

u3a April Floristry Notes

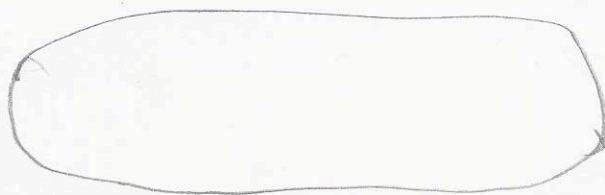
Moss Base

This can be the basis for many different arrangements including a table centre or a wreath. The same technique is used to make garlands.

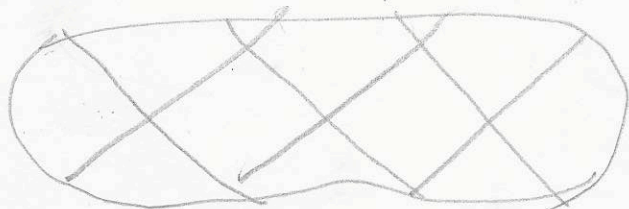
We used two different grades of moss, both sphagnum. For the 'log' we used wreath grade sphagnum moss and for the bulb wrapping topping grade both from Norfolk.

The tray is a biodegradable food grade tray from Makro.

We created a log shape and wrapped with wire from one end to the other and back again. Wire described as Binding Mossing Florists Wreath Wire 24 Gauge 0.56mm

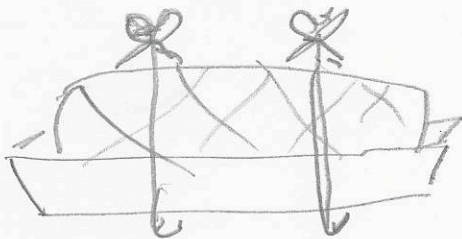


Gather moss together
but not too tight

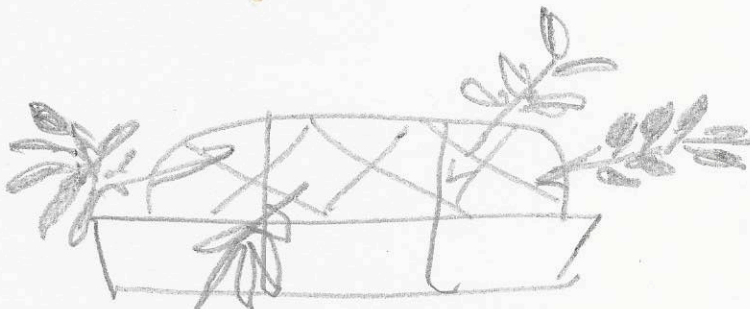


Wrap with wire

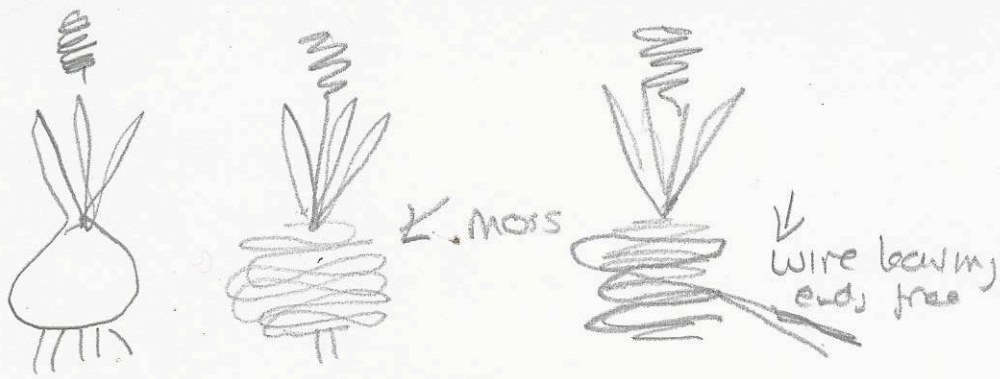
The log was placed in the tray and secured with two pieces of garden string.



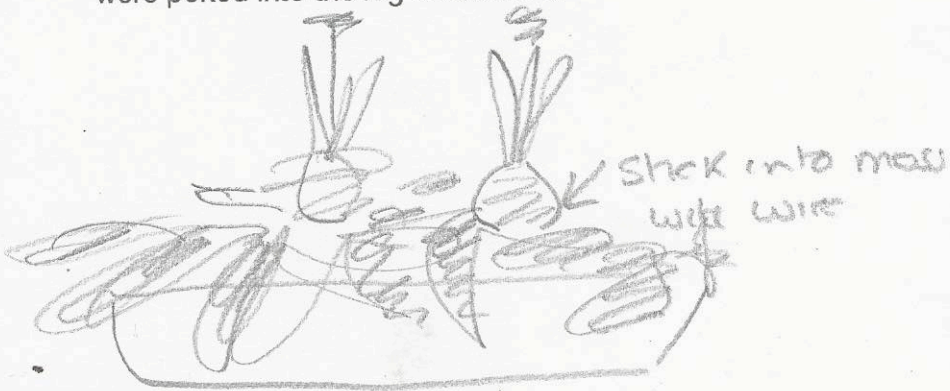
We added greenery, tucking the ends under the wires concentrating on the edges. Using a good variety of greenery worked well. At this point, you could use the 'log' to create a table centre piece and add flowers.



Be generous & overlap
sides



We wrapped each grape hyacinth in topping moss and wired wire round. The ends of the wire were poked into the log to secure it.



The arrangement was kept damp and could be misted. The moss and wire can be retained for future use and the grape hyacinths planted in the garden.