

Lavender Wands

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Enjoy the scent of summer with fresh Lavender Wands.

They are easy to make and are a delightful hostess gift for summer picnics and parties. Fresh lavender can be found at many farmers' markets, florists or maybe your own garden. My favorite variety is Provence Lavender. It has long stems, wonderful scent and you can even cook with it! I now have 20 fabulous lavender bushes the bumble bees and I love!

Use the photographs of "wands in the making" to help you make your own.
Give your wand a gentle squeeze when ever you want to refresh the relaxing scent.

Materials:

Use an **uneven** number of *fresh* lavender stems to create your wand.
To make a small wand, use 15–19 single stems, for a larger wand use 15–19 *pairs* of stems.
1½ yards of 3/8" silk or organza ribbon for small wand
2 yards of 3/8" silk or organza ribbon for large wand

Step 1

Hold lavender stems together with the bases of the flowers aligned.

Step 2

Hold the lavender with flowers going upward and stems down. Slip the end of the ribbon between the stems and wrap clockwise tightly around stems 3 – 4 times.

Turn over and hold flowers in your hand.

Step 3

Holding flowers, carefully bend each stem with your thumbnail down to form a cage around the flower heads. Weave ribbon over and under each stem or pair of stems as if weaving a basket. Continue weaving ribbon over and under stems pulling ribbon snug as you go. **NOTE:**

For a small wand, weave one stem at a time.

For the larger wand, weave two stems at a time.

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Step 4

Weave ribbon until the cage around the flowers is complete and then wrap the ribbon around the stems tightly several times. Trim ribbon and secure ribbon by poking end up through the stems with the point of your scissors.

Tie another length of ribbon in a bow around wrapped area at bottom of stem to finish.

Step 5

Trim ends of lavender with a blunt cut across or on the diagonal.

Enjoy!! Happy Summer.



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