How to: create a Christmas centrepiece



You will need: Blue pine - long and short cuts Potted poinsettia Potted ivy Potted rosehips Twigs with Lichen

Chicken wire Container such as a bowl or short vase Plant sticks Plastic bags



Step 1. Place your containers in the desired spot. If you are creating your display on a long surface and have two containers create one arrangement at a time.



Step 2. Scrunch up the chicken wire and place inside the container. Fill the container with water.



Step 3. Create a framework using the long cuts of the blue pine



Step 4.

Secure two or three Amaryllis in the container around the blue pine

Amaryllis have a very a hollow stem, and when the flowers open they tend to be quite heavy! Use a plant stick to keep the flower supported in your arrangement.



Step 5.

Add the Poinsettia to your arrangement and fill in the gaps with the ivy and decorate across with rosehips and the lichen.

Take the plant out of its pot and put it in a plastic bag. Then, take a plant stick and using tape or garden wire secure the plant to the stick.



Step 6.

Now that your arrangement is taking shape, take the shorter cuts of your blue pine and use this to hide the mechanics of your display. The blue pine doesn't need to be in water to survive.

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Step 7.

If you are using more than one container, now mirror your design so that the arrangement meets in the middle.



Step 8.

For a final festive touch, string fairy lights through the display

Hints & tips:

- Your ivy might need a bit of a haircut! Trim the leaves to make the plants more uniformed and balance your arrangement
- Before putting your plants in plastic bags, make sure they are well watered, so they survive for longer.
- Throughout the Christmas period, make sure to water the Amaryllis