

## Shabby Chic Wall Flower Basket

### You Will Be A Needin':

- Wall basket (one pictured is 9 x 5)
- Material - 3 different contrasting materials, material for flower centers, material for covering basket (material pictured is an old bed skirt that has been stained)
- Quilt batting
- Stuffing
- Wire - 20 gauge
- Brown floral foam
- Green floral bricks
- Spanish moss
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Paint for handle of basket (to match material chosen to cover basket)
- Greenery
- Thick rope
- Wire cutters
- For Staining: Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil (optional)

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Read through all directions before beginning.

### Basket:

#1. Paint the handle (or hanger) of your basket accordingly; you may want to match it to the material. The handle of the basket pictured was painted antique white. Let dry thoroughly. Paint a second coat if desired. You may wish to paint a sealer on top; that is strictly your choice. Let dry.

#2. To cover wall basket; measure the width and the height (from the very top to the center of the bottom) and add 2 inches; cut out.

#3. Measure as in step #1, but without adding the 2 inches, and cut this out of quilt batting.

#4. Stain your material first with the recipe and directions given below at the end of these instructions.

#5. Beginning at the center of the back, very carefully hot glue the batting to the basket doing a small section at a time.

#6. Beginning at the center of the back, very carefully hot glue the material to the basket, again doing a small section at a time. Fold in the ends where they meet in the back.

### Flowers:

Stain all material with the recipe and directions given below at the end of these instructions.

Print and cut out the flower and flower center patterns. In the basket pictured, there are 9 flowers, 3 from each material.

Flowers:

#2. Trace the flower pattern on doubled material; cut out. Using 1/4 inch seam allowance, sew all around the flower; do NOT leave an opening.

#2. On the center back, cut a small opening for turning. Clip curves and turn. Do NOT sew the opening closed.

Centers:

#1. Trace the center pattern on double material; cut out. Using 1/4 inch seam allowance, sew all around the flower center; do NOT leave an opening.

#2. On the center back, cut a small opening for turning. Turn.

#3. Stuff firmly and sew opening shut.

Finish:

#1. Place the center in the middle of the flower and, with matching embroidery thread, sew the flower center to the flower with small running stitches completely around.

#2. Cut 2 pieces of 20 gauge wire for each flower. For 9 flowers (pictured) you will need 6 at 7 inches long, 6 at 9 inches long and 6 at 11 inches long. Twist 2 of each length together. Cover these with brown floral tape.

#3. Very carefully, with hot glue, glue the wire stems to the back of each flower where you cut the opening for turning. Pull the material up and over the stem and glue.

### **Finish:**

#1. Fill your basket with bricks of floral foam. Place stuffing on top of bricks until near top of basket. Cover this with Spanish moss.

#2. Arrange your flowers with the shortest in front. Fill the back with greenery.

#3. Measure completely around top of basket and cut piece of rope to this size. Stain the rope with recipe and directions given below at the end of these instructions. Glue around top of basket to cover where material connects with basket.

#4. Tear a bow from contrasting or matching material, fashion into a bow and glue to front of basket.

### **Staining Directions:**

Supplies Needed:

Instant coffee

Vanilla extract

Fragrance oil (optional)

Old cookie sheet, wax paper, paper towels, old rags

Small spray bottle

Funnel

1. Mix together in glass jar with lid -  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup vanilla extract.
2. Add fragrance oil to your taste. (HINT: You may want to add just a little at first and add more if you desire. If you add too much to begin with it may be stronger than you prefer.)
3. Pour stain into spray bottle.
4. Lay wax paper or old rags on cookie sheet. Lay here what you are staining. Spray front and back thoroughly with stain.
5. Bake in oven at 200 degrees for 10 minutes. If you need to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments.

NEVER LEAVE THIS UNATTENDED. THIS CAN CATCH ON FIRE. KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AWAY. WATCH CLOSELY.

You're done with Shabby Chic Wall Flower Basket. I hope you enjoyed making it as much as I enjoyed designing it. If you have any problems or questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me or visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>.

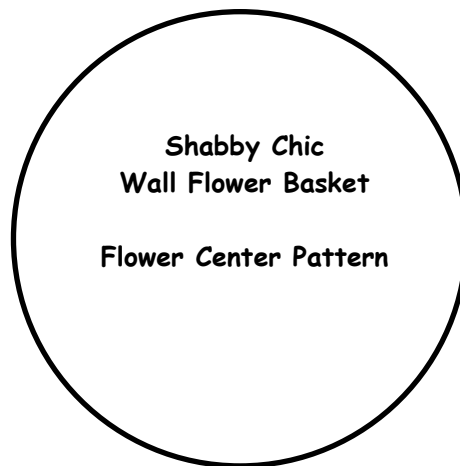
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