

Flower Care Guide

If you can wrangle yourself into Spanx, you can DIY your flowers!





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All Flowers

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Anemones



Astrantia



Amaranthus



Berries



Carnations



Hydrangeas



Lisianthus



Peonies



Protea



**Queen
Anne's Lace**



Ranunculus



Roses



Scabiosa



Snapdragons



Stock



Greenery



**General
Care**



Refrigeration



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General Flower Care



Give everything a fresh cut

Always place in clean, fresh water

Remove all foliage below water line

Remove ALL wrappings after ONE HOUR

Hydration containers should *not be taller* than the bloom's head

Prep and Care Info

- Give small, delicate flowers their own vase.
- Give everything a fresh cut, even greenery.
- Remove all foliage below the water line.
- Leave wrappings and cardboard on roses for ONE HOUR before removing to ensure everything hydrates upright.
- Remove ALL wrappings, netting, etc. after hydrating for ONE HOUR.
- Leave straws on scabiosa, this helps to support their heads.
- Vases should be appropriately sized. **No vase should be taller than the head of a bloom.**

Anemones

Fussy flower,
5-7 usable stems



Can be
refrigerated

Delicate - need
their own vase

Prep and Care Info

- Delicate; give them their own vase.
- They can be refrigerated once they're opened to your liking; [see our fridge guidelines](#).
- Light bruising and spots are normal, especially with white anemones. Don't fret; slight imperfections will not show up in photos.

Pro Tips

- Anemones are fussy, expect to lose 3-4 stems per bunch.
- These can be refrigerated once they're open to your liking.
- Place in lukewarm water to expedite opening.

Astrantia

Some droopiness
is normal



Delicate - need
their own vase

Can be
refrigerated

Prep and Care Info

- Delicate; give them their own vase.
- They can be refrigerated once they're opened to your liking; [see our fridge guidelines](#).
- Some droopiness is normal when they've been shipped to you. Give them a fresh cut and place in cool water to rehydrate.

Pro Tips

- Keep Astrantia in a cool location; it can be refrigerated to extend its vase life.
- Works well in bouts, corsages, bouquets, and centerpieces.

Amaranthus

Hanging & Upright

Chewy-looking
leaves are normal



Let hanging variety
have support from
bucket

Prep and Care Info

- Leaves are characteristically 'chewy' .
- Pluck off bad foliage.
- Cut to proper length for the bucket; do not let amaranthus hang so far over the side of the bucket that (a) it does not have support and (b) it could tip out of water and dehydrate.

Pro Tips

- Pluck off any undesirable foliage when designing (no one buys Amaranthus for its foliage anyways!).

Berries

Hanging pepperberry, hypericum berries, privet

Light shedding is normal



Pluck off undesirable foliage

Prep and Care Info

- Give berries a fresh cut and place in clean water.
- Light shedding is normal.
- Foliage can be 'chewy' - remove any gnarly-looking leaves.

Pro Tips

- Works well in bouts, corsages, bouquets, and centerpieces for a textural moment.

Carnations

Standard & Mini

Gently fluff open
with your thumbs

Paints well with
Design Master



Tough as goats

Snap happens - save
for bouts, corsages, and
cake flowers

Prep and Care Info

- Give carnations a fresh cut and place in clean water.
- They are tough as goats.
- Snapped stems happen - keep these for bouts, corsages, and cake flowers.

Pro Tips

- Paints out well using Design Master - don't be afraid to color correct.
- If they are closed, open them by gently fluffing them open with your thumbs.

Hydrangea

Droopy =
dehydrated



Don't love foam; keep
in buckets of water
until the last minute

Remove ALL
wrappings

Heavy drinkers; keep
a close eye on their
water line

Prep and Care Info

- Give a fresh cut and place in clean water.
- HEAVY drinkers; watch water line daily and make sure they have plenty to drink.
- Remove ALL their wrappings the day you receive them. This keeps moisture and rot away from their petals.

Pro Tips

- Droopy? Give a deep cut and hydrate a few hours to overnight.
- For **foam installations**, wait until the last minute to pop in hydrangeas as they cannot survive long in foam alone. They will die if left in foam for more than a day.

Lisianthus



Prep and Care Info

- Delicate, give them their own vase.
- Can appear smashed just out of box; this is a normal characteristic of lisianthus and not a sign of improper packing.
- Any drooping? Give them a fresh cut and place in cool, clean water to rest and rehydrate.

Pro Tips

- Closed blooms? Try reflexing! You'll look like you have another variety in your designs!
- Paints out well with Design Master. Try reflexing first, then spraying out with DM.

Peonies

Peel back petals of closed buds

Can be Refrigerated

Delicate - need their own vase



Paints well with Design Master

Prep and Care Info

- Delicate, give them their own vase.
- Coral Charms are particularly good about opening up quickly; pop 'em in the fridge when they've opened ([follow our fridge guidelines](#)).

Pro Tips

- Closed buds? Gently peel back 2-3 outer petals and wait a few minutes then peel a few more to get that bud to open up.
- Paints out well with Design Master; great for color correcting! [Watch our color-correcting video here.](#)
- Refrigerate when blooms have opened to your liking. [See our refrigeration guidelines here.](#)

Protea

Can give 'em a haircut in a pinch



Do NOT refrigerate

Paints well with Design Master

Prep and Care Info

- Give them a fresh cut and place in clean water.
- Sometimes they will arrive open, sometimes closed. Protea will likely not open more. Both open and closed look stunning in bouquets!

Pro Tips

- If you get Pink Ice Protea and they have a black, hair-like top you aren't loving, you can trim it off with scissors.
- Paints out well with Design Master; great for color correcting!
- They are a tropical plant and like warm temps; do *not* put them in the fridge.

Queen Anne's Lace

Often droopy after being shipped

Can be Refrigerated
Watch video



Delicate - need their own vase

Prep and Care Info

- Delicate, give them their own vase.
- Often look droopy after shipment; give them a deep cut (2-4 inches), and place in cool water to rehydrate overnight. It should perk up within a day.

Pro Tips

- Can refrigerate to extend vase life, but not necessary. [Read our fridge guidelines.](#)

Ranunculus

Often needs wiring
[watch video](#)

Can be refrigerated
[See guidelines](#)



Delicate - need their own vase

Sunny spot to expedite opening

Prep and Care Info

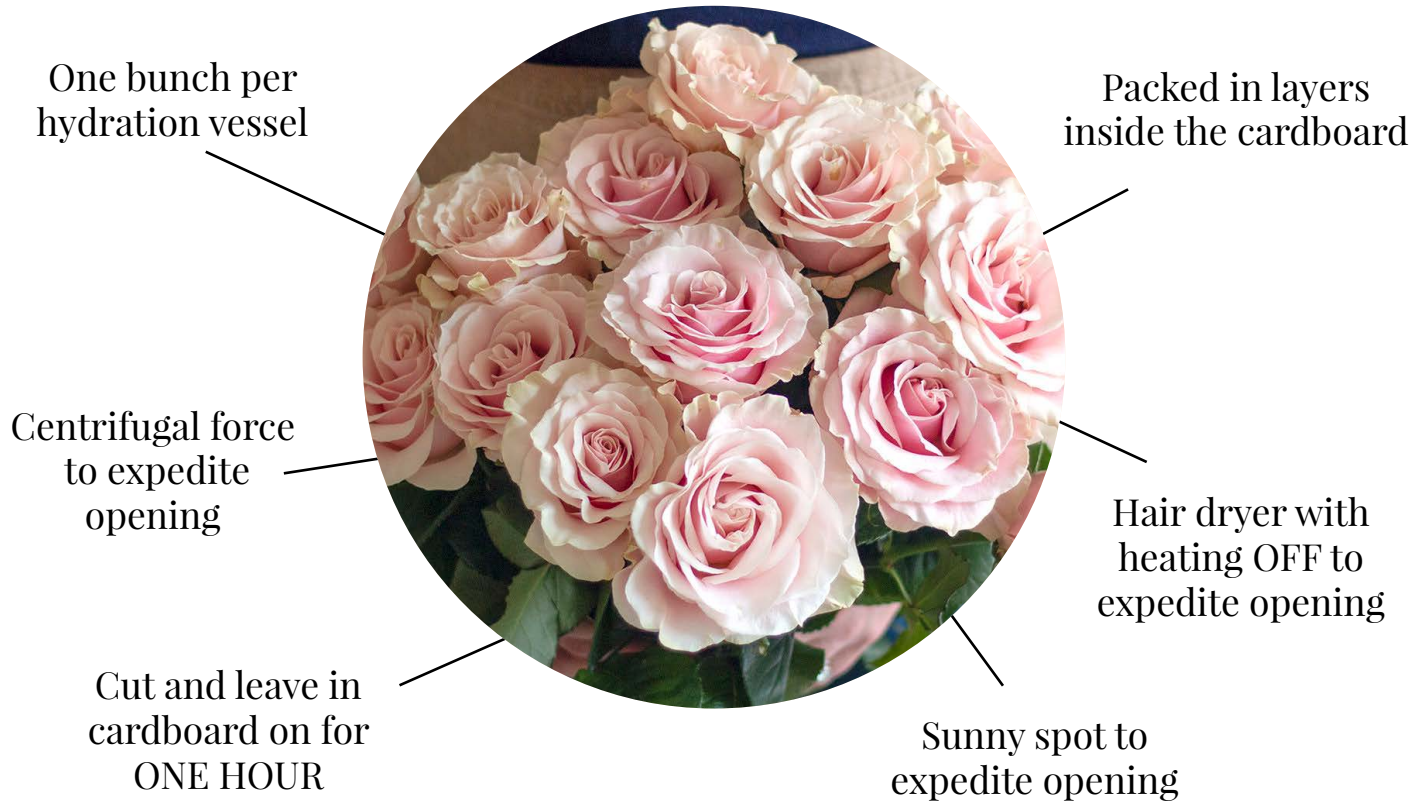
- Delicate, give them their own vase; the vase should not be taller than the blooms.
- If they are tightly closed, place in a sunny spot to encourage opening.
- They are oftentimes droopy due to the weight of the head. This is normal and they need to be wired to support them. [Watch video here](#)

Pro Tips

- Can refrigerate once they're open to your liking. [See our fridge guidelines.](#)
- Save any broken stems for bouts, corsages, and cake flowers.

Roses

Garden, Standard, & Spray



Prep and Care Info

- Cut and leave in cardboard on for ONE HOUR to rehydrate.
- To encourage opening, place in a sunny spot.
- Packed in layers inside cardboard; count the STEMS if you think you've been shorted.
- One hydration vessel per bunch of roses. Rose heads should not be touching each other or anything else.

Pro Tips

- Opening too quickly? We love it! Place in cool spot to slow opening.
- Opening too slowly? (1) Place in a sunny spot, (2) Use hairdryer with the heating element OFF, (3) remove thorns, turn upside down, and spin rose between your palms to open with centrifugal force.

Scabiosa

Leave straws on stem for support

Keep away from heat and sun

Can be painted

Can be refrigerated; [see guidelines](#)

Delicate - need their own vase

Use vase that will support blooms without straws



Prep and Care Info

- Delicate; give them their own vase.
- Remove all wrapping after one hour hydration; if straws are on the stems, leave them for added support.
- Sometimes Scabiosa will have buds without petals; Scabiosa will not open further once cut but still makes gorgeous texture for arrangements!

Pro Tips

- Keep away from heat to extend vase life.
- If no straws are on your stems, place in a taller vase that will support the blooms. *No vases taller than the bloom.*
- Paints well with Design Master
- Can be refrigerated; [see our guidelines for refrigeration.](#)

Snapdragons

Use your greenery for support

Keep away from heat and sun



Hydrate upright; do not let them lean

Pluck off spent blooms when designing

Prep and Care Info

- Fresh cut and wedge them between greenery to keep 'em upright - they will curve if you let them. Once they've started to curve there's no going back. (Curved still look great in arrangements but are harder to work with.)
- Pluck off spent blooms at the bottom; this is totally normal!

Pro Tips

- Keep away from sunlight so they don't start to curve towards it
- You can pinch off the tops if you don't want any unbloomed flowers in your designs.

Stock

Delicate - needs its own vase

Keep away from heat and sun

Can be painted

Can be refrigerated; [see guidelines](#)

Pluck off spent blooms when designing

Hydrate upright; do not let them lean



Prep and Care Info

- Bottom flowers are first to bloom and first to die; pluck off the spent blooms when designing - this is totally normal.
- Keep away from extreme temperatures, however they can be refrigerated. [See our refrigeration guidelines.](#)

Pro Tips

- Keep away from sunlight so they don't start to curve towards it.
- You can pinch off the tops if you don't want any unbloomed flowers in your designs.
- Paints well with Design Master.

Greenery

Does not need as much room as flowers

Give each stem a fresh cut

Can be painted

Can cut into pieces day before event

All foliage below water line removed



Prep and Care Info

- Sometimes greenery will have some small holes where insects have had a lil' snack. This is totally normal and will not be noticeable in your design.
- Don't worry about giving your greenery lots of elbow room, it can be nestled together.

Pro Tips

- You can cut your greenery into pieces for table runners, etc. 1-2 days before your event. Place loose greens in a plastic bag and store in the refrigerator.
- Greenery paints out really well so get creative with your Design Master colors!

Refrigeration

Fridge at warmest temperature

Seal up fruits and veggies



Keep away from fridge walls

[Watch our fridge guidelines video](#)

Guidelines for Refrigeration

- Turn your fridge to its warmest setting.
- Seal up your fruits and veggies. These can give off gases that can harm your flowers.
- Keep the flowers away from fridge walls and towards the front. The back wall is the coldest spot and the sides are also very cold. Storing your flowers against the walls could result in freezing them.
- Only use a fridge you trust! If you are staying in a hotel or Air BnB where you're unfamiliar with the fridge, use caution! We don't want your blooms freezing and therefore dying.
- Watch our video on refrigeration guidelines [here](#).

More Resources

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[DIY Resources Page](#)



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Prep and Care Info

- YouTube: we have tutorials galore! If you're stuck or need some inspo, watch our videos [here](#).
- DIY Resources page: tips, tricks, and best practices. Get the goods [here](#).
- Flower prep photos: not sure if you did it right? See real prep photos from real brides right [here](#)!
- Feeling dubious about a bloom? Did something not fare well in transit? Hit us up via our flower issues form [here](#).