

Christmas Flowers

Deck The Halls In Style

(NAPSA)—The holidays can be a perfect time to let your creativity flow and add extra-special touches to your home with fresh cut flowers and seasonal evergreens. Decorating is more dramatic if you give each room its own center of attention. For an unconventional approach, use miniature trees. They make a big impact in a small space.

Once you master the basic design technique, there are so many ways to personalize the tree and make it your own, say the floral experts at 1-800-FLOWERS.COM. There are practically no limits to the different variations and sizes you can come up with. Trim the trees in a different style for each room. Smaller variations can be made in mini clay pots painted gold or even recycled tin cans as containers. Simply glue candy canes around the tin.

To make the arrangement, start by securing wet floral foam, available from most craft shops, into a container. Use waterproof tape if needed. Create the basic shape of a traditional Christmas tree starting with a tall piece of boxwood inserted in the center of the top of the foam and four pieces creating the width at the base. Fill in the rest of the foam with boxwood.

To add texture and fragrance,



The natural beauty of the Holiday Flower Tree can fill your home with holiday spirit.

intersperse pieces of other evergreens such as cedar and pine throughout the tree. Decorate the tree with flowers such as carnations, poms, and baby's breath. Give the flowers a fresh cut on an angle and insert directly into the foam. Add gold balls and top the tree with a star. These decorations can be wired and inserted directly into the foam or first put on sticks and then into the foam.

Water the tree often and mist it daily to help keep it fresh.

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