

Attendants' Scepter



The attendants' scepter is comparatively easy to make even though it may appear to be complicated. It is a nosegay or colonial type bouquet and is inexpensive to construct. This version of the scepter bouquet is designed with Violets and White Hyacinth florets and is backed with suitable foliage leaves. A designer may use other delicate flowers and florets to accomplish similar effects for other occasions.

Assembly Instructions



1. First wire and tape leaves using the hairpin method and then wire 12 to 15 White Hyacinth florets. Do not criss-cross two wires by piercing the bottom of the floret or overwrap the bottom of the floret with wet cotton or tissue. Pull the hook device (wrapped with *Floratape*® stem wrap) down gently inside the base of each floret and begin wrapping with *Floratape*® stem wrap exactly where the wire protrudes from the flower




2. Next select one bunch of freshly hardened Violets. Do not remove the tender, water-filled stems of Violets but instead, let them become part of the design. Surround the raised central grouping of Hyacinth florets with carefully placed Violets. For an interesting contrast, mix a few white florets in with the outer placement of Violets.



3. Hold the entire cluster together with a few lengths of stretched *Floratape*® stem wrap. Do not use wire binding in this instance because tightened wires may cut through the delicate Violet stems. Properly wind and tape leaves, placing them so that the tips become part of the overall pattern and design. The leaves will form a suitable backing to add sturdiness and support to the bouquet.
4. Finally tape the entire cluster together securely with several windings of *Floratape*® stem wrap. The bound stem cluster may have a bulky appearance, but when attached to the wand and accented with an appropriate velvet or satin bow, the bouquet is effective and dramatic. Attach the cluster nosegay to the wand with *Floratape*® stem wrap centering the wand and attaching the bow directly beneath the leaf backing. Violet stems should be left long to flare at the bottom.

Use the scepter idea to create variations for teens attending dances and proms, and for flower girls at weddings.



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