

Festive flowers for your table

Decorate a hall console or your dining table with one of these stunning flower arrangements created by floral designer Jane Scott



FROSTY FEEL

Perfect for a side table, this sparkly miniature arrangement has a magical wintry look

- 1 Attach double-sided sticky tape around the outside of a glass tumbler or small straight-sided vase.
- 2 Spray twigs with silver paint, then cut them so they are longer than the height of the vase, varying the lengths so that you will be able to create a ragged effect along the top edge of the vase or tumbler. Press a few twigs onto the sticky tape, adding more until all the gaps are filled. You may need extra tape to help secure them all.
- 3 Fill the base of the glass with a small block of wet florists' foam. Cut the stems of eight blue Curiosa roses, so the heads will sit above the glass. Spray with watered-down PVA glue and dust with silver glitter.
- 4 Push the rose stems into the foam so that they are slightly raised in the middle, creating a domed effect. Tie a wide silver ribbon with a thinner purple one around the twigs.

Vase, from a selection, John Lewis. *Silver spray*, from a selection, HobbyCraft. *Ribbon*, from a selection, Berisfords. *Lantern*, £2.99, IKEA. *Glass tealight*, £6, The White Company. *Votive*, 99p, Confetti

WINTER WARMER

Team roses and candles with golden fruit and leaves to make a rich-looking, natural display for a coffee table

1 Soak two bricks of florists' foam and wedge firmly into the base of a bowl measuring around 35cm in diameter. Take three pillar candles of varying heights and colours, and set them into the foam in a tiered effect.

2 Spray sprigs of salal and skimmia gold and then, when they are dry, insert them into the florists' foam. Add groups of flowers, like mini red gerberas, small red and orange roses, and carnations for bursts of colour.

3 Spray a few small apples with gold paint, attach to wooden skewers and insert into the foam.

Gold bowl, £19.50, Marks & Spencer. Gold spray, from a selection, HobbyCraft. Pillar candles, from £4, Shearer Candles. Votives, £20 for three, Crabtree & Evelyn. Ornate baubles, from a selection, John Lewis»



SHADES OF PURPLE

Make a sumptuous centrepiece for your dining table with this wreath packed with beautiful blooms

1 Soak a florists' foam wreath in water, dry the base and place on the table ready to insert your flowers.

2 Cut a selection of black Baccara and Nicole roses, purple lisianthus and dark hydrangeas so the stems are 8cm long. Insert the dark hydrangeas

into the wreath, then group the other flowers into threes and place in between the hydrangeas until the foam is covered on the top and sides.

3 Attach pieces of florists' wire to small baubles and then stick them into the wreath in groups of three.

4 Place a hurricane lantern in the middle of the wreath and stand a purple-coloured candle inside it.

Baubles, from £9.50 for 27, Marks & Spencer. Lantern, £6.99; plates, from £1.99; all IKEA. Votives, find similar at RE. Candle, £4, Shearer Candles. Cutlery, from £17 for four pieces; napkin, £2.50; all John Lewis



SIMPLY ELEGANT

Create an eye-catching display by lining up a few of these arrangements along a console table or sideboard

1 Strip the leaves from 30 pure white carnations. Cut the stems to fit your vase – you want the flowers sitting 10cm-15cm above the top of it.

2 Gather the stems one at a time into a bunch, ensuring the heads are close together to make a tight, round ball of flowerheads. Using some string, tie the stems together firmly, as near to the flowerheads as possible, then use another length of string to secure the bottom of the stems.

3 Hold the arrangement upright in the middle of the vase and pour in glass chippings, followed by gold gravel, to hold the flowers in place. Finish by adding some miniature baubles to the top of the gravel. Fill the vase with water up to the bottom of the baubles.

Vases, find similar at John Lewis. Gravel, £3.99, HobbyCraft. Glass chippings, from a selection, IKEA. Tealight holders, £6 each, The White Company. Baubles, £1.47 for 24, ASDA. Valencia console table, £175, Next. Valencia mirror, £200, Laura Ashley



Floral designer Jane Scott is the creative force behind the seasonal flower collections at John Lewis. Choose from an array of bouquets, arrangements and gift ideas, or from Jane's designer collection, all of which are available at www.johnlewis.com or by calling 08456 049049.