

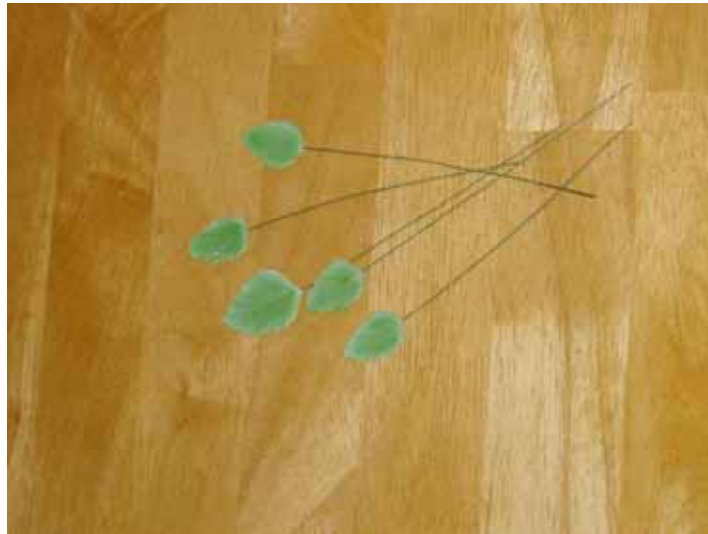
# Making a flower spray



Here is the  
final spray  
created.

# Leaves

- Since I am making a spray with roses, I started by grouping the leaves appropriately – usually full roses have leaves in groups of 5, buds have leaf groups of 3.
- Use florist tape, split in half lengthwise. It is best to start with pieces about 5-6 inches long.



Start with the first, large leaf, and get the tape started. Wrap the tape so that it overlaps 2/3 of the previous row of tape.



Wrap the tape once around the wire and add 2 med leaves, stacked over the large leaf.



Wrap the tape twice around the wire, and add 2 small leaves, stacked again. Wrap the remainder of the wire.



Pull the small leaves to either side of the wire. Repeat with med leaves.





- When making ivy stems, start with the smallest leaf and add one leaf at a time. The distance between leaves should not be more than half the length of the lower leaf.

Here are a few finished ivy stems.





- Before starting to combine flowers and leaves, all the dried pieces were arranged on the worktop.
- I have all the flowers here for 3 sprays (a picture of the finished cake will be included later)
  - roses and leaf groups
  - cala lillies
  - stephanotis
  - baby's breath
  - ivy stems

(picture missed) – a 3-leaf group was taped to the wire of a rosebud.



Here, the ivy stem was the first item of the spray. (since this was to be the spray for the top tier, I wanted the ivy to hang below the plate, but no larger flowers hanging)

Two stephanotis buds were lined up along the wire of the stem and taped from the lowest ivy leaf to the wire's end.

The rosebud was placed so that the flower was even with the last ivy leaf, and taped.



To make sure the flowers would be in the desired position on the cake, a dummy was used.

This also provided the correct place to bend the wires so that the spray would hug the cake when in place.



The next flower was positioned, and taped. Then the placement of the next lily was determined. At this point, the gaps were filled with smaller flowers too.



All the filler flowers and lilies were taped in place. The final rose was positioned so that it would be centred on the cake and taped to the end of the wires.

(in this case, a ribbon was also added)

This spray is completed!

# The Final Presentation



The final cake:

- the wires from each spray were inserted into flower spikes
- three sprays were used to cascade down this cake (one on each tier)
- when assembling the cake, I had extra filler flowers on hand to fill in gaps.