



# Texas State Florists' Association

Rose Boutonniere  
PowerPoint Presentation

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LEVEL 1 HIGH SCHOOL  
FLORAL CERTIFICATION



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# High School Certification Level 1 Testing Information

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- ❖ Must enroll by deadline date, check periodically on TSFA website at [tsfa.org](https://tsfa.org) for updated information.
- ❖ There is a \$100 testing fee if not receiving scholarship by testing.
- ❖ Must pass a 100 question Knowledge-Based (KB) exam consisting of true/false, short answer, multiple choice, and fill in the blank.
- ❖ Teachers administer the KB exam at their own convenience. It is online and set up by TSFA office.
- ❖ Must pass judging criteria for Symmetrical Triangle Arrangement and Rose Boutonniere.
- ❖ Test Dates, Times and Locations: Posted at [TSFA.org](https://TSFA.org), check back periodically for updated dates and times.

# Additional Testing Information

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- ❖ Students will be provided with fresh product, floral wire, floral tape, 1/3 brick wet floral foam, container (green design bowl) and anchor tape for hands-on designs.
- ❖ Students should bring knives, stem cutters/shears, and wire cutters. There will be no tools provided.
- ❖ Students will have 60 minutes to complete the hands-on test consisting of one complete Symmetrical Triangle Arrangement and one complete Rose Boutonniere. The online KB test is 60 minutes and timed. Teachers administer the KB test at their convenience.
- ❖ There will be not extra product provided, students **MUST** be careful with product that they are given.
- ❖ Broken stems may not be replaced during testing, may need to wire stems. Points will not be counted off for inferior product, the design is judged on stem placement only.
- ❖ Strict guidelines and procedures must be followed.
- ❖ Retesting is available for students who do not pass the hands-on or online KB test.
- ❖ There is a \$35 retesting fee per test.
- ❖ Hands-on retests may be taken at scheduled test locations or proctored digitally by teachers during scheduled time. Dates, times and locations are listed at TSFA.org



# Completed Rose Boutonniere



# Required Materials for Level 1 Rose Boutonniere

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- ✓ Small Rose head (50 cm) appropriate for boutonniere (i.e. Charlotte Red Rose)
- ✓ Foliage – Small piece of Leather Leaf Fern
- ✓ #26 Gauge Wire
- ✓ Floral Tape

## Required Tools:

- ✓ Wire Cutters
- ✓ Clippers/Shears
- ✓ Knife
- ✓ Band Aids



# Boutonniere Stem Length

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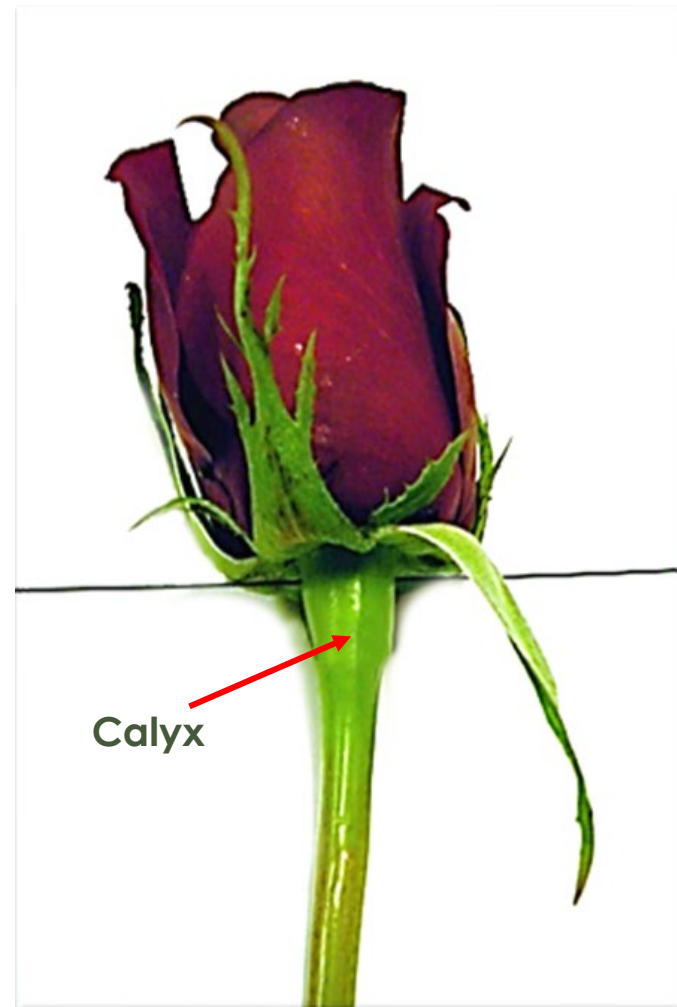
Stem length for a rose boutonniere should be proportionate to the head size, approximately 1 ½" to 2 ½"



# Inserting First Wire

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Use ½ length of a #26 gauge wire,  
pierce through the calyx of the rose



# Inserting Second Wire

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Using a second #26 gauge wire, cross  
pierce the calyx

Slightly lower than the first insertion

\*See images to the right for cross  
insertions



# Securing Wires

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In order to keep the wire parallel to the stem and prevent spiraling around the stem of the rose, you may want to floral tape around the lower portion of the stem to hold the wire straight and parallel to the stem, before completing the taping of the entire stem.

Note: (If you have a torn or broken sepal, rotate it to the back side of the rose head. DO NOT REMOVE. If more than one sepal is bad, you may trim or re-shape, but do not trim all sepals).



# Foliage

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Choose a tip from the Leather Leaf Fern that is proportionate to the size of the rose head. Foliage is an accent only and should not overpower the design.



# ★ Optional Step

## Wiring Leather Leaf Fern

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It is not necessary to wire your foliage

However, if you choose to wire Leather Leaf Fern, create a hairpin of ½ length #28 wire

Thread through the two lower fronds and pull the wire straight down parallel to the stem.

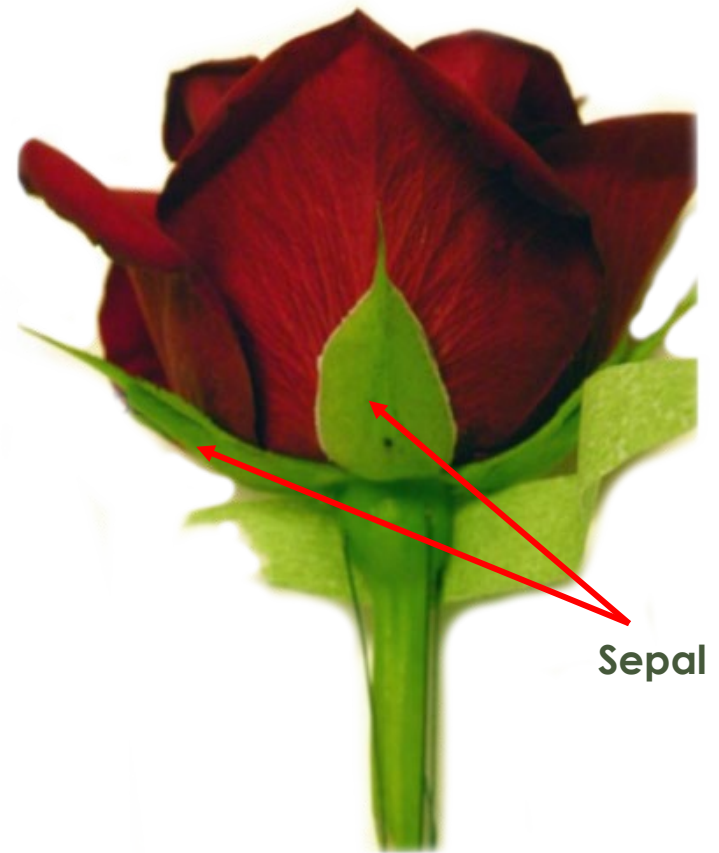
Tape partially down the rose stem to prevent the Leather Leaf stem from spiraling around the stem and then tape over the entire rose stem.



★ *Leather Leaf is very delicate and easy to break, again, wiring is optional, not necessary.*

# Tape Wired Rose Stem

- ❖ If sepals are hanging down, do not remove, simply move aside.
- ❖ Tape around receptacle with floral tape, being careful to cover all insertion holes and pulled tight to top of stem.
- ❖ Make sure tape is pulled tight and smooth all along stem. No curled (pig tail) stems, please!
- ❖ Be sure there are no barbs or pieces of wire showing along the stem or at the bottom of the stem.



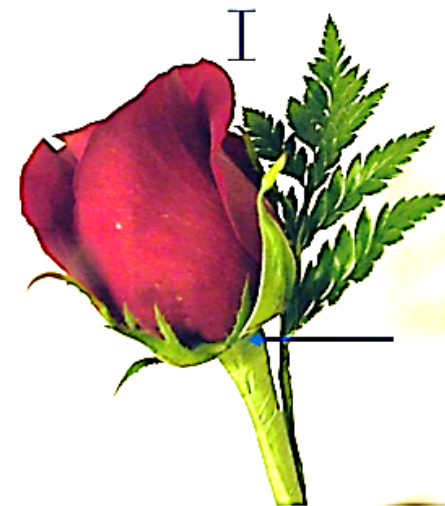
# ★ Should you choose to use Leather Leaf Fern for the Boutonniere... Tape Rose and Foliage Together

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Lay Leather Leaf Fern so that the lower end of the fronds fit close to the bottom of the rose head.

The tip of the Leather Leaf should be just slightly above the head of the rose, within a range of 1-2 inches, maximum, in *proportion and scale* to the size of the rose head.

Note: Shave Leather Leaf stem halfway down the stem length of the rose and then tape stem and foliage together. This prevents the stem from becoming so thick with tape!



# The Stem Length for a Rose Boutonniere

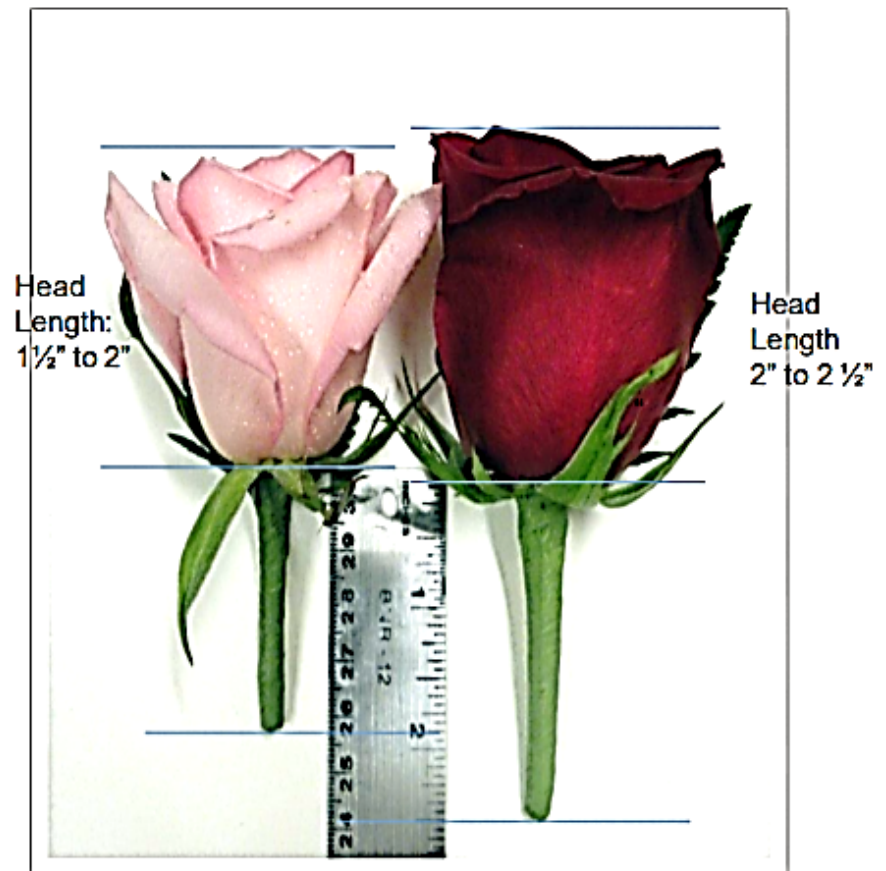
## Reminder:

The length of the stem of your boutonniere is proportionate to the head size of the Rose.

The smaller the head size of the Rose, the shorter the stem.

The larger the head size of the Rose, the longer the stem

**\* REMEMBER: stem length is Proportionate to head size!**



# Completed Rose Boutonniere

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# Design Conclusions

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- ❖ Design will be judged on taping of the stem and calyx as well as length of stem in comparison to rose height, NOT product quality.
- ❖ DO NOT create a (curly cew) curl on the stem with tape, this will result in a loss of points in grading.