

## A Simple but Practical Mother's Day Craft

Don't you like an idea that is not only simple and practical, it also has aesthetic appeal?

Just before Easter, my daughter and I made this lovely organizer for our telephone table in the kitchen. You know how pens always disappear from that area!



The photo doesn't do it justice, but it really looks attractive and realistic in real-life. The doctor's office, where I first got the idea, had sunflowers in the pot. I favor pastel colors so I bought several artificial carnations and roses for this purpose. You can use whatever flowers you like. You can even make your own paper flowers if you have the inclination.

Children of all ages can help. My daughter helped me with the flowers and my little son helped me arrange the flower-pens in the pot.

### What you need

1. 5-7 artificial flowers of your choice
2. Scissors
3. Pliers
4. Green florist tape
5. A medium pot
6. Black beans
7. 5-7 new ball-point pens

## Directions

1. Fill the pot with black beans. Paint or decorate the pot if you like.
2. Trim the stalk of each flower so that it is an inch shorter than the pen.
3. Put the flower stalk against the pen. Make sure the flower is above the pen.
4. Wrap the florist tape around the pen and the flower stalk. Ensure that the pen is firmly secured to the flower stalk.
5. Repeat steps 3-4 for the rest of the pens.
6. Arrange the flower-pens in the pot.