

## **The New York Botanical Garden**

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**Online** Floral Design Class **FDN3610**

### **Prairie-Style Tabletop**

10am-12pm

Hi Designers,

Thank you for joining NYBG in our presentation of Prairie-Style Tabletop Arrangement. Please find the list of floral, herbal and botanical materials to consider. One week before Online class, I will send you the list of materials I will be purchasing for the creation of floral art.

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](mailto:tosullivanfloraldesign@gmail.com) with any questions.

See you all soon for our adventure in floral design.

Trish

**Prairie-Style Tabletop Arrangement** The list offered is a general guideline. You are the designer... add or substitute as you wish.

**Container:** There is no limit in the choice of container. Use everything & any object as long as it holds water with an opening between 4" to 5" wide. I will be designing with a rectangular container. Check out [trishosullivananddesign.com](http://trishosullivananddesign.com) for great ideas in repurposed containers.

**The trick of great design is a container with an opening no larger than 5"- I use 4" to 5".**

### ***List of Floral Materials and Floral Supply Sources***

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

**Floral Supplies:** Jamali Garden in-store or online at [jamaligarden.com](http://jamaligarden.com),

Michaels in-store or online at [Michaels.com](http://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, scissors

3 to 6 water tubes

## **Prairie Style Tabletop Arrangement 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:**
  - Daisy
  - Corn Flower
  - Wild Flowers (farmers market)
  - Veronica

### **2. Complementary Flowers (Adds Volume and Depth)**

These flowers create depth and spotlight focal flowers.

- **Examples:**
  - Chamomile
  - Solid Aster

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

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

- **Examples:**
  - Hypericum Berries Brown
  - Seed Pods

### **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:**
  - Grass stems
  - Wheat stems

## 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