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Autumn is on its way along with one of my favorite holidays - Halloween! For me, Halloween marks a time when my home will begin to look and feel festive with the coming seasons. Over the years I've collected quite a few décor pieces however most of them are cute and whimsical. And although I love these pieces, what I really need is something for my dining room that is reminiscent of the holiday yet elegant too. So I've put together this spooky little arrangement of black, purple and orange floral pieces using Fiskars fabulous new line of floral tools. They made this project so much easier to prepare and assemble from start to finish.

Supply List:

Fiskars Brands: 01-004768 Floral Spray Foam
Fiskars Brands: 01-004726 Professional Grade Stem Cutter
Fiskars Brands: 01-004803 3-in-1 Fastener
Fiskars Brands: 01-004988 Portable Glue Gun
Fiskars Brands: 01-004989 Floral Gluestick Refill
Fiskars Brands: 01-004729 Floral Tape Dispenser
Fiskars Brands: 01-004731 Floral Tape Refill - Green
Fiskars Brands: 01-004806 Floral Pick Refill
Fiskars Brands: 01-004804 Floral Staple Refill
Other: container or basket; 1 yard of 2"- 3" wide wired ribbon; floral pieces.

notes:

I selected colors coordinating with my theme - black, purple and orange. I also chose a variety of pieces that would serve in height as well as fill space to work with the shape I had in mind for this design.

If using an unlined basket with an open weave, consider lining the basket prior to filling with foam, otherwise the foam may expand through the wicker. Lining can be paper that coordinates or contrasts with the basket depending on your desired look.

The night before I planned to actually arrange my flowers, I applied my Floral Spray Foam to the inside of the 6" square shaped container I had set aside. I first lightly misted the inside of the container with water and sprayed the foam about half way up from the bottom, finish with a light misting. This gave the foam plenty of room to expand as it cured 12 - 24 hours.

For this piece I decided to go with an asymmetrical right angle design.

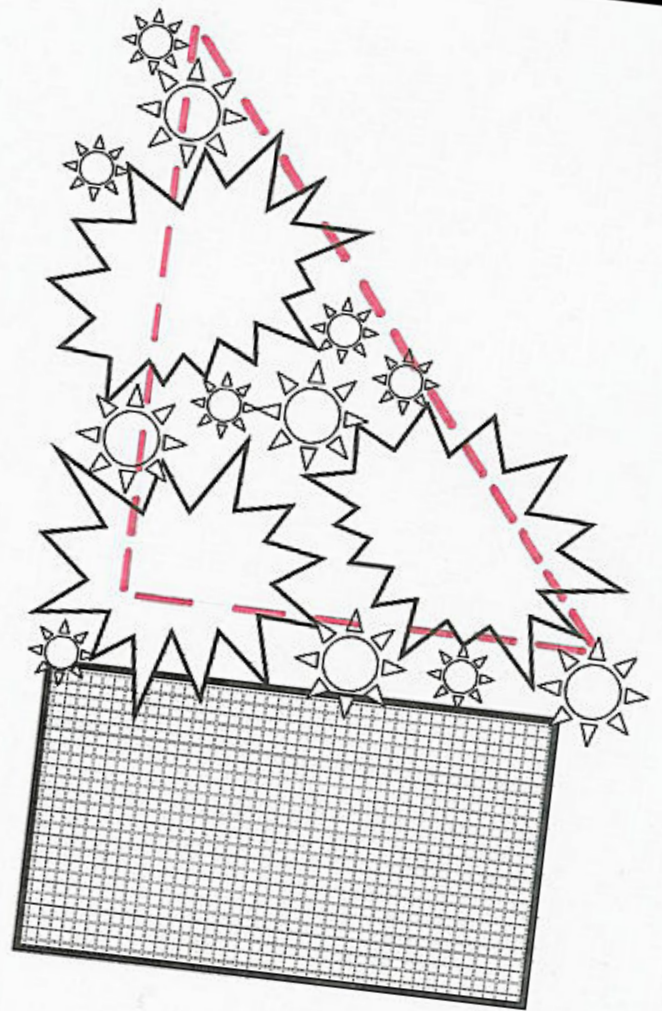


I started by trimming my floral pieces to the desired height with the Professional Grade Stem Cutter. I love its table top design and that it will cut floral stems up to $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter!



Once my pieces were cut, I could begin arranging. I used the 3-in-1 Fastener to attach Floral Picks to my pieces as well as using it to band small bundles of flowers together with the Floral Staples.

I arranged my pieces with the higher stems on the left while the shorter pieces were added to the right side – forming the design like an “L” shape.



I continued to add pieces with this in mind and filled gaps all around the arrangement.

After the floral pieces in place, I made a bow from black 2.5” wired ribbon again using the 3-in-1 Fastener. I simply changed out the Plunger (#1) and Die (B) pieces and looped my ribbon several times in an accordion pleat-type loop through the notch of the orange die. I added the Staple and pressed down the handle to crimp it around the center of the bow. I removed and shaped my bow and used the Portable Glue Gun to attach it to the front right corner of the container.



Note: If you want a quick way to attach your bows, you can insert the Stick-on Bow Backer in the die before you begin looping your ribbon.

And that's it! I can't tell you how excited I am to have these new floral tools to make more projects just like this. The possibilities are endless!