Supplies to make a wired bouquet

Materials:
- At least 20 straight wires that are about 20/22 gauge and at least 12 inches long.
- At least 20 straight wires that are 24/26 gauge and at least 12 inches long.
** For these wires, look for unwrapped wire, rather than tape-wrapped or cloth-wrapped wire. Wrapped wire will not work for this project. Both sizes will depend on how many flowers you will wire and how heavy the stems are. Expect to use at least one heavier wire for larger flowers like roses, carnations, etc. The thinner, higher gauged wires will be used for lighter flowers such as orchids, fillers, etc. You can find the straight wire in smaller bundles on amazon and in craft stores.

- At least 2 rolls of stem tape, to tape the entire length of the above wires.
- Wire cutters
- Snips or floral knife to cut the flowers

- A smallish bouquet of flowers to wire. Look for something with heartier blooms like roses, spray roses, orchids, mums, carnations, alstroemeria, tulips; and fillers such as solidago, queen anne's lace, etc.
  
  o Prep these flowers for wiring by cutting them short (about an inch or two of stem) and putting them in a tray of water with flower food overnight. In the morning, you will be able to see what is strong enough to be wired.

- Roll of oasis waterproof tape to wrap the stems once you're done
- Some number 9 satin ribbon to cover your mechanics and make it pretty
- Some pearl pins to finish the ribbon

You can find all these items on Amazon and in craft stores. I recommend getting the Floratape brand stem tape, rather than the stuff at the craft stores.

There are several floral kits on Amazon that have most of what you need if you'd like to try that. The quality can vary, so be aware.

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