A Basket Full Of Flowers

Supplies:
1. one fruit carving knife
2. one paring knife
3. one round flat pumpkin
4. ⅓ kilo of pumpkin, one big carrot, 1 turnip.
5. 5", 6", 7" sticks, flora tape and leaves.

Instructions:
1. Have the pumpkin washed and cut into the shape of a basket.
2. Core all seed. Cut the base to make it be able to stand properly.
3. Cut a zigzag pattern all around the design.
4. Carve a zinnia in the middle of the handle. On both sides of the handle, carve some more flowers eg. the marvel-of-Peru. Carve leaves all along the handle.
5. Make a deep cut around the handle. Then, have the basket washed and left for a while.

1. How to carve zinnias
Scrape the carrot into a half circle form. Carve the inside and the petal. Then have all carved pieces washed with very cool water.

2. How to carve the marvel-of-Peru:
Scrape the pumpkin into small round shape with a flat face. Carve the inside. Scrape the pumpkin into small round shape with a flat face. Carve the inside. Divide it into 5 petals. The tips of all petals are carved similarly to lotus petals. Make the attachment of all five petals. Have them washed with very cool water. Stick the inside with 5-7 pieces of artificial inside.

3. How to carve the morning glory:
Scrape the turnip into a round form with one flat face. Carve small inside and cut the inside into squares. Around the inside, carve 5-6 small petals. Then, carve 5 delicate petals with round tips. To finish, have them washed with very cool water. Decorate with yellow and brown colors. Tie bunches of flowers and fill them into the carved basket. Decorate with leaves.

Preservation:
1. Choose the right shape pumpkin to be carved into a basket.
2. Don’t make the bases of the flowers too thin or else they will be easily broken when attached to the stems.
3. Any kind of artificial color can be used to dye the flowers since they are made just for decoration.