



Tips and Tricks for Foolproof Arrangements

1. As soon as you bring your flowers in from the garden or home from the store, cut the stems and place in **warm** water.
2. Select a container that allows the flowers to breathe ...remember they grow with fresh air around them not crammed together. Give them some space to appear as if they have been plucked from your garden!
3. Use a commercial preservative when you fill your vase with water.
4. Fill your container 3/4 full with water.
5. Hold all the flowers in your hand and determine the height you would like for your final arrangement. Cut accordingly. Flowers such as tulips (grown from bulbs or tubers) like their stems scored. They will curl up but it will allow them to drink more water.
6. Don't leave your arrangement in a warm sunny place; it won't last as long, it will cause them stress. (I know you have already ripped them from the ground, cut with a really sharp pair of pruners but enough already!)
7. Change the water every 2-3 days!!! This is the most critical care tip for long lasting arrangements. One exception: don't change the water on tulips once they have opened. Fleurstone makes this SO EASY to do while preserving your arrangement! (See Fleurstone 101)
8. Flower arrangements follow fashion too:
 - Try placing a smaller container in a larger one
 - Try a square vase with a low arrangement (your Fleurstone will still work!)
 - Go monochromatic combining different shaped flowers of the same color with one accent color.
 - Add a piece of home: cut greenery right out of your front yard!
 - Visit your local craft store for themed picks

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