

Flowers Alive With Possibilities

Easy Decorating With Fall Flowers

(NAPSA)—The pumpkin soup is cooling on the sideboard, the roast is resting on the oven. Soon guests will be gathering for a harvest dinner. Just one more detail to give your evening a festive touch: fresh flowers.

Fortunately, you don't need the skill of a professional florist to grace your table in the colors of autumn. You can try any of these projects and find more creative project ideas at www.flowerpossibilities.com:

- **Citrus centerpiece**—Cut an orange and a grapefruit in halves. Choose flowers in colors that contrast with the fruit. Cut the stems on your flowers so they are short and push them into the fruit halves. Arrange the flowers down the center of the table. The flowers will last in the fruit for the length of a dinner party.

- **Seasonal wreath**—Purchase a small grapevine wreath. Place the wreath on top of a bowl or platter that contains water. Use flowers in a mixture of fall colors and thread the stems down through the wreath into the water.

- **Gourd and easy**—Surround a tall arrangement of fall flowers with a collection of seasonal gourds in different colors.

- **Halloween treat**—Hollow out a large pumpkin or several pumpkins of different sizes. Inside the pumpkins, place simple glass jars that contain water.



Fresh flowers mixed with colorful gourds can add ambiance to any celebration of the season.

Fill with flowers from a ready-made bouquet from a floral retailer.

- **Little vases**—Fill votive glasses with leaves of different colors. Add water to cover stems. Then, add stems of flowers and berries. Purple and blue flowers will provide a lively accent to the bronze and crimson fall leaves.

Select flowers that suit your own preferences. There is a wide assortment available in warm tones that evoke the ambiance of the season, from mustard to terra cotta and eggplant. Add material from your own garden, such as branches and cattails. Fresh fruit arranged at the base are an easy way to add complementary colors.

For more quick and easy ideas, consult your floral retailer or go to www.flowerpossibilities.com. For a free brochure on decorating with flowers, write to the Flower Promotion Organization, P.O. Box 16, Ovid, MI 48866.