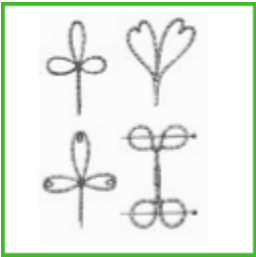


Corsage Braces




All corsages should be as lightweight as possible and easy to wear. They must never be top-heavy, and this is especially important for those worn on the shoulder. If they are not properly balanced, they require two or more pins and the wearer may be inclined to wear them hanging upside down. Corsages of large or heavy flowers are particularly difficult to anchor in position on lightweight fabrics. This problem must be kept in mind when constructing corsages.



Assembly Instructions


1. Groups of stems at the bottom can often be flattened and fanned out to provide additional support. If there is only one stem, it can be given a simple, pleasing curve to help brace the corsage and hold it in the desired position on the garment. This is often called a C-brace.
2. Special flat braces for attaching to the backs of corsages can easily be made from medium-sized wires wrapped in the appropriate color of ribbon. Always wrap the wires with *Floratape*® stem wrap first to help keep the ribbon covering firmly in place. These rigid braces can be made in various sizes and interesting decorative shapes to harmonize with the size and nature of the flowers.
3. Large S-shaped or double scroll braces make effective stabilizing braces. Looped braces of various sizes are readily fashioned in leaf forms, heart or other artistic irregular shapes. Fasten the corsage securely against the flat wire braces or build the loop braces into the corsage during its construction.





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