

OASIS® Design Directions

OASIS® Maché Products



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Queen of Hearts

A Design by Michelle Perry-White

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

Supplies

18" Maché Open Heart
HYDROSEAL™ Anti-Transpirant
CLEAR SOLUTION™ Nutrient & Clarifier

Willow Bundle Sticks
#9 Ribbon

Flowers and Foliage

"Anna" Roses
Galax
Plumosa



1 Saturate the maché heart in a mixture of CLEAR SOLUTION™ Nutrient and water. Spray the galax leaves with HYDROSEAL™ Anti-Transpirant to give the leaves a lasting shine. Roll the leaves and insert into the foam, covering the entire foam surface with galax.



2 Following the shape of the heart form, insert the willow sticks deep into the foam. Be sure to tuck the sticks under or between the rolled galax, keeping the stick insertions completely vertical and fairly tight. Group and stagger the sticks to give complete coverage.



3 Using sharp pruning shears, cut and shape the sticks, angling the sticks downward towards the bottom point to give a clean definition of the heart shape. Trim and angle the sticks at the top center point of the heart to further enhance the shape as well.



4 Trim the rose stems at lengths so the rose head appears to be 'resting' on the willow sticks, and insert into the foam. Clean the bottom of plumosa stems and insert into the foam, intertwining the plumosa tips along the roses. For a final touch, add ribbon to 'dance' along the roses.