



KIM'S TIP: DIY Valentine's Bouquet

Want to give a unique Valentine's Day gift in a traditional way? Try making your own personalized bouquet.

All you need is:

- A container or vase
- Snacks (chips, candy or chocolates)
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Heavy duty Styrofoam
- Bamboo skewers
- Tape
- Valentine-colored cellophane squares and tissue paper squares
- Ribbon
- Small Valentine-themed helium balloon or card (optional)



Directions:

1. Gather all materials together.
2. Cut Styrofoam and insert into container or vase using hot glue.
3. Use colored cellophane squares to cover foam.
4. Now wrap and gather a cellophane square around the tip of a skewer. Push the gathered cellophane into the foam base, removing the skewer and leaving the cellophane in place. Do this as many times as needed to give it a fuller look.
5. Attach skewer to back of each snack using glue gun. Set aside until they are completely dry. (Use tape if skewer doesn't stick).
6. Once everything dries, insert skewers with attached treat into foam any way you like. Make sure you have a main focal point item and place rest of snacks around it. Place a small amount of glue where each skewer meets the foam base to secure.
7. Use tissue paper to fill in any open spaces in the bouquet.
8. Attach ribbon and add any optional Valentine's card, messages or balloon to bouquet and you're done!!!