Colorful Carnations

Adding color to cut flowers is a fun project for adults and kids. You can add color to white carnations by making a simple dye solution. Purchase several white carnations from your local floral outlet. To make your dye solution, dissolve one ounce of food coloring in one pint of warm water. Then add one teaspoon of sugar. Place the dye solution in a clear glass vase. Immerse the fresh cut flower stems in about three inches of dye solution. Remove the flowers from the dye solution when the desired color is achieved. This could take anywhere from one to 24 hours. Wash the stem ends under running water and cut the stems again before you use them in a floral arrangement.

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