

The New York Botanical Garden

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Online Floral Design Class

Farmer to Table: Spring Bulb Centerpiece

10am-12pm

Hi Designers,

Thank you for joining NYBG in our presentation of Farmer to Table: Spring Bulb Centerpiece. Please find the list of floral, herbal and botanical material to consider. One week before Online class, I will send you the list of materials I will be purchasing and crafting a bountiful centerpiece.

The class is fun and easy to follow with time for question and answer... ensuring a beautiful design with your personal touch. The tricks and tips of the trade in keeping your arrangement fresh and long-lasting will be discussed.

Please contact me at tosullivanfloraldesign@gmail.com with any questions.

See you all soon for our adventure in floral design.

Trish

Farmer to Table: Spring Bulb Centerpiece

Flowers: The list offered is a general guideline. You are the designer... add or substitute as you wish.

Container: There is no limit in choice of container. Use everything & any object as long as it holds water with an opening between 4" to 5" wide. Springtime is perfect to get out all your family heirlooms, teapots, cups, baskets, glassware and garden tools like a watering can or flowerpots, along with wooden containers. Check out trishosullivanandesign.com for great ideas in repurposed containers.

The trick of great design is a container with an opening no larger than 5"-

List of Floral Materials and Floral Supply Sources

Floral Material: Trader Joes, Whole Foods, Costco, Supermarkets, Farmers Market

Floral Supplies: Jamali Floral Supplies: in-store or online at jamaligarden.com,

Michaels in-store or online at Michaels.com

Design tools:

Please fill the container $\frac{3}{4}$ with cool water

1 roll of clear $\frac{1}{2}$ " florist tape or any strong scotch tape

Cotton rag or paper towel

Floral clippers, knife and scissor

3 to 9 water tubs

Wooden skewer sticks

Centerpiece Ingredients Breakdown

When selecting flowers from a store-bought bouquet, aim for a balanced composition using the **three key floral elements: focal flowers, complementary flowers, and accent flowers.**

1. Focal Flowers (The Showstoppers – Large, Eye-Catching Blooms)

These flowers create the centerpiece of the arrangement and draw the most attention.

- **Examples:**
 - Tulips
 - Daffodils
 - Hyacinth

2. Complementary Flowers (Adds Volume and Depth)

These flowers create depth and spotlight focal flowers.

- **Examples:**
 - Bupleurum
 - Green Hydrangea
 - Solidago (Goldenrod)
 - Green Trick Dianthus

3. Accent Material (Adds Movement & Interest – Unique or Textured Blooms)

These flowers give the design a personal touch, creating interest.

- **Examples:**
 - Rosemary
 - Mint
 - Kale
 - Artichoke

4. Botanical Material (The Supporting Cast – Adds Texture & Completes Design)

These botanical materials balance the design, frame the flowers, and set the design style.

- **Examples:**
 - Vines
 - Ferns (Boston, Maidenhair, or Plumosa)
 - Wax Flower
 - Pussy Willow
 - Forsythia Branches
 - Dusty Miller

Vase Choices

When selecting a vase, consider the **size of the opening** to ensure proper stem support and proportion for the arrangement. Here are some commonly used vases:

3. Ceramic, Metal Urn or Compote Container (Elegant Modern Garden)

- **Size Options & Opening:**
 - **Small:** 5" diameter (Opening: 4-5")
 - **Medium:** 8" diameter (Opening: 6-7")
- **Best for:** Soft, rounded arrangements, casual or romantic styles

2. Square Vase (Contemporary & Compact)

- **Size Options & Opening:**
 - **Small:** 4" x 4" x 4" (Opening: 3.5-4")
 - **Medium:** 5" x 5" x 5" (Opening: 4-5")
 - **Large:** 6" x 6" x 6" (Opening: 5-6")
- **Best for:** Tight, compact arrangements, modern aesthetics

1. Cylinder Vase (Classic & Versatile)

- **Size Options & Opening:**
 - **Short:** 4" x 4" (Opening: 3-4")
 - **Medium:** 6" x 4" (Opening: 4-5")
 - **Tall:** 10" x 4" (Opening: 4-5")
- **Best for:** Structured arrangements, tall stems, modern or minimalist designs