

HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN TWIN CANDY CORN FALL ARRANGEMENT

Using AquaGems and BrightSpots

This elaborate candy corn design will be the show stopper at your special events or parties in the fall. Incorporate the bats and you have a spectacular Halloween arrangement; take off the bats and you are ready for Thanksgiving. This design is more elaborate and will take a little more effort and time than some of our other projects.



What you will need:

- TWO LARGE CLEAR VASES. In the arrangement pictured, the vases are shaped like a candy corn.
- THREE SMALL VASES. Choose any shape or size you like.
- SILK FALL FLOWERS, FLEXIBLE WIRED BRANCHES, SPANISH MOSS, GRAPEVINE WREATH. Use your imagination here. Stick with the fall colors, but add more Halloween elements if you like or keep it more traditional.
- FLORAL WIRE.
- ONE SHEET BLACK FOAM PAPER/BAT STENCIL.
- GLUE GUN. You will need this to apply the bats to the vase, unless you can find precut bats with the adhesive backing. The gun will also be used for applying flowers and Spanish moss to the branches.
- AQUAGEMS. The amount you need depends on the size of the vases you choose. You may need a 40-gram package of dry (or several

bottles of hydrated) AquaGems in the color Sunstone (orange). One 10-gram package of dry (or one bottle of hydrated) AquaGems in the color Citrine (yellow) may be enough. One 10-gram package of dry (or one bottle of hydrated) AquaGems in the color Pearl (white) will be enough.

- BRIGHTSPOTS. Use as many of these submersible accent lights as you like to create highlights.

Where to get these materials:

- Vases, flowers, wired branches, Spanish moss, floral wire, foam paper, and glue guns are available at your local craft store or florist or through online vendors. A variety of free stencils are available online. Don't hesitate to use materials that you already have at home.
- AquaGems and BrightSpots are manufactured by AquaGems of Idaho, LLC.

AQUAGems
liquid marbles

BrightSPOT
Submersible LED Accent Light

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How to arrange:

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. Bend the flexible wired branches into the shape you desire. This will be the base of your entire design. Remember, the two bases will go all the way to the bottom of your vases (one base in each vase).
3. Wire the branches together to create an arch shape (see picture of arrangement).
4. Using your glue gun, add your flowers, foliage, and Spanish moss to the branches. If you wish to add Halloween or Thanksgiving elements to your design, now is the time to do this.
5. Start adding the AquaGems to the large vases, creating layers by color to create the candy corn effect. Begin with the Pearl (white) on the bottom, but add only enough to create the candy corn tip. Then add your Sunstone (orange) in a much thicker layer, since this will be your focal color. Top it off with a layer of (Citrine) yellow.
6. If you are ready to display your arrangement lit, turn on your BrightSpots now. Then push them down into the AquaGems in the large vases using a stick or ruler, being careful not to disturb your layering effect.
7. If desired, apply the bats to the outside of the large vases.
8. Carefully, push the two ends of your branch arrangement down into the large vases (one end per vase), being careful not to disturb the AquaGem layering effect. Push each branch end down until it hits the bottom of the vase, for stability.
9. For your smaller vases, choose one color of AquaGems (the arrangement pictured uses Sunstone [orange]) and fill the vases with the AquaGems. Position a BrightSpot in each vase. Place 1 to 3 small fall flowers in one or all of the vases, or simply leave the vases with just the AquaGems and BrightSpots.
10. Once you have all of your containers placed where you would like them, add a piece or two of your branches in between the vases. A piece of a grapevine wreath works great here, as it already has some curl to it. Done!

