

Basic Design II "At Home With Flowers"

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1. A Creative design having strong architectural characteristics, resulting from use of a geometric form, or forms combined into a single unit.
 - a. Form/s may be of plant material or man-made, according to schedule, except for classes eligible for Designers Choice Award, where components are designer's choice.
 - b. If construction is made of man-made forms, plant material must be used to enhance and complete design.
 - c. Construction material is limited to one or two types.
 - 1.) The design has a feeling of being man-made.
 - 2.) It is viewed for lines, shapes, colors, spaces and shapes.
 - 3.) Architectural forms are imperative.
2. Construction differs from Assemblage by:
 - a. Total abstract concept being optional instead of required.
 - b. Limited number of forms permitted.
 - c. Geometric architectural concept which results in bold forms.
3. Construction differs from Sculptural form design by construction's essential quality of apparent functionalism.
4. **Construction** means a three-dimensional structure projecting upward and/or outward from a stable base. There's definitely "interpenetration of space", but it's not something floating in space.

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CHARACTERISTICS

1. Bold geometric forms
2. Intense colors
3. Simplicity
4. Pronounced geometric spaces
5. Abrupt changes in line and forms
6. Heavy textures – much contrast – coarse and shiny
7. Entire design unit physically joined to give an architectural effect.



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WHAT TO BRING

Materials are basic to this design to give it a structural impact.

Consider:

- Glass blocks
- Plant material joined together
- Wooden forms to create geometric spaces
- Geometric iron or metal shapes
- Plant material like bamboo, or equisetum (horsetail)

Seek out plant material that itself has a geometric quality.



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