



# Fun with Seasonal Decorations Boxwood and Pine Challenge and Raffle

December 6 to January 7, 2022

Hey MIIA friends! Sara is back again! Do you need some more decorating ideas for the winter holidays? Join Sara Barrios for more Pre-Recorded workshops as she shows us how to make two more wonderful holiday creations. Here are the descriptions and links to the videos:

## Boxwood Tree

The holidays are a fun time of year to let your inner designer out! Boxwood trees are an elegant addition to any home, and only require a little time to make. This video will first show you how to construct the tree itself, then we'll go over adornment techniques.

## Seasonal Centerpiece

Cut evergreens last much longer than traditional flower arrangements. Designer Sara will show you how to create a beautiful piece like this one featured from L.L. Bean. Though it takes a little longer to make, your custom design will last through the holidays! First we'll start with the cut greens arranging, then finish off with decorations.

Here's our raffle opportunity! For each video.

- Each participant name will be entered into our raffle. MIIA will randomly choose 5 lucky winners for the Boxwood Tree and the Centerpiece. Winners will be notified by January 14, 2022.
- Raffle prizes include a choice of:
  - [MIIA Gardener's kit](#)
  - [Felco pruning shears; item FELCO 6](#)
  - [\\$50 Duncraft Wild Bird Superstore](#)
  - [\\$50 Etsy gift card](#)
  - [\\$50 gift card to Michaels](#)
  - [\\$50 gift card to BIPOC owned Lukafit](#)

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## Directions and guidelines:

- [View Sara's Boxwood video](#)
- [View Sara's Centerpiece video](#)
- Take a photo or 2 of your piece(s).
- Submit photo(s) and the completed information form on the next page by 5:00 pm January 7, 2022 to Mary Harrington at [mharrington@mma.org](mailto:mharrington@mma.org).
- Only MIIA/BCBS members are eligible for the raffle.
- Raffle winners will be notified by 5:00 pm January 14, 2022.
- Raffle winners and photos will be posted in our e-newsletter with permission.

## Supplies for Boxwood Tree

- A shallow bowl, such as Smithers brand design dish. Plastic or fully glazed ceramic is okay, just needs to be able to hold water.
- One block of Oasis brand fresh floral foam
- Waterproof floral tape such as Oasis brand
- \*All of these should be available at Michael's craft store, or possibly your local garden center.
- 2Lbs of cut boxwood, you may want to get a little extra just in case.
- Seasonal adornments such as pine cones, ribbon, holiday pics, birch, etc. They either need to already be on a pick, or get some wired pics if not.
- Ribbon should be less than an inch in diameter, thinner if you are planning on doing a bow topper.

## Supplies for Centerpiece

- Any shape or size container, just needs to be able to hold water. Round is great for smaller tables, rectangular vessels are a better scale for larger dining room tables.
- 1-2 blocks of Oasis brand fresh floral foam, depending on size of container
- Waterproof floral tape, such as Oasis brand
- Assortment of cut evergreens such as cedar, pine, boxwood and firs
- Assortment of decorations such as Christmas ornaments, birch branches, holiday pics, pine cones, ribbon, faux berries and dried fruits
- Sharp pair of clippers
- Wired wooden picks
- These items can be found at Michael's craft stores, garden centers and the seasonal aisle at many retailers.

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Please complete this form. Attach the form and your photos to the email you send Mary Harrington at [mharrington@mma.org](mailto:mharrington@mma.org). Deadline is 5:00 pm January 7, 2022.

## Personal information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

MIIA/BCBS subscriber: ☐ Yes ☐ No Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

## If your name is pulled in our raffle, do you give permission to:

Use your first name and last initial in the newsletter and our website? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Use your photo(s) in the newsletter and our website? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Thank you for participating and for sending us your photos!

