

Fruit & Floral Centerpieces



Do you need a spring centerpiece in less than an hour? Well, fruit and floral centerpieces are a snap to put together as long as you have the materials on hand. Even if you have to make a quick stop at the store, you only need a few items.

Materials List:

Container
Lemons, limes, and/or Clementine's
Silk flowers and greens
Wire cutter

Instructions:

1 Start by looking around your home for a variety of containers. I found a long plate that was sent to us at Christmastime piled high with cookies and candies. I always save any unusual container like that from floral arrangements, catered events or sent gifts. You never know when they'll come in handy!





2 Select a container and get started. I chose the white porcelain, pedestal container because I thought the limes and lemons would look pretty against the white.



3 Once the fruit was in place, I trimmed down some of the greenery I had selected so I could slip it behind and underneath the lemons and limes.



4 Notice that I used five fronds since we know that odd numbers look best in arrangements. Currently, they are extending further out from the bowl than I want, but I'll fix that as I add the flowers and leaves.



5 I cut the flowers down using my wire cutter. I did leave some of the leaves with the flower stem, but I cut the rest of the leaves off the stem to use as filler once the flowers were placed.



6 I removed a few pieces of fruit to get the flowers and any additional leaves into position. Then, I just added the fruit back on the top. Remember to turn the fruit around to their best side when you are ready to display your arrangement.

The finished arrangement is fresh and bright. It would be lovely on a small table in the center, or on a large rectangular or oval table try using two with an arrangement of candles between them.



If yellow and orange is the color scheme for you, give this warm color combination of lemons and Clementine's a try. A variety of flowers can work with this combination like lilies, mums, daisies, even roses as in our last arrangement.

1 For this fruit and floral display I pulled out the long tray. I cut the floral stem down to fit at one end of the tray and I bent the flowers so they would stand better and fill up one half of the tray.



2 Add another floral stem to the opposite side of the tray and perhaps a bit of greenery as a background if you have some available.



3 Add in the fruit, turning the best sides up. Make sure to add a few more green leaves from the stems to fill in the spaces.





This lovely, almost tropical arrangement will brighten up any table setting this spring. As you can imagine, the silk flowers will outlive the fruit which will need to be replaced once a week if you plan on keeping the arrangement fresh for a longer period of time.

The nicest thing about these arrangements is that the materials can be used if they aren't left out for too long. Citrus is wonderful in fruit salads, fish and chicken dishes, as garnishes or even in drinks! Anytime is a good time for lemonade!

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