

Arranging Garden Flowers – November 5, 2014



For those of us who do not list creativity among our talents and who do not know very much about arranging flowers, we asked **Diana Carr** to include tips and hints to get us started. Diana brought along many flowers and foliage types available at this time of year and through demonstration and practical knowledge taught us how to **arrange garden flowers**.

Her basic tools include secateurs, scissors and a sharp knife. She also usually has a supply of kebab sticks, green twist ties and wire on hand for supporting different types of arrangements. She does use floral foam (oasis) and noted that it must be soaked thoroughly well ahead of preparing any arrangement.

Among the ideas that she shared was to use hosta leaves or other large, strong leaves such as lily grass or aspidistra that will bend to wrap around the inside (or the outside) of a glass vase if you want to hide the flower stems. She also noted that a tin can may be used to hold a flower arrangement and the can could be nicely hidden in a gift bag.

A note for flower arrangements on a dinner table should be no higher than the distance from your elbow to your hand; also two thirds should be pot and one third flower arrangement.

Other hints included putting the greens in first before arranging the flowers. Diana also showed us how to fold and tie a large leaf with wire to create a different look; such as with aspidistra leaves shown left.

Diana's demonstration was very well received and one of her creations was raffled off following her presentation; we all wanted to win it!

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