

Level 1 Floral Design Certification Testing Rubrics



Symmetrical Triangle (100 total points)

Design Element	10-8 Points	7-4 Points	3-1 Points	Earned Points
Skeletal Design	Shows high quality of design. Radial placement. Flowers facing is correct. Needs little or no improvement.	Incorrect angles. Some flowers not facing correctly. Needs improvement.	Shows little or no used of correct design element. Not a triangle. Needs much improvement.	
Balance	Shows visual and actual physical balance. Needs little or no improvement.	Shows an attempt at balance. Needs improvement.	Not balanced. Leans in one or more directions. Needs much improvement.	
Proportion	Container and flowers are in good proportion. Needs little or no improvement.	Shows an attempt at proportion. Needs improvement.	Shows lack of proportion. Needs much improvement.	
Focal Area	Area of greatest visual impact or weight is clearly visible.	Center of interest is lacking. Focal area needs improvement. #9 insertion too deep or forward.	Focal area is missing or poorly executed.	
Mechanics	Anchor tape is used properly. Little or no foam is showing. Needs little or no improvement.	Tape needs improvement. Foam is showing. Needs some improvement.	Tape is loose or flagging. Large spans of foam showing. Needs much improvement.	
Space	Defines volume of depth of design. Positive space is physically occupied by flowers. Negative space is present.	Incorrect spacing between flowers. Limited 3-D space. Various dimensions missing.	Poor spacing. Skeletal flowers touching. Needs much improvement.	
Symmetry	Correspondence in size & form. Correct placement of product on either side of the center line. Design is 18"x18".	Shows some symmetry but needs improvement. One or more skeletal flowers out of correct placement.	Not symmetrical. Needs much improvement.	
Foliage	Follows shape of design; radiates from focal point, right side up; correct size. Supports skeletal flowers.	Placement needs improvement. Damage not trimmed or corrected appropriately. Too much or too few foliage used.	Incomplete; wrong size; Severely damaged; Facing wrong direction.	
Filler	Radiates from central axis. Follows shape of design. Creates depth in design. Needs little or no improvement.	Filler does not radiate or is not used correctly.	No filler used. Filler needs much improvement.	
Overall Appearance	Design techniques are acceptable.	Needs a few improvements.	Needs many improvements.	

Comments:

Total Points: _____ / 100
(Pass: 70 and above)

Boutonniere (50 total points)

Design Element	10-8 Points	7-4 Points	3-1 Points	Earned Points
Taping	Shows high quality of design. Taping is clean, tight, and smooth. All wire is covered. End of stem is properly covered. Needs little or no improvement.	Taping is not uniformly smooth or tight. Wire is exposed at or below the calyx or along the stem. Needs some improvement.	Taping is loose or flagging. Stem end is not covered by tape. Wire is exposed at stem end. Needs much improvement.	
Wiring of calyx	Calyx is pierced and wired properly. Needs little or no improvement.	Calyx is not pierced and wired properly. Needs some improvement.	Calyx is not wired or wire extends beyond the stem end. Needs much improvement.	
Stem	Attractive boutonniere. Stem length is desired length of 1.5 to 2.5 inches and proportional to flower head size. Wire is not coiled around the stem. Stem is cut at a 45-degree angle. Needs little or no improvement.	Incorrect stem length. Wire is coiled around the stem. Needs some improvement.	Stem length is not proportionate. Needs much improvement.	
Foliage	Leatherleaf is the only foliage used. Size is proportionate to overall design. If wired (optional), this is done properly. Needs little to no improvement.	Foliage is too long or large. Foliage is too small or short. If wired (optional), this is done incorrectly. Needs some improvement.	Foliage is absent. Foliage other than leatherleaf is used. Needs much improvement.	
Overall Appearance	Design techniques are acceptable	Needs some improvement.	Needs much improvement.	

Comments:**Total Points:** _____ / 50
(Pass: 35 and above)