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FDN2430 Flower Arranging at Home

Equipment:

5x5 clear glass cylinder vase

Cutting Shears

Clear Floral Tape

Materials Needed:

- Fresh flowers and foliage:
 - **Line flowers:** examples - gladiolus, stock, snapdragon
 - **Focal flowers:** examples - peonies, garden roses, lilies, hydrangea
 - **Filler flowers:** example - wax-flower, statice, baby's breath, solidago, Lisianthus
 - **Foliage:** - example salal, leather leaf fern, eucalyptus, pittosporum, ruscus, eucalyptus
- Floral shears
- 5x5 glass

Focal Flowers

Definition: The star of the design—large, eye-catching blooms that immediately draw attention.

Function: Creates a central point of interest and defines the mood of the arrangement.

Examples: Peonies, hydrangea, lilies, garden roses, dahlias

Design Tip: Use sparingly and place strategically near the center or golden ratio of your arrangement.

Filler Flowers

Definition: Small, textural flowers used to support focal blooms and fill negative space.

Function: Adds texture and softness, creates cohesion, and helps transition between larger elements.

Examples: Waxflower, baby's breath, limonium, solidago

Design Tip: Distribute evenly in a natural, airy way—avoid clumping.

Line Flowers

Definition: Tall, vertical or linear blooms that set the shape and direction of the arrangement.

Function: Establishes height, movement, and overall structure.

Examples: Snapdragons, stock, liatris, gladiolus

Design Tip: Use to draw the eye upward or outward, guiding visual flow.

Foliage (Greenery)

Definition: Non-blooming greenery used to support, frame, and complement floral elements.

Function: Provides a backdrop, adds depth, creates form, and brings balance.

Examples: Salal, leatherleaf fern, eucalyptus, ruscus, pittosporum

Design Tip: Start your design with foliage to create a base or frame.