

## Summer in Bloom

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### Materials

- 1 bunch dried bear grass
- Scissors
- Wood picks
- Green floral tape
- Rectangular container
- Floral foam
- Floral knife
- Plastic planter
- Sheet moss
- Chicken wire
- Wire cutters
- 12 mini sunflowers
- 24 delphiniums
- 10 stocks
- 12 sunflowers
- 4 hydrangea, separated into smaller clusters
- Variegated ivy



### TIP

**Use chicken wire** to stabilize large thick-stemmed blooms. Once you insert thick stems in foam, leave them in place. Moving stems around creates holes, which makes it harder to secure flowers into foam.

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1 Trim bear grass so ends are same length. Attach wood picks to bear grass to create sturdy stems that won't break when inserted into foam. Wrap wire attached to wood pick around bear grass. Strengthen the connection by wrapping stem and pick with floral tape.

2 Cut floral foam to fit container. Place foam in container, and fill one-quarter of container with water. Add sheet moss to foam edges, leaving center open for inserting stems. Lay a piece of chicken wire over moss and foam. Tuck edges behind container's front and back rims.

3 Insert six wrapped bear grass stems across center of foam. Plan height of the six tallest mini sunflowers; leave stems long enough so you can insert them deep into the foam. Cut stems with a floral knife and insert mini sunflowers in between bear grass stems.



4 Cut 12 delphiniums so the stems are 1 inch to 2 inches shorter than mini sunflowers. Insert rows of six in front and in back of mini sunflowers. Repeat for 10 stock stems. Add a row of three sunflowers to front and back of arrangement. Fill in with bear grass.

5 Cut hydrangea clusters to tuck around arrangement's base. Add shorter delphinium stems in front of sunflower rows. Cut sunflower stems to 4 inches and insert them behind hydrangea. Arrange tendrils of ivy so leaves cascade over container's sides.