Using Chicken Wire in Flower Arrangements

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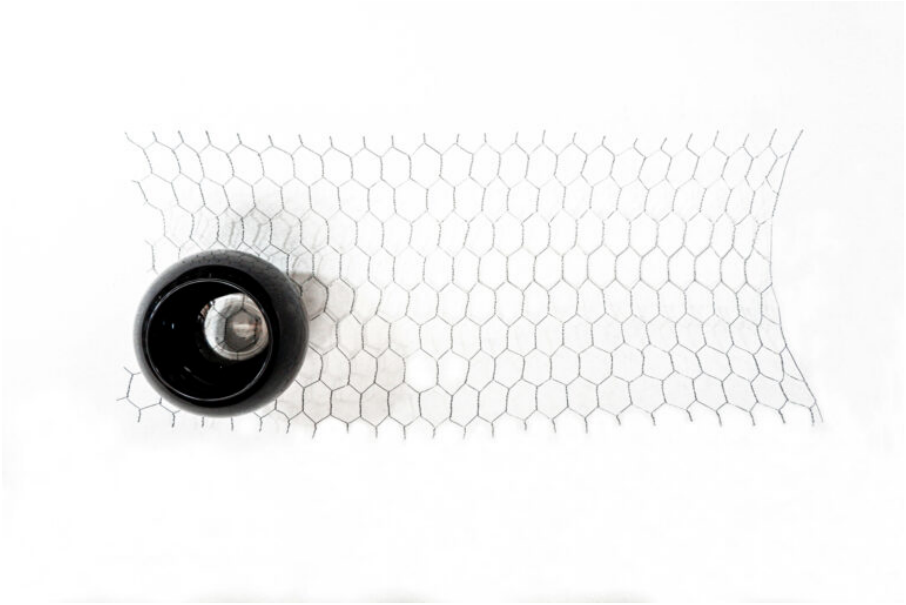
This blog will show you how using chicken wire in flower arrangements is a better idea than floral foam.



OVERVIEW

- **Estimated Completion Time:** ~1 Hour
- **Experience Required:** Low
- **Tools Required:** Pliers, Wire Cutters, Protective Gloves
- **Materials Required:** Chicken Wire, Vase, Flowers, Foliage

STEP 1) Measure the Width



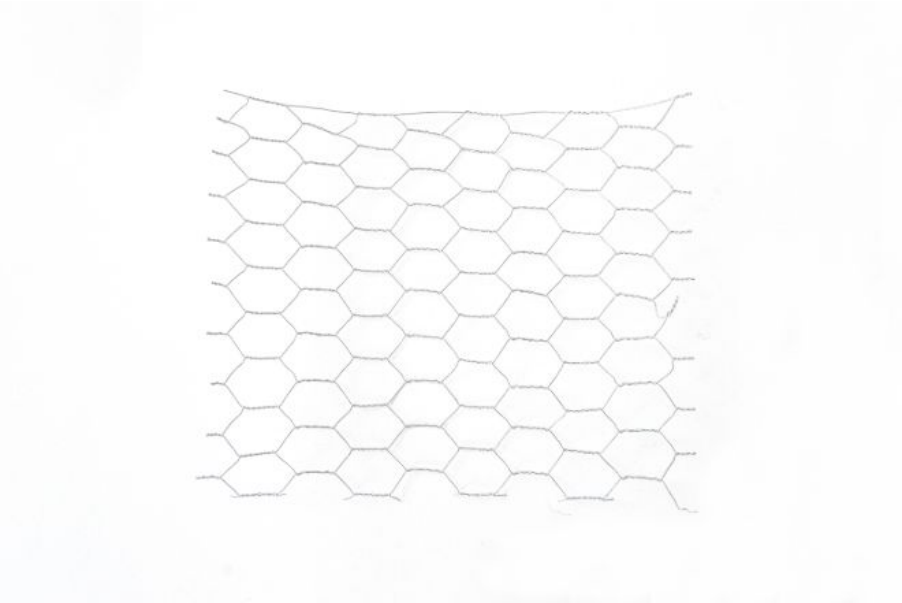
- Place the vase on the chicken wire (which should be around 1mm thick).
- The width of the mesh should be slightly larger than the width of the vase opening.

STEP 2) Measure the Height



- Measure the height of the vase.
- The length of the mesh that you need to cut is going to be the height of the vase times two.

STEP 3) Cut to Size



- Based on the previous measurements, cut the mesh to size.
- Make sure to wear a pair of protective gloves to avoid injuries and use wire cutters.

STEP 4) Fold the Mesh Into the Vase



- Gently fold the mesh inside the vase, but do not crumple it up.
- Take the two ends and bring them close together in a downwards movement.

- Once you have a ball-like cushion, push it to the bottom of the base so the flower stems can later go through both layers of mesh.

STEP 5) Pour Water Into the Vase



- Fill the vase with enough water if you are planning to use real flowers.
- If you are using artificial flowers, you can leave it empty.

STEP 6) Select Flowers



- Decide on what kinds of flowers you would like for the arrangement, select them and cut them to fit the vase.
- Don’t forget to add some greenery as well to give it a fuller look.

STEP 7) Place the Greenery in the Vase



- Always start with the greenery to conceal the mesh.
- After that, you can use the blooms to create a nice arrangement.

STEP 8) Finish Your Composition



- Insert the flowers into the vase.
- At this point you can follow a floral recipe or just simply arrange the composition to your liking.

TIPS

- Arranging flowers with chicken wire is more beneficial for the plants as they are able to suck up water naturally
- The chicken wire insert can be reused multiple times for different arrangements so it's a more environmentally friendly option over the floral foam

FURTHER READING

- Cutting Chicken Wire – Follow this step by step guide to learn how to cut chicken wire with different tools

