

# Cut Flower Garden Resources

## **Books**

- Cut Flower Garden: Grow, Harvest & Arrange Stunning Seasonal Blooms by Erin Benzakein
- The Land Gardeners: Cut Flowers by Bridget Elworthy and Henrietta Courtauld
- Cultivated: The Elements of Floral Style by Christian Geall
- Bringing Nature Home: Floral Arrangements Inspired by Nature by Ngoc Minh Ngo

## **Seeds/Bulbs/Plants**

- Floret Farm ([floretflowers.com](http://floretflowers.com))
- Hudson Valley Seed ([hudsonvalleyseed.com](http://hudsonvalleyseed.com))
- Old House Gardens ([oldhousegardens.com](http://oldhousegardens.com))
- White Flower Farm ([whiteflowerfarm.com](http://whiteflowerfarm.com))
- David Austin Roses ([davidaustinroses.com](http://davidaustinroses.com))

## **Tools**

- Ace Hardware ([acehardware.com](http://acehardware.com))
- Yard sales and second hand shops
- Niwaki ([niwaki.com](http://niwaki.com))
- A.M. Leonard ([amleo.com](http://amleo.com))

Don't forget your local nurseries! They are a great source for live plants, shrubs, seeds/bulbs and tools.

# Cut Flower Garden Tips

- Try to cut flowers in the early morning or late evening to extend their vase life.
- When cutting, cut stems on an angle to improve water intake.
- Place cut flowers immediately in water after cutting. You can arrange later.
- Remove all foliage that will be submerged under water. The leaves will break down and the mucky water will accelerate flower decline.
- Before bringing flowers in, be sure to check for bugs. Gently shake or rinse cuttings before bringing inside.
- Arrangements do not need to be exuberant. A few fresh flowers in a dainty vase can go a long way.
- Have fun!

