



Mother's Day is the one day of the year when we all want to show our mums just how much we appreciate them. Giving something special is the perfect way to let her know that you care – and so much the better if you've made it yourself. Flowers are a timeless gesture and here Jane Scott, head florist with the John Lewis partnership, reveals how to put your own personal spin on a fail-safe favourite. Whether they're for you or for grandma, these easy-to-make floral-inspired presents are a wonderful way to spend time with your little ones. Alternatively, if time is at a premium, John Lewis has a selection of fantastic arrangements that you can buy direct.

This page: Jane and her girls relax at the table after creating floral gifts: Vanilla sponge cake with butter cream and icing flowers, from £30, Primrose Bakery (020 7483 4222, www.primrosebakery.co.uk). Tall candleholder, £120, Kenneth Turner (01442 838181, www.kennethturner.com). Flock pillar candle, £10, True Grace (01985 210 894, www.truegrace.co.uk). Fluted aqua teapot, £17; fluted aqua bowl, £15; Rosanna Playing House cake stand, £33 for box of two; Rosanna plates, Sabre forks, £6.95 each, £28 for four; Rustic goblets; gingham napkins, £2.50 each; Perfect pastel pots (flowers on table), £47 for three; Pink Treat Fairtrade flower arrangement (foreground), £40; Heaven Scent arrangement, £35, all John Lewis (www.johnlewis.com, 0845 604 9049). Capiz shell decorative balls, £2 each, The Pier (0845 609 1234, www.pier.co.uk). Jewelled napkin rings, £19.95 for four, Really Linda Barker (0870 242 0651, www.reallylindabarker.co.uk). Table runner, £5.99, Dunelm Mill (0845 165 65 65, www.dunelm-mill.com). Flowers cushion in blue and Faded flowers cushion in pink, both £18, Cath Kidston 0870 850 1084, www.cathkidston.co.uk).

Say it with flowers

Nothing brings a smile to Mum's face like a home-made present. Here, top florist Jane Scott and her girls Bella and Esme show how to make some fabulous floral gifts Photographs by Lucinda Symons Styling by Lara Stedman



Card:

1. Fold an A4 sheet of white card in half.
2. Make two holes half way up the front, approximately 2cm apart.

3. Thread ribbon through the holes.
4. Cut the stem of a rose to around 15cm.
5. Wrap a piece of wet cotton wool around the stem (but not too much as it will tip the card).

6. Layer 20cm squares of blue and pink tissue paper and clear cellophane.
7. Gather up the layered squares around the rose and then tie onto the card with the ribbon.



Jolly Jars:

1. Take a clean, empty jam jar.
2. Cut two pieces of tissue to 30cm square.

3. Layer one square of the tissue paper on top of the other at an angle.
4. Then gather up the layered tissue squares around the jar and tie with a cord or ribbon.

5. Gently insert a decoration (perhaps a butterfly) on a wire through the knot.
6. Now fill the jar with fresh flowers, either a single type or a selection, depending on choice.