

## How To Make A Flower Crown

One way to commemorate the Feast of St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord on August 15th is by making a flower crown to crown yourself or any statues of Mary you may own in your home. Flowers that appear in Christian art are rich with symbolism. Mary is usually depicted with the following flowers:

- Baby's Breath = Innocence and purity OR the power of the Holy Spirit
- Blue Columbine = Fidelity
- Carnations = Love, life, crucifixion, "love unto death"
- Daisies = Innocence
- Gladiolus = Piercing sorrow
- Blue Iris = Fidelity, piercing sorrow, symbol of the Blessed Virgin
- Ivy = Faithfulness, eternity
- Lilies = Purity, humility, obedience
- Marigolds = Domesticity, simplicity
- Roses = Perfect love, Mary herself
- Violets = Humility, innocence, constancy
- White Columbine = Holy Spirit



Assemble your materials. To make one flower crown you will need:

- Fake or real flowers with the stems clipped
- Ribbon
- Sewing scissors
- Wire cutters
- Green floral wire
- Green floral tape
- Optional: Ruler



Measure and cut roughly 12 inches of floral wire.



At both ends of the piece of floral wire, loop and twist the ends so that the holes are about 1 inch in length.



The wire will now look similar to this.



Choose a piece of flower and attach it at one end of the wire, close to the loop, with a piece of floral tape. Simply wrap the floral tape around the stem to attach it to the wire.



Add another flower in the same manner right below the first flower.



Continue adding flowers in the same manner until you have reached the other end of the floral wire.



Next, cut 2 pieces of ribbon about 24 inches long each.



Knot the ribbons to both ends of the wire, through the loops.





Your flower crown is now finished and ready to wear!