis to direct the face of the carnation somewhat forward

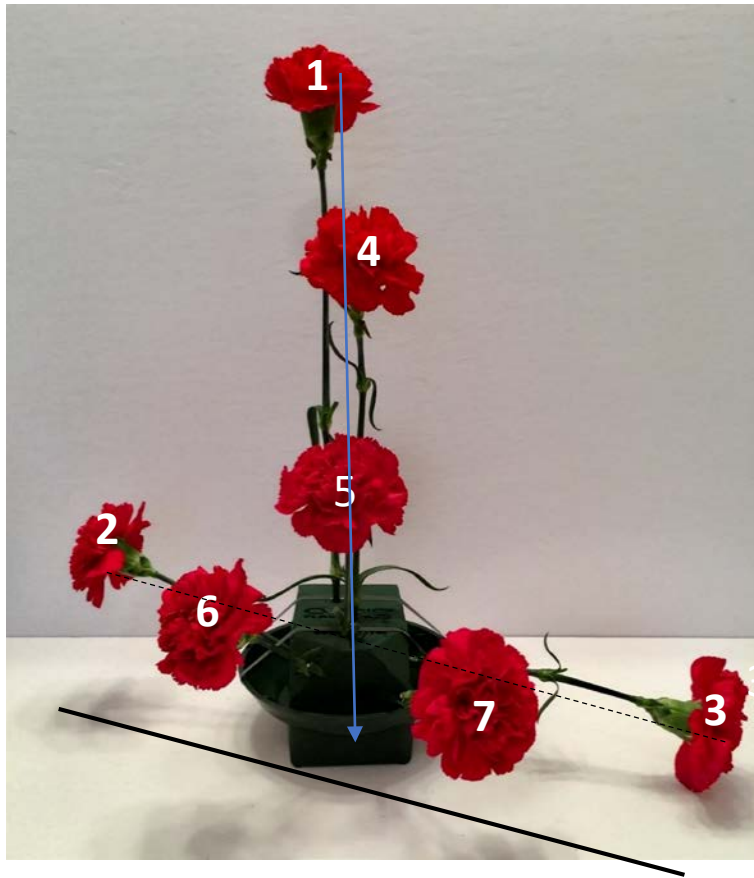


Front View



Side View

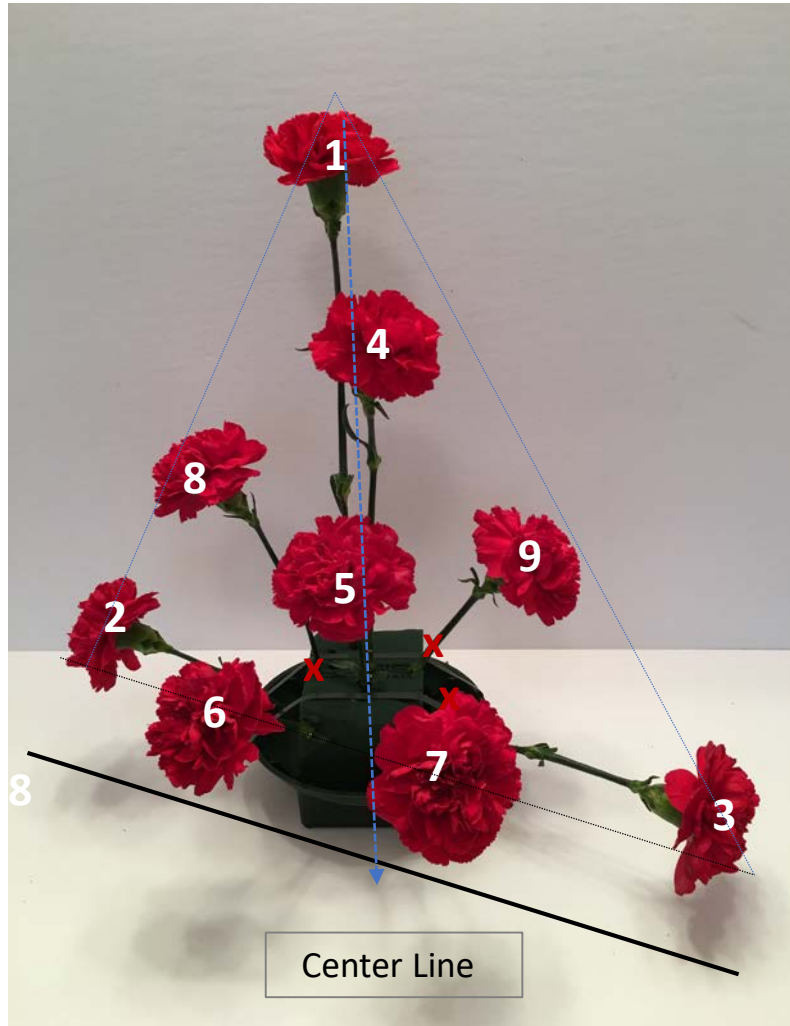




Height and Width approximately 16"

## Insertion of #6 and #7 Stems

Insert #6 and #7 stems into the front corners of the oasis "radially" to direct the carnation to face forward, creating a diagonal line with the carnations, in order to create the asymmetrical shape



Front View of Skeletal  
Asymmetrical Triangle Design

## Insertion of #8 and #9 Stems

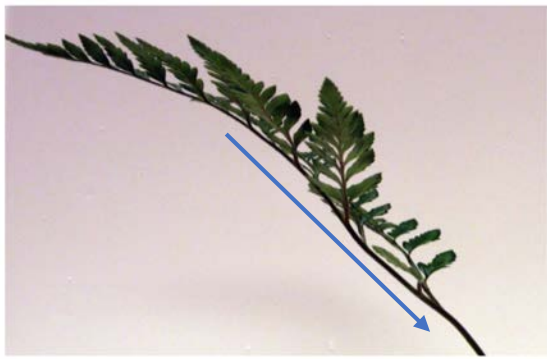
Insert #8 stem “radially” into the left side of the oasis 2/3 the way back, marked by “X” (near container tape support).

Insert the #9 stem “radially” on the high right side of the oasis (marked by “X”, slightly behind the container tape).

You now have your basic asymmetrical shape.



Enter from right side toward focal point



Enter from left side toward focal point



Enter from front center toward focal point

## Inserting Foliage

- Begin adding Leather Leaf using “radial” placement in the same manner as you insert your flowers (Note photos: arrows depict radial direction)
- Foliage should cover the stems and floral foam; should not be much taller, if any, than the flowers
- When you trim the length of a Leather Leaf stem, save the excess to be used to fill in, where needed.
- A stem must be inserted **at least 1” - 2” deep** into oasis, in order to take up water
- Israeli Ruscus should be used to define and support the Number 1 insertion, adding stability

## Insert Leather Leaf Fern and Other Foliage

- Follow same insertion pattern as carnations
- Insert Ruscus (or if unavailable, will substitute Myrtle)
- Leather Leaf should support carnation stems
- Insert leather behind carnations
- Keep greenery wings for filler pieces, i.e. in front spaces, to fill gaps and cover the foam
- No anchor tape should be visible
- No floral foam should be showing
- Do not cut foliage into tiny pieces (less than 2 inches to insert into floral foam)



## Insert the foliage

After you have the skeletal carnation design shape created, fill in with Leather Leaf “radially”. *Most* stems of foliage should be created within, to cover oasis and mechanics, but not taller than flowers/filler.

Back View and Side Views



# Insert Miniature Carnation Filler

- Depth will be created by the miniature carnations
- You may need to separate some of the stems with multiple blooms, using the short stems for depth and taller pieces to add some interest within design
- Stems should be “radially” placed to create movement within the design (in and out)
- Insert filler securely into floral foam
- Do not over fill design with the miniature carnations  
Depending on the number of blossoms per stem, you may not need all miniature carnations



Completed Asymmetrical Design:  
Centerpiece Bowl, 1/3 Block Oasis, 9 Carnations, 1/3 Bunch  
Mini Carnations and 10 Stems Leather Leaf  
Foliage and 2 Stems Israeli Ruscus or Myrtle Foliage



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