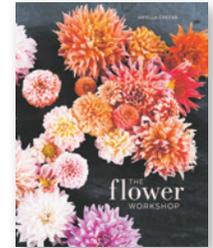




SUNNY YELLOW SPRING ARRANGEMENT



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Yellow is an optimistic color, filled with light and full of promise. Here's a cheerful trio of small arrangements pairing lemon yellows with hints of white. This is an excellent illustration of the rule of three—grouping three similar vases with related flowers so that the impact is greater than that of any single component. It's important that one vase holds a single type of flower; otherwise, the effect is too busy. Ranunculus anchors this trio. The other vases mix narcissus and ranunculus with a variety of small, white flowers. The key is balance, layering tone on tone, using complementary colors to quiet the brights or highlight the subtler shades. Seeded eucalyptus grows abundantly in some parts of the United States, but it can also be ordered from BunchesDirect.com.

ALTERNATE FLOWERS In summer, use yellow roses and iris; in fall, chrysanthemums and zinnias. In winter, force yellow narcissus. In general, steer clear of classic daffodils because their yellow is so strong it can be overwhelming. However, white narcissus with hints of yellow in the trumpet—or any other bicolor daffodil—works well in a formal or casual arrangement.

FIRST VASE:

WHITE CERAMIC CUP, SMALL
18 YELLOW RANUNCULUS

SECOND VASE:

WHITE CERAMIC MINI COMPOTE, SMALL
3 KOUSA DOGWOOD TIPS
5 YELLOW OR GREEN SEEDED EUCALYPTUS TIPS
12 MINI YELLOW NARCISSUS
5 SPIREA TIPS

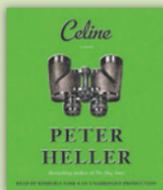
THIRD VASE:

WHITE CERAMIC CUP, SMALL
3 FRINGE TREE TIPS
3 YELLOW HYACINTH
25 YELLOW NARCISSUS
5 CLEMATIS MONTANA
FOLIAGE TIPS

- 1 Fill the vases three-quarters full with water. Because these are small vases, you need only use the tips of some of the larger branches.
- 2 For the first vase, pictured on the far right, trim and arrange the ranunculus, alternating buds and open flowers.
- 3 For the second vase, pictured in the front, trim and anchor the dogwood tips in the vase, with one in the center and the other two to the sides. Trim the eucalyptus and position the tips so they overhang the front of the vase. Trim and add the narcissus in groups of three. Trim and add the spirea tips, making sure that some emerge from the top of the arrangement and others dangle over the edge of the vase.
- 4 For the third vase, pictured in the back, trim the fringe tree tips and arrange so that they drape over the edge of the vase. Trim and add the hyacinth. Trim and add the narcissus in groups of three or five. Trim the clematis and wind and drape around vase.



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