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# *International Domestic Placement Group*

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When choosing flowers, keep in mind the colors of the house/ room to be used and the employer's color preferences (Loves - purple, Hates - yellow & orange).

**Themes:**

Less is more - keep it simple

A white & green arrangement is safe for all occasions.

Try several different flowers of a similar color for a bouquet.

**Containers:**

The container must be clean.

Large/ simple containers are best for large homes/ spaces.

Glass must be spotless.

**Aids:**

Oasis (green) or flower pac (white pieces) for a 'dry arrangement' (won't leak or spill).

Frogs for placement.

Floral tape for grids across the top of any container.

Wire the stems of heavy flowers (roses, gerbera daisies...)

'Skeleton Leaves' are real dried leaves that have been spray painted bright colors - only the veins of the leaves show, the other parts have gone away.

Faux pearls and pearl-headed pins for decoration.

Stones, tumbled glass, etc... for decoration.

Chop sticks for hidden support in flowers with hollow stems.

**Preservative:**

Food for flowers

Kills bacteria

Extends the life of the bloom

**Arrangement preparations:**

For greens, scissors work best.

For flowers, use a small, very sharp paring knife.

Cut towards you, at an angle.

**Maintenance:**

Mist flowers/ arrangements with water - looks fresher, just picked from garden.

Change water and re-cut stems when water begins to smell (add new preservative!).

**Arrangement #1**

Eucalyptus (the long, thin leafy variety), purple roses & loose petals.

**Arrangement #2**

Large, clear, glass vase.

Lasts:

Steel Grass	2 mos
Hollywood roses	1-2 weeks
Calla Lilies	5 days
Green Snowballs	??
White Protea	3 weeks

#### Arrangement #3

Large, low, black, Chinese style bowl

Mound of Flower Pac

Folded Leaves

Eucalyptus - round leafy variety (thin stems)

Mimosa (wilting leaves w/ yellow berries)

Hot Pink Gerbera Daisies

Dark Purple Anemones

Light Pink Amaryllis (with stick up the stem)

Hollywood roses

Baby (ornamental) Pineapple

Pink Tulips

Bear Grass

Skeleton Leaves - can be added to water, will tint the water; wired to the end of a leaf or twig.

Coconut Grass - colored. May be added to the water, or wrapped around a single bloom.

#### Arrangement #4

A hand-tied bouquet.

Orange tulips

roses

gerbera daisies

proteas

branches with orange berries

3 varieties of greens

1 huge green leaf

When making hand-tied bouquets, have all the stems going the same direction.

Gather most of the greens first, then add the flowers.

#### Arrangement #5

A clear tumble vase

Pearls

Snake Grass with wire inside, bent into shapes.

Green Snowballs in the water (or a skeleton leaf, adds color)

Coconut grass in water

A single tulip or anemone bloom

#### Arrangement #6

Large, low, clear glass bowl.

Filled with water

Floating candles - last 5 hours

Garden blooms floating on top

Leaves

Roses

#### Arrangement #7

Large, clear glass bowl/ sided plate

Green moss

Bulbs - any single variety, packed tightly

Use deeper containers for heavier bulbs.

Keep damp.