

Alternatives to Foam!

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1. **Test Tubes**
2. **Holly Chapel Pillows (or chicken wire)**
3. **Moss**
4. **Pin Holders**
5. **Recycle & reuse – jam jars**
6. **Sellotape**

1.

Test Tubes ([info link](#))

Short (*in picture*) or Long, which enables you to lengthen flowers with short stem.

In this image the test tubes have been secured in melted wax from left over advent candles.



2.

Holly Chapel Pillows (or **chicken wire**)

The shape fits in a vessel and then allows the flower arrangement to hold its shape securely.



3.

Moss!

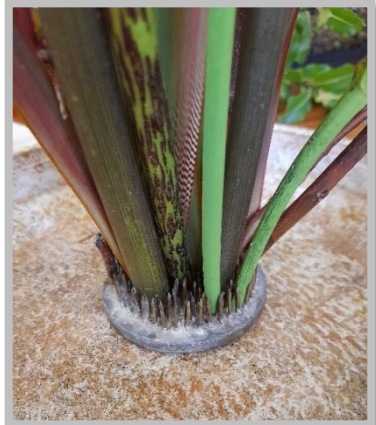
Remember the moss gardens that we used to make as a child? Moss is a great medium for retaining water (only take from nuisance areas!) and can be used to fill one of the long window trays.



4.

Pin Holders ([info link](#))

Great for thick stemmed flowers, like spring blooms. Anchor firmly in place on your item of choice and cover creatively.



5.

Recycle & reuse – jam Jars

An extremely straight forward but delightful way to reuse old household items.



6.

Sellotape (*why didn't I think of that*)

And finally, using clear Sellotape to form a lattice over vases helps to secure the blooms enabling a dramatic display which is stable and will not move.

