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DECORATING TIPS

MOSSED TOPIARIES

Mossed topiaries are pleasing additions and once made will last for many years. Any wire form for topiaries may be used or you can make your own form. Long-fiber sphagnum moss is soaked and used to stuff the topiary. Sheet moss, which is available in large pieces, is used to wrap the outside to conceal the frame. The sheet moss is secured with fishing line or fern pins. The topiary may be used dry or damp, hung from the wall, or used on a table. Fresh decorations such as a floral necklace for the swan or perhaps a bow may be added.



A mossed swan topiary sits beside a smaller unstuffed wire form.



This boxwood "faux" topiary goose with a cranberry eye and necklace is made in a wire form stuffed with moss, which is then filled with boxwood sprigs and placed in a clay pot to simulate a growing form.

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