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**Power Point Presentation
for the**

**High School Floral
Certification**

Level II

Testing

of the

**Asymmetrical Triangle
Arrangement**

High School Certification Testing Information

- Must enroll by deadline date: Announced Yearly
Check TSFA website www.tsfa.org for updated information
- \$100 Testing Fee
if not receiving scholarship by application deadline
- Test Dates and Locations: to be announced each year
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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 should 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.
Check TSFA website: www.tsfa.org
- \$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
- Container Tape
- There will be no extra product provided
- MUST be careful with product
- Broken stems will not be replaced but may be wired to repair, if needed
- Will not count off for inferior product
- Graders will “judge” on stem placement
- Strict guidelines and procedures

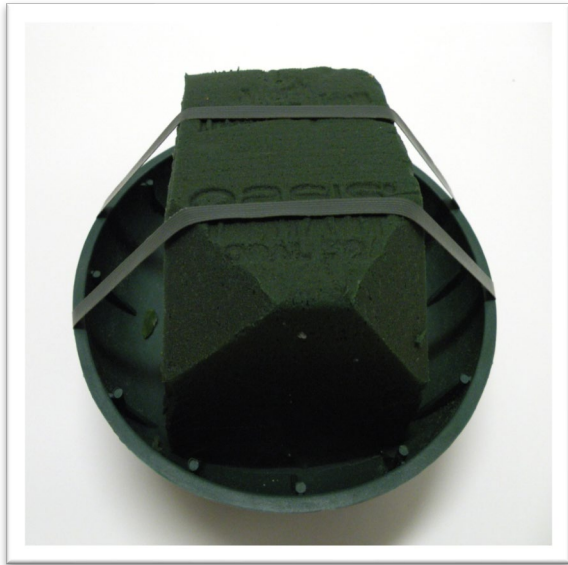
Design Conclusions

- Design will be judged on stem placement, NOT product quality
- Place smaller blooms on outside edges of design and larger blooms to inside/interior of arrangement for depth and focal emphasis
- DO NOT make design short and dense. Arrangement should be approximately 16" tall and approximately 16" wide (Length of Florist Wire Sample)
- Mass flowers (carnations) MUST NOT touch each other.
- Graders will not count off for broken carnation stems that have been re-wired together and taped correctly. Repair broken stems/carnations as needed.

LEVEL II High School Asymmetrical Design



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Front View and Top View of Oasis

Prepare Container for Design

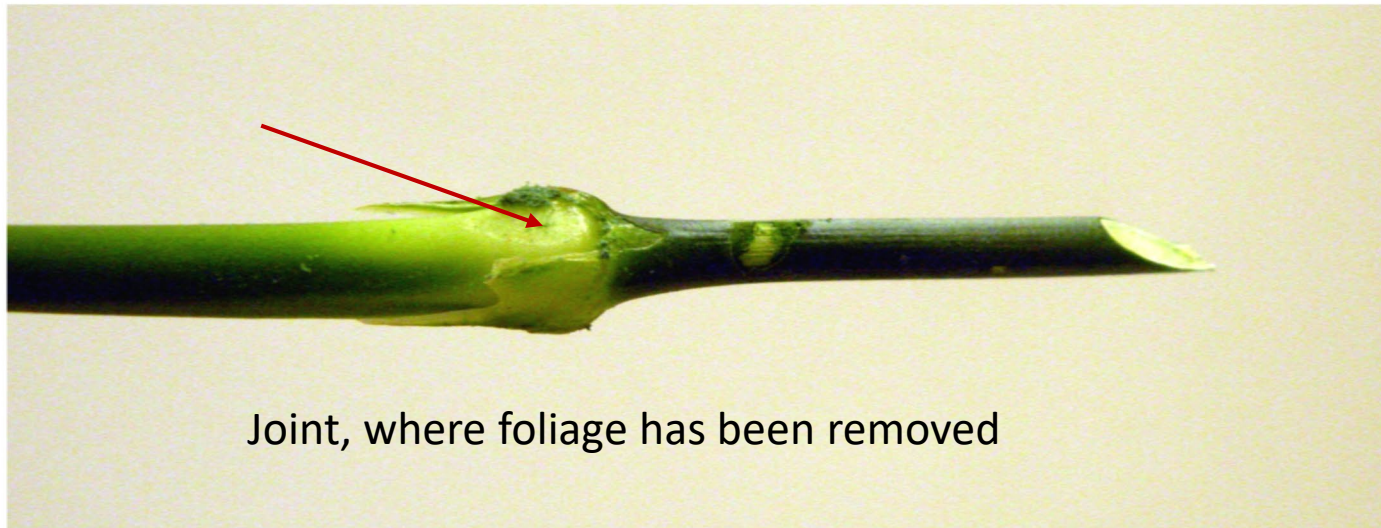
- 1/3 block wet floral foam
- 2 pieces ¼" anchor tape, enough to secure oasis into bowl
- Slice off front corners of floral foam for better insertion of stems into front corner areas.

Insert Carnations

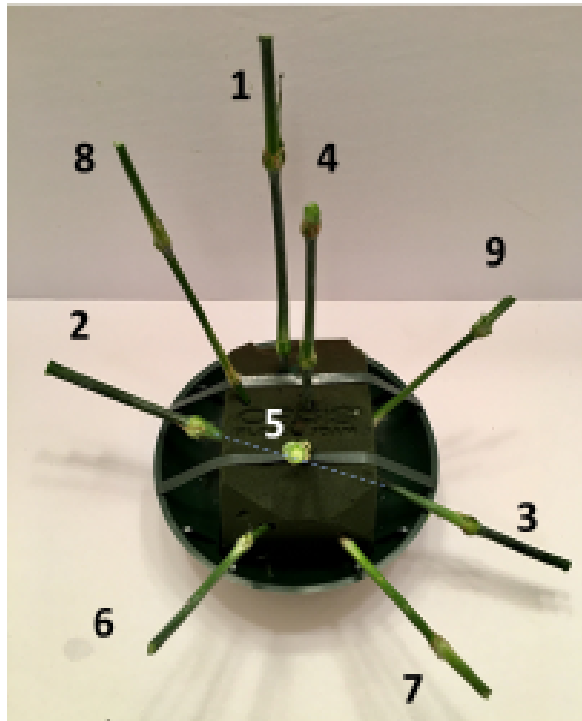
- Cut all stems at an angle
- Stems must be secure in floral foam below water line
- Should be no re-insertions in same hole
- Must develop asymmetrical triangle
- Carefully measure before cutting stems
- Develop skeleton of design in steps 1-9
- May fluff tight or non round carnations before inserting 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 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 carnation insertions into oasis, as will easily snap where foliage and joint meet

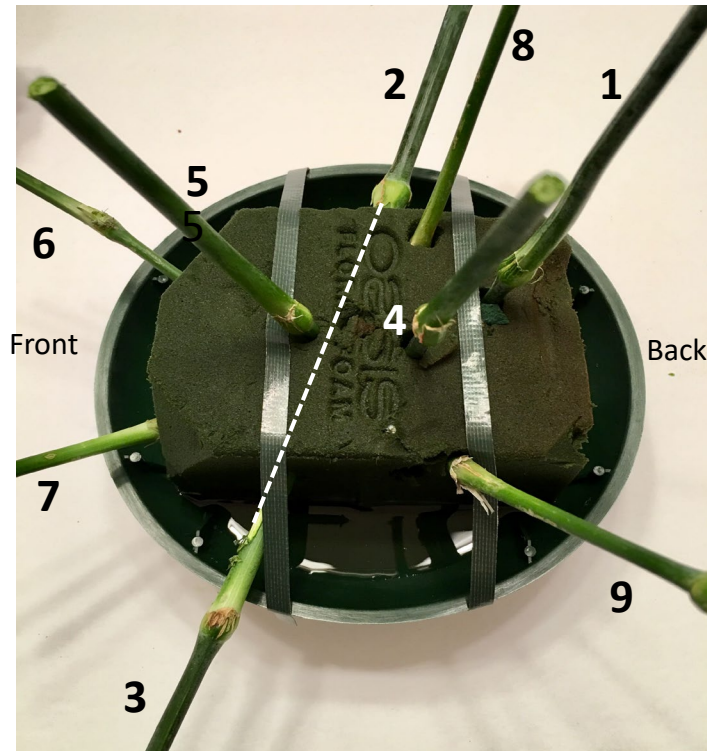


Joint, where foliage has been removed



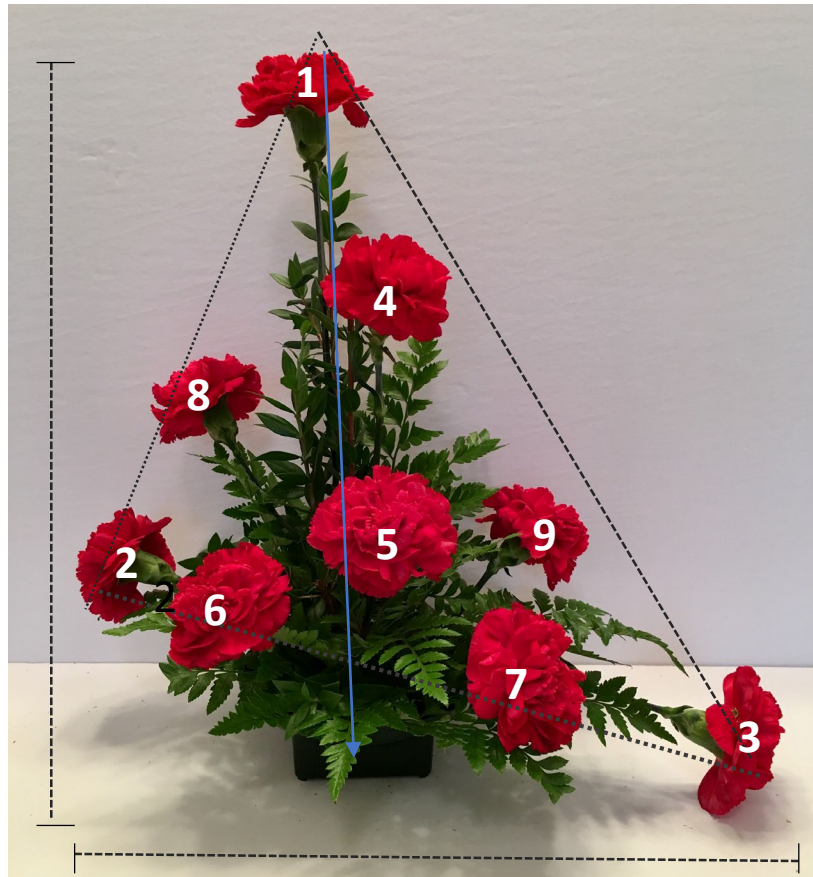
Front View Floral Foam
with Insertions

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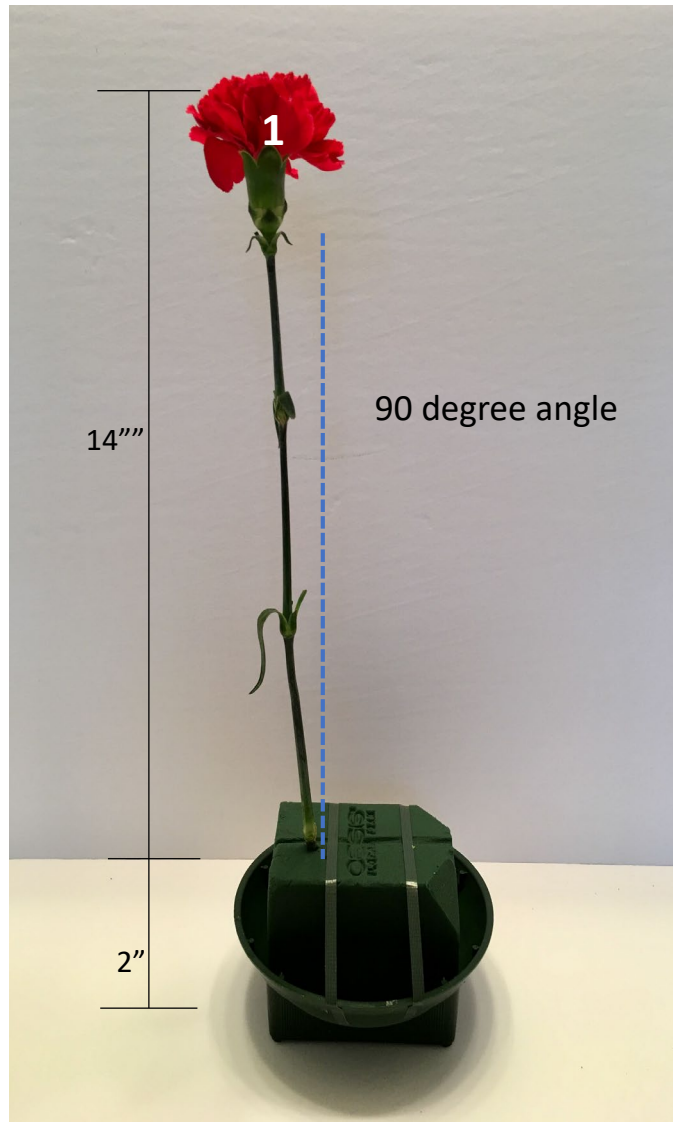
**Side View
Floral Foam with Insertions**



Front View

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

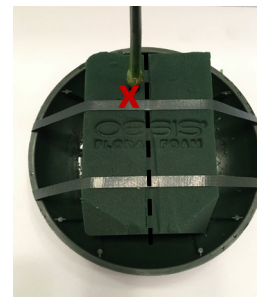
Arrangement Size
Approximately 16" Tall x 16" Wide



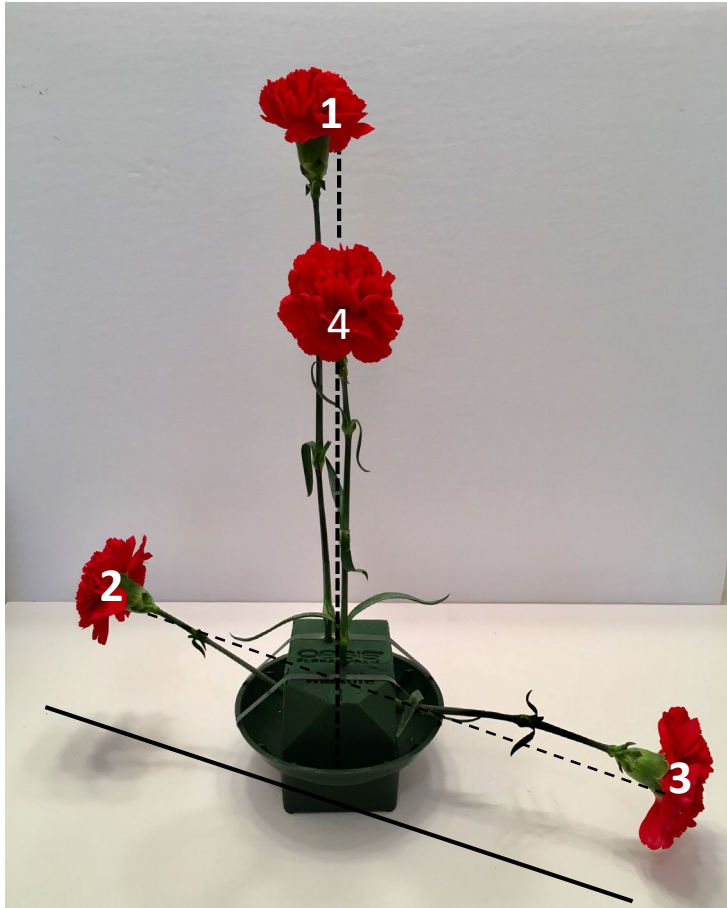
Side View

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 92-95 degree angle**
- Note: 90 degree angle to use as a guide
(*The stem should lay no further back than shown in example)



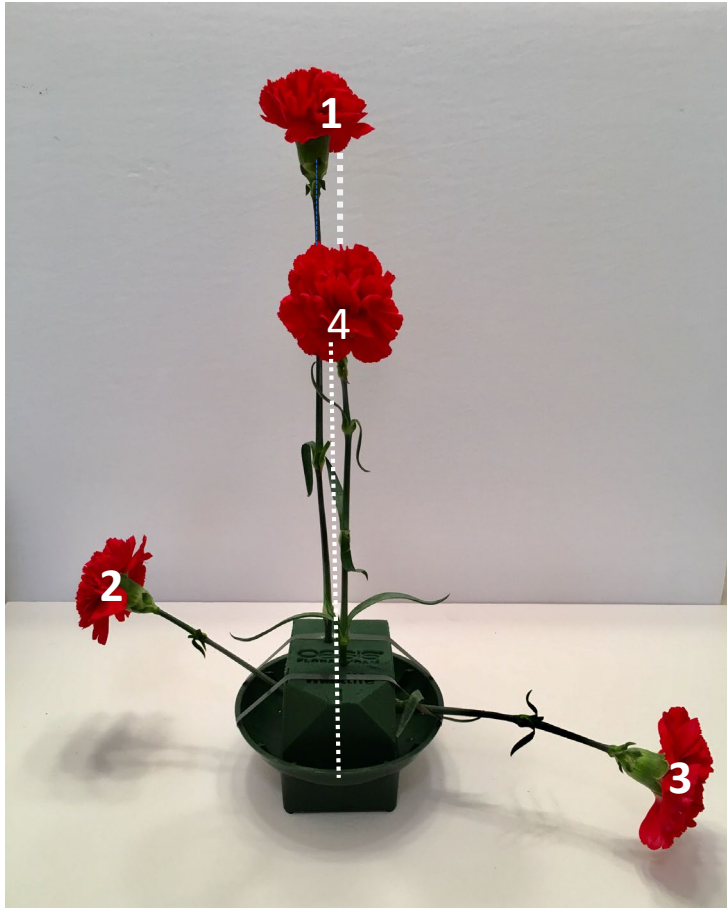
Note: First Insertion is to left of the Center line



Total width is approximately 16"

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

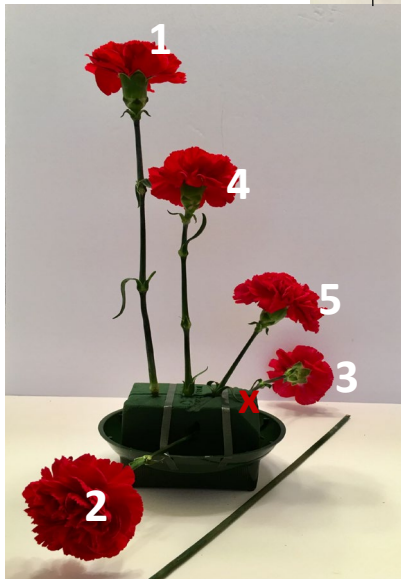
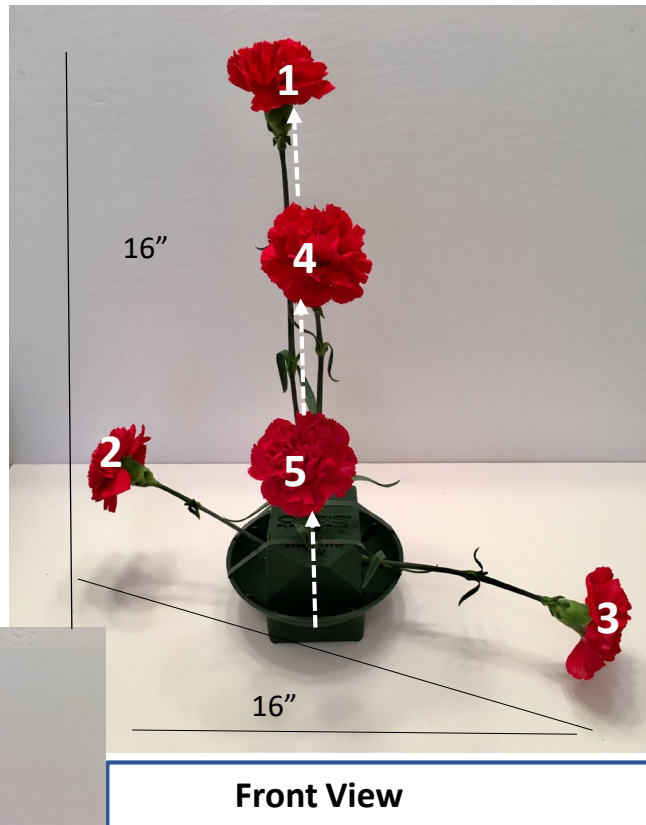


Insertion of #4 Stem

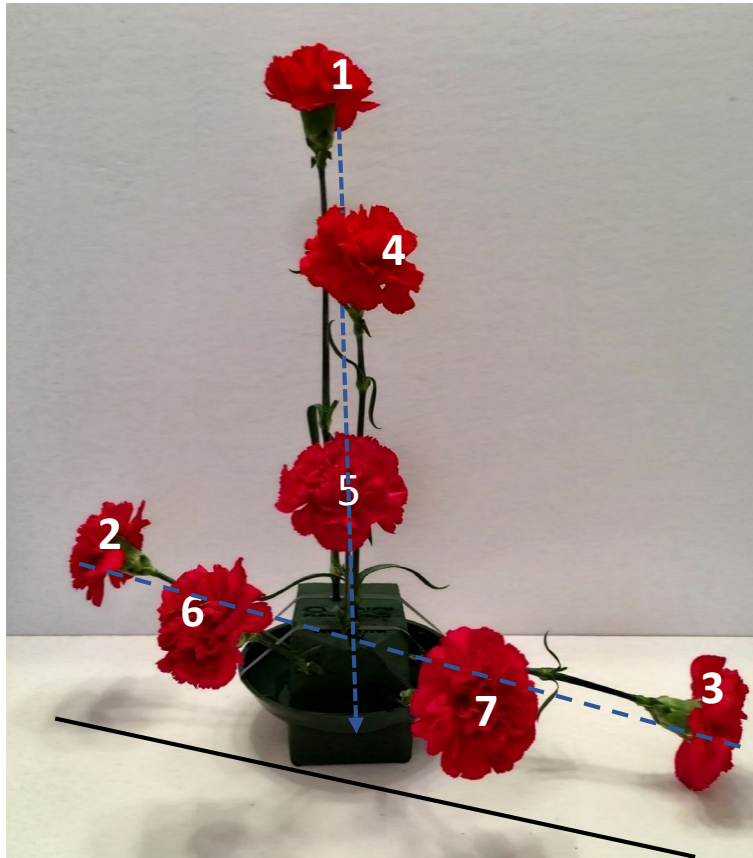
- Insert #4 stem in the center line of the oasis, slightly to the right and slightly in front of the # 1 flower/stem

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



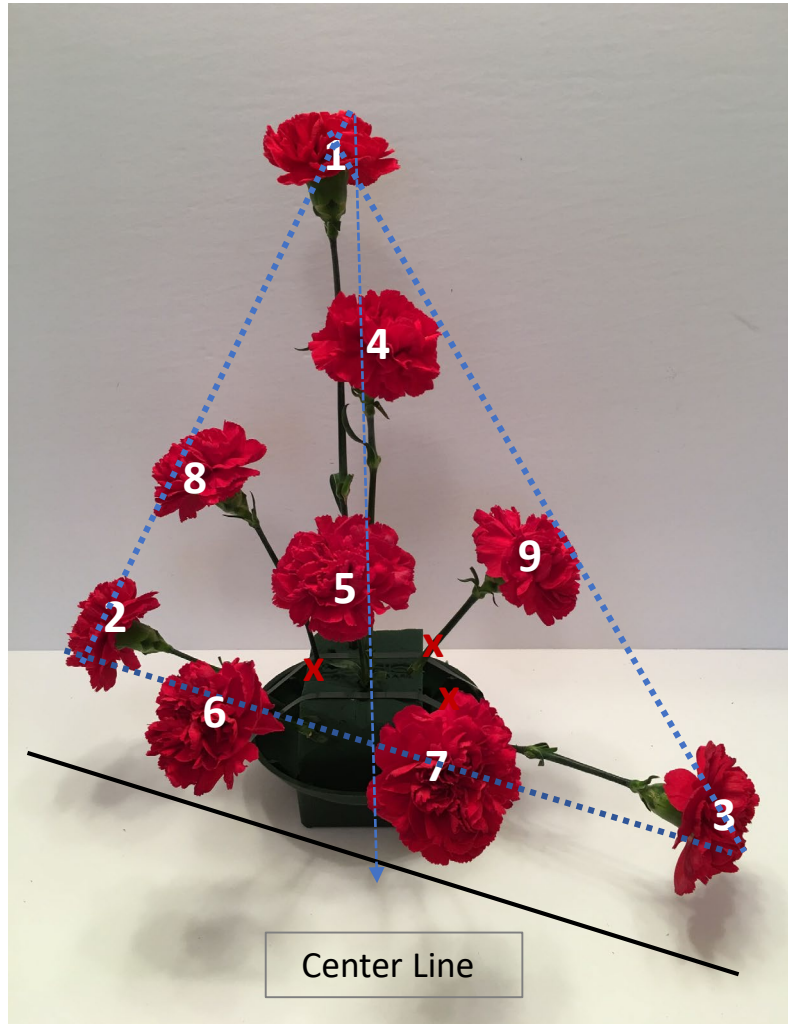
Side View



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 carnations slightly face forward creating the bottom diagonal line between #2 and #3 carnations.



Front View of Skeletal Asymmetrical Triangle Design

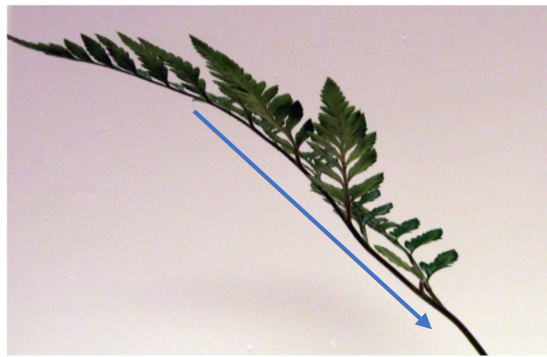
Insertion of #8 and #9 Stems

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 in “radially”, the same manner you inserted your flowers
- 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 foliage stem, save the excess to be used to fill in, where needed
- A stem must be inserted **at least 1” - 2”** deep into the oasis, in order to take up water
- Myrtle should be used to support the Number 1 insertion, adding stability

Insert Leather Leaf Fern and Other Foliage

- Follow same insertion pattern as carnations
- Insert Myrtle (or if unavailable, will substitute other line foliage)
- Leather Leaf should support carnation stems
- Insert leather closely behind carnations
- Keep greenery wings for filler pieces, i.e. front spaces, to fill gaps and cover 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 the foliage, inserted “radially”, (see slide 19). Stems *should be inserted **within the asymmetrical** shape* to cover oasis and mechanics.

(Note: Foliage & Filler should be no taller or wider than the carnation design.)

Back & Side Views Completed with Foliage



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 Myrtle or Other Line Foliage



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