

## Pink Orchid Buttonhole

Here is a design for either the Prom or Wedding Season: a traditional Buttonhole which beautifully complements our Ladies Wristlet Create design.



### Silk Flowers Used:

Phalaenopsis Orchid – Pink  
 Syngonium Leaf  
 Gypsophilia Flower

### Floral Sundries:

Carbon Blade Scissors  
 Green Parafilm  
 Silver 7" 30swg wires

### Wedding Flower Sundries:

1 x Pearl Spray  
 Satin Ribbon 3mm - Burgundy  
 1 x Diamante Pin  
 1 x Corsage magnet

### To make the Buttonhole:



First select and then cut the individual leaves and flower heads you want to use from their original sprays. We used 3 stems of the Gypsophilia Flower, 1 Orchid Head and 4 varying sized leaves from the Syngonium Spray: See photo 1.

Trim each leaf and flower stem down to its 'neck', and then attach 1 Silver Wire to each individual piece to create a new wire stem (See photo 2), this will also provide extra support and will allow you to bend the item into a curved position. Do this by threading one end of the wire through the back of the leaf to make a 'stitch' about  $\frac{3}{4}$  the way up the leaf (See photo 3). Bring the wire down to the 'neck' of the leaf, twist the wire around itself to secure and leave a long 'single leg' of wire to form the new stem. At this stage also make the satin ribbon bow and use the Silver Wire to secure the loops and create a stem.





Now bind all individual the new false stems with the Green Parafilm.

Arrange the group - by starting with the smaller leaves first (Photo 4 shows the rear view) then add the Gypsophilia flowers and Pearl stems:finally place the Orchid flower in the centre as the focal flower of the arrangement (see photo 5).

As you add each of the individual leaves, flowers,Pearl Spray and bow,bind the stems together with the Parafilm to keep all the items in place (see photo 6).

Once you are happy with the arrangement cut the stem to the desired length and cover with a last layer of Parafilm. The Buttonhole is now complete.

Finally,we have selected a Diamante Pin to allow the Buttonhole to be secured to the clothing, however an alternative would be a Corsage Magnet.

