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Flowers have been used for centuries to decorate and perfume houses. Bringing fresh cut flowers into your home adds colour and scent it is true, but the flowers add an extra dimension that cannot be created with soft furnishings and accessories - they bring with them a sense of life and growth, making a room come alive. Think how welcoming Flowers are when you find an elegant arrangement in a hotel lobby or a simple posy on a restaurant table. Having fresh flowers in your home, even if only at weekends or during holidays, will instantly cheer you, your family and friends and make your home much more welcoming.

Each season brings a fresh range of flowers and foliage to used around the house, and weather you wish to create a formal arrangement for a celebration or simply add some fresh flowers to a room, there is always something new to try. You can make the most of special features in any room with a carefully chosen and arranged selection of flowers, empty fireplaces, table tops bedside cabinets, vanity shelves in bathroom and kitchen tables are all ideal places to feature an arrangement of colorful flowers.

There is a lot of mystique surrounding the skill of flower arranging, but with practice, you will find that your eye soon develops so that you create increasingly effective arrangements. Once you have chosen a group of flowers and foliage that you think will go well together, consider where the arrangement will be place and which container you plan to use.

It is then a matter of creating a shape that suits all three and that shows off the flowers and foliage to their best advantage. Some people find this a very simple process; others have to take their time and make what they believe to be mistakes along the way.

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Keep a record of arrangements that catch your eye and try to think why they attract you, is it the choice of colours? The container? Or the particular flowers that have been used? Dramatic arrangements in hotel lobbies, for example are great inspiration for smaller scale arrangements in your own home.

Used books, magazines, fabrics, and gardens to give you ideas of colours and shapes, too, but don't be afraid to experiment, you will soon get to know what works and what does not.

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Choosing The Best Flower Shop

By Hannah Roberts

When choosing a flower shop, you first want to look at the quality of the flowers on sale. Make sure they are fresh. When a shop has a garden nearby, this is a good sign, because its flowers will be freshly picked.

Some flower shops even sell roses and other kinds of flowers that are still planted. The best florists will then pick and cut whatever flowers you choose.

If are planning for a flower delivery, make sure the shop delivers fresh flowers on time! Ask about how long the time period is between when the flowers are picked and when they are finally delivered. Even ask about the type of vehicle the florists use.

If you don't know what kind of flowers to buy, browse the colorful shop. There should be tulips, roses, daffodils and everything else you can imagine. And then of course, certain occasions call for certain flowers.

To really find the best flower shop in town, ask friends who have frequently bought flowers in the past (maybe they are in a leadership position and often decorate for special events). You can even scout out a flower plantation to make sure the plants are bred and fertilized well.

Not only are the actual types of flowers important, but so are the arrangements. You will need to find a flower shop that employs clever designers who create elegant, presentable bouquets for any occasion.

You can even research different flower shops online! Many shops can be partially, or wholly, based on the web and they don't operate much differently than normal markets except that the payment and transaction process is of course markedly different (and more convenient). However, it is best to check up on a shop personally, rather than with the Internet, as your eyes and nose can truly detect the freshness and health of a shop's flowers.

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Another good thing to ask a flower shop employee is if the store offers refunds for damaged flowers. This way, if you receive flowers upon delivery that simply aren't fresh, you can refuse to pay for them.

After you have looked into the different flower shops, choose your favorite!

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