

HALLOWEEN HINTS.

Scare Up Some Beauty With Flowers

(NAPSA)—When you think of Halloween, do ghosts, jack-o'-lanterns and black cats immediately come to mind? How about flowers? You may think of flowers as an unusual Halloween ornament, but the floral experts at 1-800-FLOWERS.COM say that a technique utilizing “cobwebs” made with hot glue turns a seasonal arrangement into a frightfully festive piece.

To start, you will need a basket with floral foam (available at any florist and craft stores) and an assortment of seasonal flowers and birch branches. Make sure to thoroughly soak the foam before inserting the cut flowers. Choose an array of autumn hues, such as deep reds and purples, as well as plenty of orange and yellow. After your basket is designed and you've inserted the birch branches, you are ready to make your cobwebs.

Take two pieces of styrofoam (about 5"x3") and either dip one side in hot glue or generously coat with a hot glue gun. Press the two pieces together and hold for about 10 seconds. Gently pull pieces



A boo-tiful frights and flowers arrangement can add fun to any Halloween decorations.

apart; you'll immediately see fine threadlike strands forming. Wrap them gently around the birch branches until they stick. Repeat the process as often as needed to create the effect of cobwebs.

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