Pipe Cleaner Fall Harvest Centerpiece

Rust sunflowers, burgundy roses and mustard daisies

Plan your flowers

Use 4–5 sunflowers, 4–6 roses and 3–4 daisies: 11–15 finished flowers. Calculate pipe cleaner quantities for each finished flower using its tutorial, then add leaf and reinforcement stems.

One sunflower uses 2 petal-colored 30 cm stems, 1 brown center and 2 green stems; add 2 separate green stems for two leaves. A basic rose uses 2 colored and 1 green. A basic daisy uses 3 petal-colored, 1 center-colored and 1 green.

Display materials

A low bowl or faux pumpkin; dry floral foam or clean pebbles; raffia or dried/faux wheat. A real hollowed pumpkin is an optional perishable container and needs a watertight insert and drip tray.

Assemble

01 Make the flowers in your fall palette. Reinforce heavy heads and check every attachment.

02 Anchor stems in a stable bowl or faux pumpkin. If using a real pumpkin, prepare it near the event, use a watertight cup inside and protect the table beneath it.

03 Build the outer ring with roses and daisies, facing outward.

04 Add sunflowers toward the center, slightly higher. Check visibility while seated; use about 35 cm overall only as a starting guide.

05 Tuck raffia or wheat low around the base. Secure loose accents with an extra binding stem if tucking alone does not hold them.

06 Check the arrangement from all sides. Keep it dry and use only battery LED candles nearby.

Chenille stems and dry fillers are not weatherproof. A porch display needs a dry, sheltered position; bring it indoors before rain, wind or damp conditions.

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Display and storage

Make-ahead planning and container care

Color palettes

Classic harvest: rust, burgundy, mustard and dark green. Rustic: brown and rust with wheat. Elegant autumn: burgundy roses with restrained gold accents.

Can I make it weeks ahead?

Make and store the flowers in a dry place weeks ahead. A reusable bowl or faux pumpkin can also be prepared early. A real hollowed pumpkin should be prepared near the event because it can soften, leak or mold.

Can I use a real mini pumpkin?

Yes, if it is stable and large enough for the arrangement. A liner does not stop the pumpkin from decaying. Inspect it frequently and replace the pumpkin at the first sign of softening, leakage or mold.

Where can I display it?

Use a dining table or mantel in a dry room. A covered porch is suitable only while conditions stay dry and sheltered. Avoid direct weather exposure.

What about candles?

Use battery LED candles. Keep flowers, raffia and wheat away from open flames, heaters and other hot surfaces.

Can I reuse regular centerpiece flowers?

Yes. Reuse intact flowers that fit your palette, or mix a few existing colors with new autumn blooms. Count supplies only for the additional flowers you need.

Finished check: stable container • dry display • secure flowers and fillers • clear seated view • battery lights only • real pumpkin checked frequently

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