

# Do It Yourself Garden Projects

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## Easy Summer Flower Arrangement

Make the most of your summer garden flowers with this satisfyingly easy flower arrangement technique. Create a quick, effortless, professional-looking arrangement for your summer table. The arrangement was created by Jennie Love of Love 'n Fresh Flowers (<https://lovenfreshflowers.com>) and most of the photos were taken at her flower farm.



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**1:** If you like fresh flower arrangements, it pays to grow your own. At my home, I like to grow zinnias, dahlias, celosia, hydrangeas, and other long-stemmed summer bloomers that are long-lasting, colorful, and ideal for arranging. And when you grow them at home, they last longer in the vase.



**2:** Start by choosing your vase. Vase size and shape determine the number and size of flowers you will need. You don't need to get fancy, informal canning jars really do the trick.



**3:** When gathering your flowers choose complementary colors, and contrasting shapes. You can choose a mix of flowers or keep it simple by cutting the same type.



**4:** When cutting your flowers use sharp shears or pruners. These will keep them stems from being crushed and help them take up water better.



**5:** Cut blooms with long stems and clean the stems by picking off the lower leaves. This will give you height options when designing your bouquets.



**6:** Cut flowers should immediately be placed in water to keep the stems open and reduce the chance of wilting. Before you start arranging, place the flowers out by type for easy selection.



**7:** Once your flowers are placed out consider whether you want the arrangement to be symmetrical for a table center or forward-facing for placement against a wall.



This arrangement will be symmetrical.

**8:** Begin arranging your flowers in a circular pattern, being sure place those with different colors and shapes evenly and apart from one another. Don't worry about stem length. They will be cut at the end.



Place flowers of different colors evenly and apart.

**9:** Turn the arrangement as you work. Layering the flowers in a circular pattern piece by piece.



Layer the flowers in in a circular pattern.

**10:** Once the arrangement looks even and beautiful, it's time to prepare it for the vase.



Hold the arrangement firmly to keep it in place.

**11:** Cut the stems evenly with sharp shears at an equal length. Make sure they are long enough to fit properly in the vase.



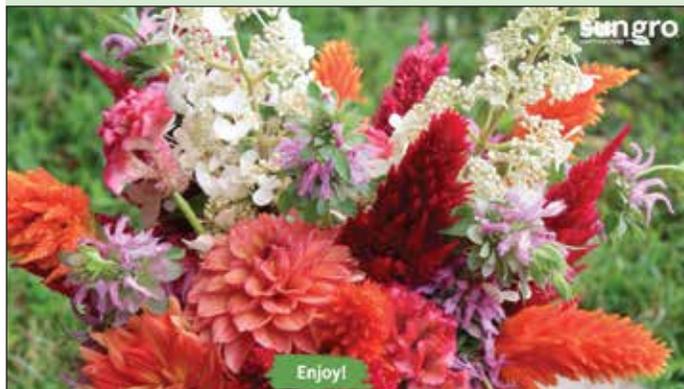
Cut stems at an equal length.

**12:** Have your vase filled with water and flower food ready. Once the flowers are in the vase, make any final adjustments to the arrangement.

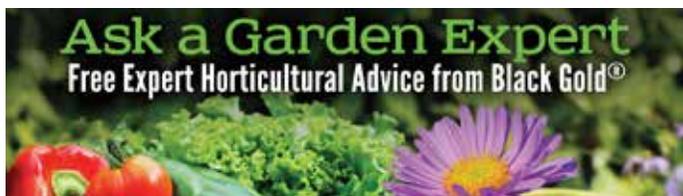


Refresh vase water every few days.

**13:** Make the most of your garden flowers this season with this easy arrangement technique. It can be replicated for arrangements of all sizes, and it always results in something beautiful for your summer table!



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