



Fragrant Peony Bouquet



Bring the garden into your home with a fragrant peony bouquet! We combined lush pink peonies, stocks, and Sweet William. Gorgeous Sarah Bernhardt peonies smell heavenly and their delicate ruffles create a dreamy, feminine look. Light lavender stock flowers and ruby Sweet Williams act as accent flowers. A layer of sleek aralia leaves at base completes this bouquet. You can switch things up and create an all-white bouquet by using only white flowers and Variegated Pittosporum.

Instructions

1) Prep the flowers

To prep, the flowers, strip off the leaves of all stems of the peonies, stocks, and Sweet William.

2) Create the centre of the bouquet

To create the centre of the arrangement, place three open peonies around a stock stem and fill the space between the ponies with Sweet William. Add the stems at an angle, forming a spiral around the stock stem.

3) Add another row of flowers

Add another row of Sweet William, the remaining four stocks and peony buds around the centre. Aim to arrange the flowers in a round, domed shape and rotate the bouquet while placing the flowers. At this point, you can easily rearrange flowers. I also recommend pulling the stocks into the arrangement if they are sticking out too long.

4) Make the base

Go around the underside, add the aralia leaves to the bouquet.

5) Finish the peony bouquet

Shorten the stems to the same length. Then insert the wired keys throughout the arrangement. Using green raffia or ribbon, tie the bouquet tightly together in the middle.

Materials

- 3 pink large open peonies
- 6 – 7 pink peony buds
- 5 lavender or pink stock flowers
- 6 – 7 red Sweet William
- 5 aralia leaves
- green raffia or ribbon

Tools

- secateurs
- florist knife

Care Tips for Long Vase Life

Kept cool and out of direct sunlight, the peony bouquet should last at least one week in a vase.