

# HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN OSTRICH FEATHER MAESTRO VASE ARRANGEMENT

## Using AquaGems and BrightSpots

*This striking, tower arrangement is easy and quick to arrange, regardless of your floral design experience. With this arrangement you can make a dramatic and elegant statement at a wedding or other special event. Get creative and use your imagination with different color combinations of AquaGems and feather plumes, both of which are available in many great colors to match your special day.*

*They are great for centerpieces at your buffet, gift, or dining tables. Place a small one on your guest sign-in table next to your book with an ostrich feather pen!*



### What you will need:

- CLEAR GLASS MAESTRO VASE (one per arrangement). Maestro vases come in a variety of sizes, ranging from 9" to as tall as 32". (These vases are available at some craft stores, through your local florist, or through online vendors.) Keep in mind that the opening of this vase is very small, which is why feathers work so well for this type of arrangement.
- FEATHER PLUMES. Ostrich feathers work best, since they are larger and come in a variety of lengths and colors and make it easy to achieve this look.
- AQUAGEMS. Depending on the number of vases you use, you will probably need one 40-gram package of dry (or several bottles of hydrated) AquaGems. We used Pearl (white) AquaGems in the arrangement pictured here.
- BRIGHTSPOTS. Two or three of these accent lights per arrangement, depending on the height of the vase.

### Where to get these materials:

- Vases and feathers are available at your local craft store or florist or through online vendors.
- AquaGems and BrightSpots are manufactured by AquaGems of Idaho, LLC.



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## How to prepare:

1. If you have bought the dry form of AquaGems, you will need to place them in a water-filled container and allow 4 to 6 hours for the Gems to hydrate (see instructions on the packaging). If you have bought the bottled form, your Gems are fully hydrated and ready for use immediately.
2. Fill 2/3 of the vase with hydrated AquaGems. Then turn on a BrightSpot and place it on this layer of Gems, as close to the center as possible. Use a long stick or pencil as needed to position the BrightSpot this way.
3. Perform the following step according to the vase size:
  - For a taller vase, cover the BrightSpot with a several-inch-thick layer of AquaGems, then turn on another BrightSpot and place it on this layer of Gems. Then fill the remaining portion of the vase with Gems.
  - For a medium or small vase, fill the remaining portion of the vase with AquaGems.
4. Now, start placing your feathers into the AquaGem-filled vase. Begin by inserting the longer feathers into the top center, and keep adding feathers until you achieve the desired look. Add smaller feathers around the edges to make the arrangement look proportionate all around.
5. Place another BrightSpot in the center top of the vase, with the light facing up. This will cast light up through the feathers. Done!

