



# Texas State Florists' Association

## Asymmetrical Triangle Arrangement PowerPoint Presentation

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LEVEL 2 HIGH SCHOOL  
FLORAL CERTIFICATION



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# High School Certification Level 2 Testing Information

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- ❖ 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

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- ❖ Students will be provided with a design bowl, oasis, vase, floral wire, container tape, 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.
- ❖ Check TSFA website: [www.tsfa.org](http://www.tsfa.org)
- ❖ \$35.00 Re-testing fee



# Completed Asymmetrical Triangle Arrangement



# Prepare Container for Design

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1/3 block wet floral foam

2 pieces 1/4" anchor tape,  
enough to secure oasis into  
foam

Slice off front corners of floral  
foam for better insertions of  
stems into front corner areas.

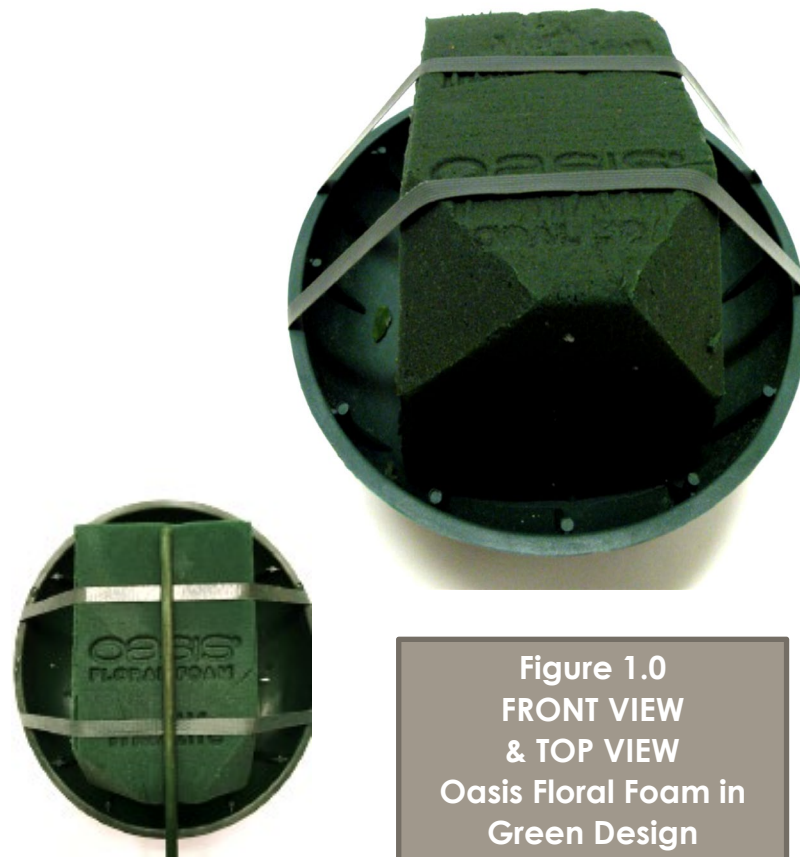


Figure 1.0  
FRONT VIEW  
& TOP VIEW  
Oasis Floral Foam in  
Green Design  
Bowl/Container

# Insert Carnations

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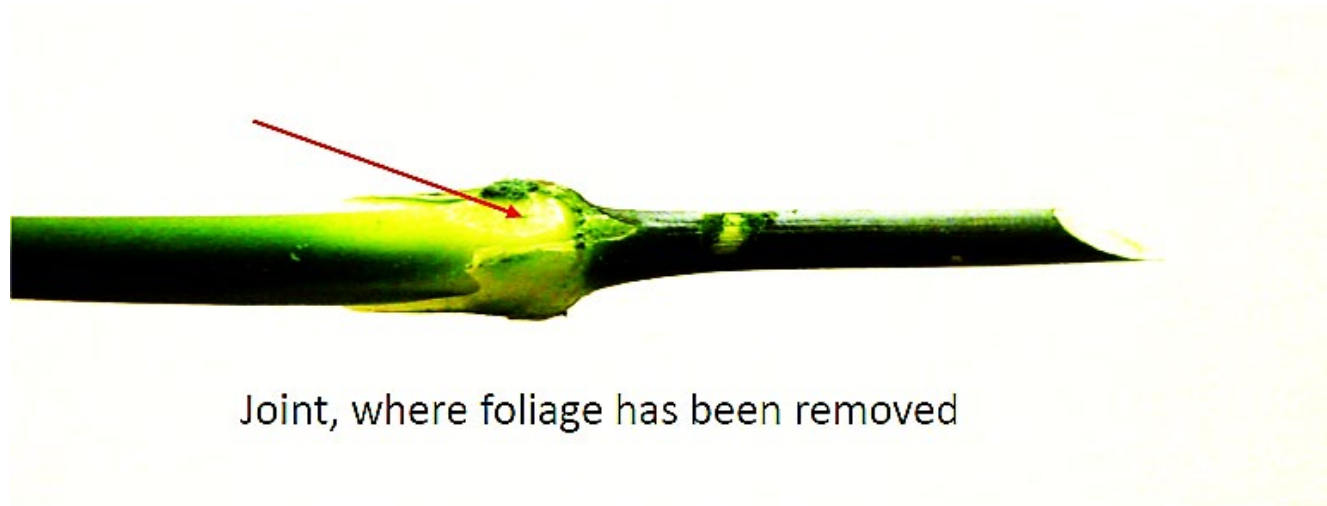
- ❖ Cut all stems at an angle
- ❖ Stems must be secure in floral foam below water line
- ❖ Should be no re-insertions in same hole
- ❖ Must develop asymmetrical triangle
- ❖ Carefully measure before cutting stems
- ❖ Develop skeleton of design in steps 1-9
- ❖ May fluff tight or non round carnations 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

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- ❖ 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



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

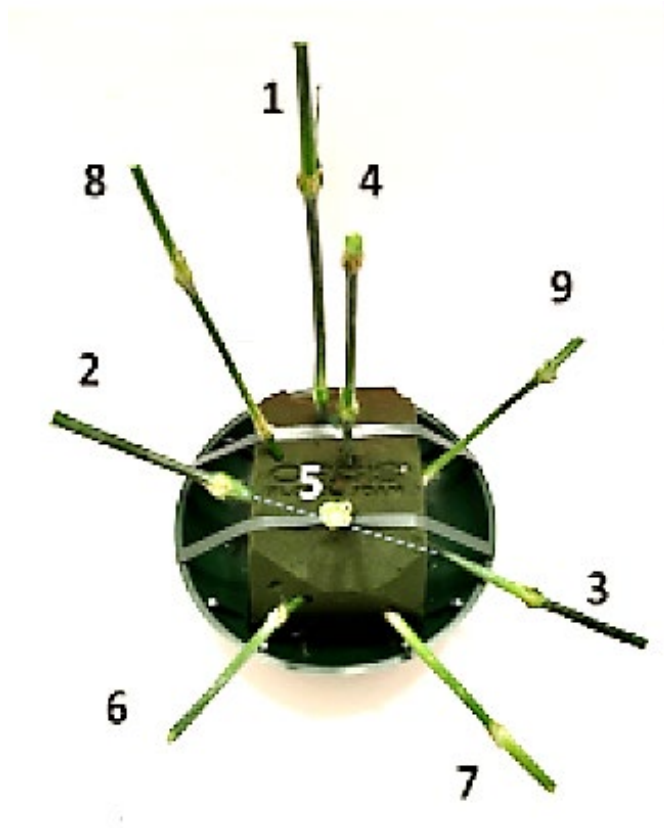


Figure 1.1  
FRONT VIEW  
Floral Foam with Insertions

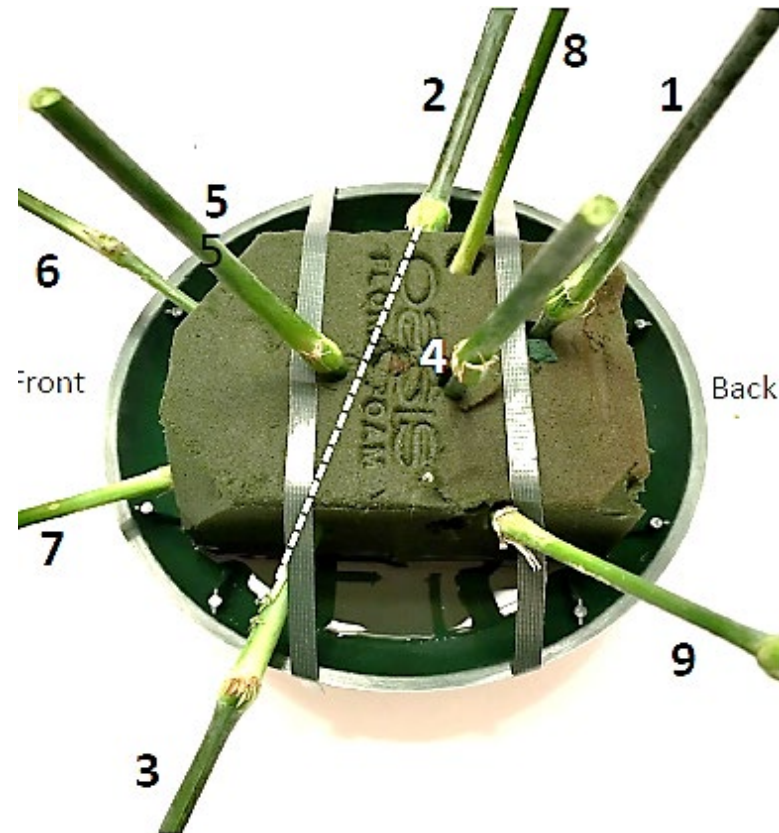


Figure 1.2  
SIDE VIEW  
Floral Foam with Insertions

# Overview

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

Note: Arrangement size should be approximately 16" Wide and 16" Tall.

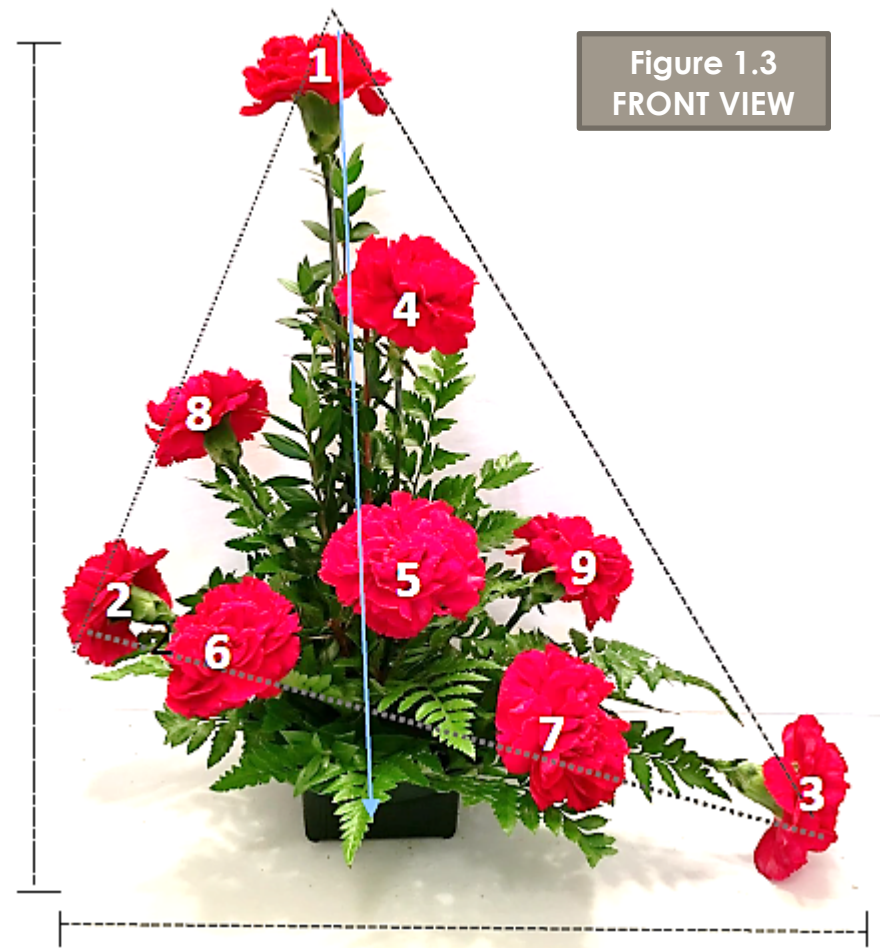


Figure 1.3  
FRONT VIEW

# 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 **92-95 degree angle**.

Note: 90 degree angle to use as a guide

*\*The stem should lay no further back than shown in example.*

*\* First Insertion is to left of center line (See Figure 1.4)*



Figure 1.4  
TOP VIEW

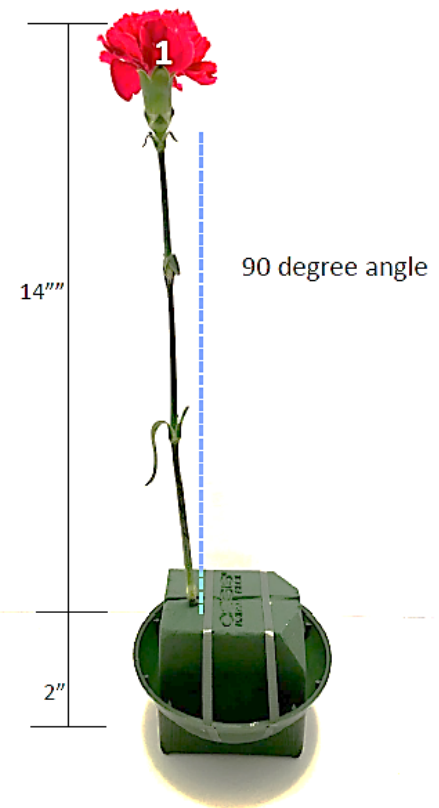


Figure 1.5  
SIDE VIEW

# #2 and #3 Stem Insertion

- ❖ 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

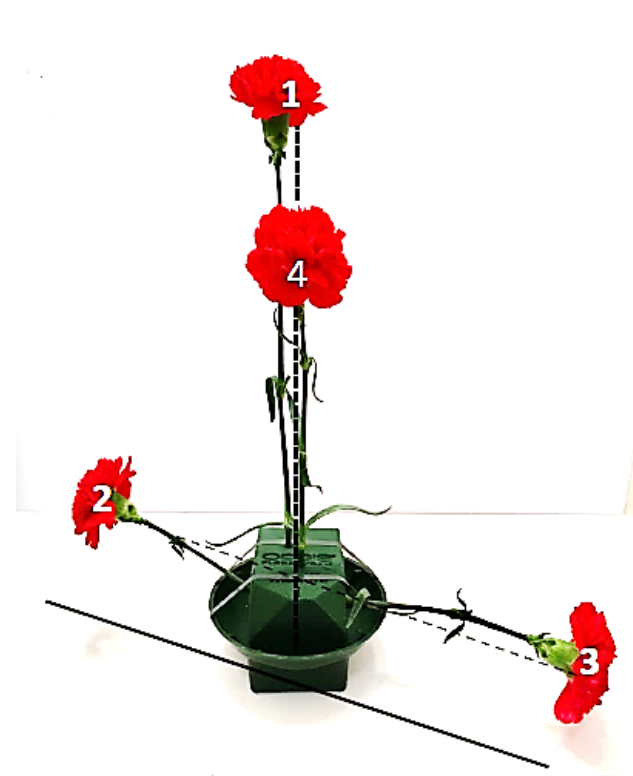


Figure 1.6  
FRONT VIEW  
Total width is approximately 16"

# #4 Stem Insertion

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



Figure 1.7  
FRONT VIEW

# #5 Stem Insertion

- ❖ 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

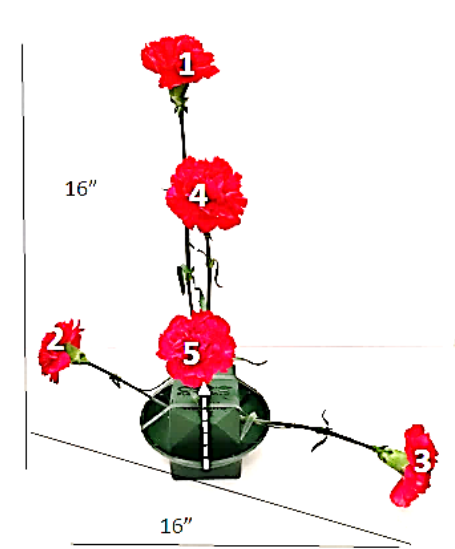


Figure 1.8  
FRONT VIEW

Figure 1.9  
SIDE VIEW

# #6 and #7 Stem Insertions

- ❖ 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.



Figure 2.0  
FRONT VIEW  
Width and Height approximately 16"



# #8 and #9 Stem Insertions

- ❖ 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.

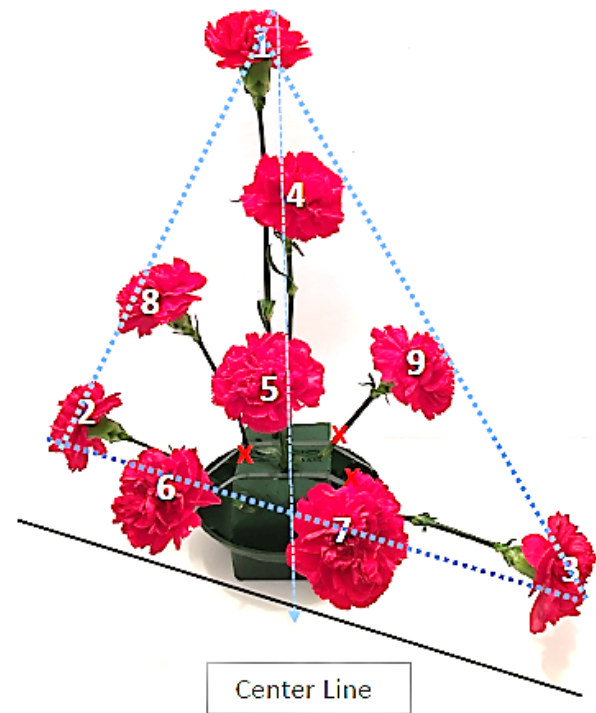


Figure 2.1  
FRONT VIEW SKELETAL  
Asymmetrical Triangle Arrangement

# Inserting Foliage



Figure 2.2  
Enter from right side toward focal point

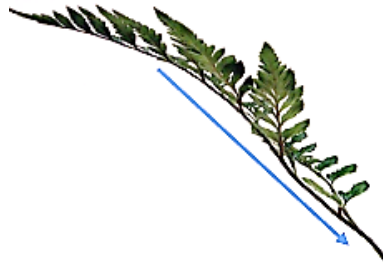


Figure 2.3  
Enter from left side toward focal point



Figure 2.4  
Enter from front center toward focal point

- ❖ 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

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**Follow same insertion pattern as carnations**

- 1) **Insert Myrtle** (or if unavailable, will substitute other line foliage)
- 2) **Leather Leaf should support carnation stems**
- 3) **Insert leather closely behind carnations**  
\*Keep greenery wings for filler pieces, i.e. front spaces, to fill gaps and cover foam.
- 4) **No anchor tape should be visible**  
\*No floral foam should be showing
- 5) **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.)

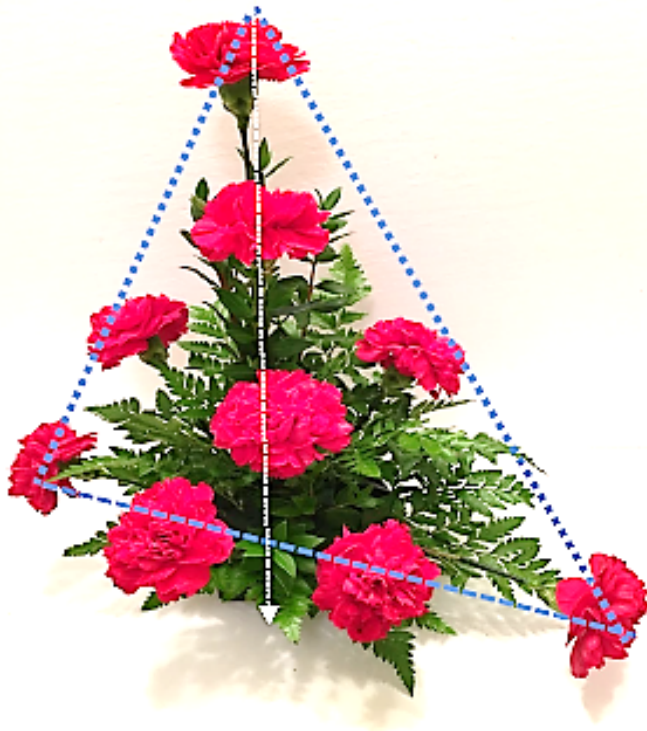


Figure 2.5  
Back and Side views completed with foliage.



# Insert Miniature Carnation Filler

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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 Triangle Arrangement

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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



# Design Conclusions

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- ❖ 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 rewired together and taped correctly.
- ❖ Repair broken stems/carnations as needed.