

Combining Real and Artificial Flowers



Easter centerpiece using fresh and faux flowers

Everyone probably already does this, but I am just recently discovering the flexibility one has with combining both real and artificial flowers in floral arrangements.

When I think of all those years of being a purist on fresh flower arrangements, combining fresh and artificial really makes sense. Faux flower quality is significantly better than ever. Artificial flowers last forever and over time, can be the more affordable choice. Access to a wide variety of faux flowers is now available on the internet. When real flowers are pricey, filling in with artificial ones gives you an abundant arrangement at less cost.



Faux hyacinths

For our Easter table centerpiece this year, can you tell which flowers are real and which aren't? The blue hyacinths and the white peonies are the artificial flowers. The pops of blue and white help complement the blue Indian block tablecloth and china. Faux blue hyacinths [here](#) and beautiful faux peonies in many colors can be found [here](#).



Fresh and faux centerpiece

These faux peonies are found in many of my photos as I always have a good looking arrangement available to enhance my shots.



Faux Peonies

Here is another arrangement in a pedestal bowl. Can you tell

which flowers are real? Actually in this one, only the creamy white roses are fresh.



Even the sprigs of greens and the alstroemeria are faux.



Once the white roses are past their prime, it was easy to fill in with new fresh pink ones.





Using the same base of faux flowers, it is fun to branch out using more vibrant and vivid colors. Isn't it interesting how different this brightly colored one looks compared to the previous two?



The red geraniums and tulips are not real. If you don't have an attractive pedestal bowl, there is a wide assortment [here](#).





Even for my recent Valentine dinner party where I tend to go all out with fresh flowers, in the areas that need beefing up, you can spot a faux peony or two. To see more about this Valentine dinner party, click [here](#).



Mostly fresh Valentine dinner party flowers

Recently I did spend a bit much on box of 26" long faux lilacs from [The Enchanted Home](#). I LOVE real lilacs but they do not grow here.



The quality of these branches is very good and I actually did spray the faux flowers with a French Lilac micro-batch perfume by Pacifica.



My friend, Karen says this is the closest fragrance to the real lilac scent so I bought some [here](#). Since these lilacs are a close replica, it is fun to watch our guests walk over and sniff them.



Real lilacs

My first choice is to create beautiful arrangements with real flowers, if for nothing else, the scent. But if you are like me, my home looks better with multiple flower arrangements. Like the pedestal bowl ideas above, faux flowers can be the framework and each week you can add a variety of fresh ones.

Have you tried combining and artificial flowers? If so, share your experience.

Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine to the soul." – *Luther Burbank*

Happy arranging!

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