

## LESSON ONE

### Design Using a Candle Stick

- I. This is a type of design that is easy to do, and when finished, looks elegant!
- II. Container: A candle stick or candelabra.
- III. Mechanics: an "odapter ". This is a round plastic form with a rubber plug in the middle of the under side. It is made to hold oasis. One must cut a piece of oasis to insert into the "odapter". To obtain the proper size place the top of the "odapter " on the oasis and cut around the "odapter" It is best to make the oasis a little higher then the top of the " odapter " The oasis is ready to be soaked. This should be done prior to class so that the oasis retains water. It is then ready to be returned to the " odapter " and ready for plant material. ( If you wish to use dried material do NOT soak. ) The "odapter " may be purchased at most floral shops, or your leader may purchase them from a wholesale florist for your group.
- IV. Plant material: One should choose small blooms so that they will be in proportion to the candle stick. Larger blooms would be out of scale. The choice of small vines or greenery in the oasis will enhance the design. It is surprising how much plant material that small piece of oasis will hold. It is easier to place the greenery in the container first. You will need to choose different forms of plant material, round forms and spike forms. Consider what you want for dominance. As you choose the flowers that you want to use remember that you want to have dominance of form and color . It is best to plan where the plant materials should be placed. The oasis could crumble if you put it in and take it out too often.

