

# plants plus

Upgrade your foliage plant offerings with accompanying fresh or permanent flowers.

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A gorgeous peace lily (*Spathiphyllum*) is a beautiful and long-lasting gift all on its own, but sometimes the occasion calls for more customization. Here are two options to add colorful fresh – or permanent – florals for a variety of occasions.

A stately urn adds to the elegance, and a floral-foam wreath form or simple floral-foam bouquet holder make the floral designs quick to create.

Either would make a lovely sympathy design and offer options for leaving the florals at a graveside service while sending the plant home with a loved one. The upgraded plant would also be a welcome gift for someone starting a new job, a business celebrating a grand opening, or in any situation where customers want a long-lasting remembrance. **sf**

**MATERIALS:** 'Hermes' carnations and 'Lady Ingreen' *Dianthus*es from **Selecta Cut Flowers**; *Hypericum* from **Misty Flowers**; heath asters (*Aster ericoides* 'Monte Cassino'), flowering branches, 8-inch peace lily (*Spathiphyllum*) and fresh sheet moss from suppliers of your choice; Oasis 10½-inch Design Ring and Oasis Greening Pins from **Smithers-Oasis North America**; 9½-inch Designer Urn from **Syndicate Sales**; Tack 2000 Spray Adhesive from **Design Master Color Tool**.



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## HOW TO (above)



Make a series of loops with flat wire; these will become a collar for the design in the bouquet holder.



Bind the center of each loop with a small length of flat wire, and pick the bundle into the urn with the wire. Spread the loops to create a wide collar.



Arrange the florals into the bouquet holder, and insert the handle of the bouquet holder into the planter, atop the wire collar.

## HOW TO (opposite page)



Spray the side of the plastic base of the design tray with adhesive, and adhere the moss around the soaked foam form. Pin the moss into the foam as needed.



Place the urn into the center of the moss-covered floral-foam form.



Arrange the floral materials into the soaked floral foam. Alternate botanicals to ensure interest from every angle.