

Christmas Centerpiece Build Guide

Master hidden mechanics to build a lush, low-profile holiday arrangement.

Construct a stable, professional-grade holiday centerpiece using exact stem counts and hidden hydration secrets. This guide helps you build a lush foundation that keeps sightlines open and blooms fresh.

● Key Measurements & Mechanics

10-inch

shallow clay saucer foundation

12-inch

limit from table to cedar tip

6 to 8

branches for cedar base collar

2

taped wooden candle picks per taper

10

hidden water tubes for blooms

4 to 8 inches

eucalyptus lengths based on structure

4 inches

spacing between the three candles

1/4-inch

waterproof floral tape width



Testing Foam Saturation

Drop the dry floral foam block into clean water and let it sink entirely on its own. Forcing it creates dry air pockets that will instantly kill stems.

● Step-by-Step Build Guide

- 1 Anchor the foundation** Tape the wet foam to the dry clay edge using two intersecting strips pulled tight.
- 2 Build the base collar** Insert cedar horizontally around the bottom edge, then overlap with downward-angled eucalyptus.
- 3 Secure the tapers** Press taped candle picks firmly into the center in a staggered line until perfectly plumb.
- 4 Hydrate and tube blooms** Slice flower stems at a 45-degree angle, insert into filled tubes, and nestle into greenery.
- 5 Add final accents** Tuck leftover eucalyptus sprigs around the candle bases to hide mechanics and soften the transition.

● Stem Recipe & Hardgoods

- ☐ 1 bunch fresh cedar branches
- ☐ 1/2 bunch seeded eucalyptus
- ☐ 5 delicate white roses
- ☐ 5 white hellebores
- ☐ 3 standard dripless taper candles
- ☐ 1 block floral foam
- ☐ Floral preservative for water tubes

● Style Variations

Find your row: **Your dining room**

Your dining room	Your pick	Why
Moody jewel-toned room	Burgundy tapers, dark pine	Creates a dramatic evening atmosphere
Minimalist light oak	Olive branches, block candles	Offers a clean, understated look
Rustic farmhouse setting	Galvanized base, red berries	Brings traditional cozy charm
Mirrored dining table	Flocked evergreens, silver ornaments	Adds a touch of icy glamour

● Notes & Adjustments

Enjoy your beautifully anchored, lush centerpiece and have a wonderful holiday dinner party!

● Table & Placement Checks

- View from a seated position to verify sightlines remain open.
- Walk around the table to ensure no floral foam is visible.
- Double-check tapers are perfectly vertical to safely catch drips.
- Keep the arrangement away from direct heating vents.