

# Decorator's Notebook

## Fresh Ideas For Fall Flowers

(NAPSA)—If you're looking for a way to spruce up your home with fresh fall flowers, try thinking outside of the vase and using this rule of thumb: If it can hold water, it can hold flowers.

That means you don't have to run out and buy vases or other items to hold your flowers. Instead, just take a look around the house or yard for inspiration. You can hold flowers in favorite collectables (think china animals, sugar bowls, etc.), pitchers or even in hollowed-out fruit. In fact, any watertight container will do. Here's a short list to get your creative ideas going and to help you add flowers to every room of your home:

- Old watering cans, enamelware pitchers, cast-iron kettles, antique coal hods and teapots make great bases for doorstep arrangements, country kitchens or baths.

- Ready for a fun and creative project? Collect an assortment of plain bottles, vases or containers and decorate them with fabric, ribbons, paint, sequins or even gift wrap. Make each design unique or come up with a special motif.

- A row of champagne glasses with a large blossom in each makes any dinner an elegant occasion. Soda bottles, wine bottles, mason jars or colored glass bottles are great for a more casual affair and are also attractive clustered on a coffee table.

- Use bowls and shallow dishes for floating flower heads and add floating candles for a bright and shining effect.

- Don't let your creativity stop with the container. You can add decorative elements to any arrangement—again by looking around your own house and yard. Be sure each element can tolerate water—or use it to surround the arrangement. Anything you collect



**Use decorative elements that tolerate water to personalize your flower arrangements.**



**Look around your house and yard for inventive ways to accent fall flowers for your home.**

or have on hand—including ceramics, pottery, glass, stones, twigs, leaves, acorns, shells and more—can add a personalized element to your floral arrangement.

There are as many fall flower decorating possibilities as there are flowers.

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