

Level 2 Floral Design Certification Testing Rubrics



Corsage (70 total points)

Design Element	10-8 Points	7-5 Points	4-1 Points	Earned Points
Line/Form	Ideal line throughout corsage. Flowers expertly placed. Proper arch effect.	Line needs work, flowers are placed too close together, creating a clump. Lacks proper arch.	Poor spacing, not tapered by using smaller to longer blossoms.	
Physical Visual Balance	Flowers are placed smallest to largest at focal. Lightweight corsage.	Unbalanced by placement of flower sizes and foliage. Center of gravity is too low.	Lacks balance. "Heavy" corsage.	
Proportion/ Scale	Flowers and foliage are perfectly sized for each other. Size of finished design is perfect for bloom size. Nice mix of various sized blooms.	Bloom and foliage ratio is off a little.	Bloom too large for foliage. Foliage too large for bloom. Bloom not graduated in size.	
Depth/ Rhythm	Ideal depth with radial placement. Best front view of flowers.	Lacks depth and interest. No variance in bloom size. Needs more open areas between blooms. Not much rhythm from the focal point.	Little or no depth. No illusion of space between leaf and bloom. Very tight, clumpy design.	
Focal Area	Focal area has 2 large blooms and a bow. All stems point to this area.	Focal area unclear and weak.	Focal area of 2 carnations and bow is missing.	
Foliage	Correct and proportionate foliage used, wired correctly and skillfully attached.	Foliage is too large or small. Not graduated in size from smallest to largest. Wired incorrectly.	Foliage is absent. Needs much improvement. Not wired.	
Mechanics	Correctly pierced calyx. Taping is tight and secure. Nice wiring on foliage. Good stem length. End of stem is covered. Great backbone.	Wire insertions at calyx are visible. Taping is not smooth or tight. Construction needs work. Backbone needs some improvement.	Wiring is incorrect and exposed. Taping is loose. Stem end is exposed. Much improvement needed.	

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Asymmetrical Arrangement (100 total points)

Design Element	10-8 Points	7-5 Points	4-1 Points	Earned Points
Skeleton/ Form	Has high side and low side. Meets 16-18" tall by 8-10" wide. Radial placement, with all elements correctly placed.	Three to four blooms misplaced. Incorrect angle. Some flowers are not facing the correct direction.	Looks more symmetrical than asymmetrical. Missed the diagonal left to right line. Too tall or short. 5 or more flowers misplaced.	
Unity	All components, blooms-foliage-container, produce a cohesive look.	Not all components look unified.	No cohesive unity.	
Line	Line is clearly visible with high left and low right.	Asymmetrical line is not clearly evident.	Incorrect line.	
Physical/ Visual Balance	Ideal balance using placement and correct flower and foliage size.	Needs improvement. Flowers placed incorrectly. Visual weight is not grounded at focal.	Top heavy.	
Proportion	Container and floral product in correct proportion. Cohesive design. Needs little improvement.	Good use of small blooms on edges with larger blooms in focal. Needs some improvement.	Needs much improvement. Not enough foliage.	
Depth/ Rhythm	Positive space occupied by flowers leaving ample negative space showing depth. Great rhythm and movement from one flower to another.	Blossoms do not maintain an individual presence. Limited 3D space. Crowded appearance.	Dense, lacking space and depth. Stems are too long and creates too much space, which diminishes depth and interest.	
Focal Area	Area of greatest visual impact is evident. All stem ends point to bottom center of bowl with proper radial placement. Supported by foliage and filler.	Some components not radial. Center of interest is lacking. Lack of foliage and filler support.	Focal area missing. Random insertions.	
Foliage	Foliage follows correct shape. Lily Grass accent follows the line.	Foliage does not follow line of design or does not radiate.	Overwhelming amount of foliage or skimpy amount of foliage. Foliage is facing the wrong direction.	
Mechanics	Shows high construction quality. No foam is showing. Deep, secure insertions. Nicely groomed overall.	Loose insertions. Some foam visible.	Lacking construction skills. Shallow insertions. Lots of foam visible.	
Overall Appearance	Great job.	Arrangement needs some minor adjustments.	Please review Asymmetrical Triangle PowerPoint at tsfa.org	

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Rose Vase Arrangement (70 total points)

Design Element	10-8 Points	7-5 Points	4-1 Points	Earned Points
Form	Proper height of 22" – 26" ideal placement of 12 stems, round shape, 16' – 18" wide, all stems are radial to achieve focal (gathered appearance).	Flat top appearance, 3-4 stems misplaced, very upright placement, stems do not point to focal area.	One-sided appearance, 6 or more stems out of place; no width to design, too short.	
Spacing/ Depth	Each flower has its own space, nice balance of negative space, great depth and openness.	Spacing is correct between flower heads and foliage to allow for depth. Needs some improvement.	Very tight and mounded. No depth.	
Physical/ Visual Balance	Perfectly placed components to achieve the best physical and visual balance.	Physical appearance and structure is unstable. Visual Balance lacking.	Too tall – looks top-heavy and wide, no balance.	
Proportion/ Scale/ Unity	Correct proportion of flowers to vase, proper amount of each component.	Ratio of foliage to flowers needs work. Foliage too large and overpowers flowers.	Filler or foliage not used in proper proportion to flowers - making the overall appearance small or hides the flowers. Design too short or too tall for vase.	
Foliage	Foliage is radial follows line of design, even and round shape, nice grid of foliage.	Foliage hides flowers and is too tall. Some foliage placement not radial.	Foliage either lacking or overstuffed, Incorrect size of foliage, too short or too tall.	
Mechanics	No debris in water, stems are deep within level, stems in grid.	Broken tips or branches, lacks secure grid, stems too shallow, lacks grooming.	Debris in water, loose floppy grid, flowers not secure in grid.	
Filler	Filler is radial and correctly placed.	Filler hides flowers and is too tall, some filler is too tall or too short.	Filler either lacking or overstuffed, incorrect size of filler. Too tall or too short.	

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