



Rose Lavender Bouquet



Materials

9 light pink roses (e.g. Soft Pink O'Hara Garden Rose, Delicate Pink Garden Rose, Sophie Light Pink Rose)

9 pink and cream bi-coloured roses (e.g. Esperance Creamy Pink Rose, Geraldine Light Pink Rose, Tutu Pink Rose)

30 – 40 lavender stalks
green raffia

Tools

secateurs
florist knife

Dry the flowers

The rose lavender bouquet dries beautifully, and the lavender keeps on smelling for many years to come. I still have the lavender wreaths I made years ago, and florets are still very fragrant. To preserve the bouquet, remove it from the vase before the roses start to wilt, approximately after 3 to 4 days. Secure the bouquet with a rubber band and hang the flowers upside down in a dry place away from sunlight for a couple of weeks.

Heavenly scented roses and lavender are combined into a beautiful DIY rose lavender bouquet. The fragrance of lavender is warm and summery, and the tiny florets just look so darling. This homemade flower arrangement is a great little present for birthdays, to say thank you, wish a sweet one well, or a pretty hostess gift. This flower DIY comes with a coordinated free printable greeting card, which you can download here: <http://chcotta.ge/bl0290>

Instructions

1) Prep the flowers

Before starting, allow the flowers to rest in fresh water with added flower food for at least 30 minutes. Then remove all foliage from the rose stems and lavender stalks.

Tip: If using lavender from your garden, keep the stems as long as possible and cut only shortly before creating the arrangement.

2) Make the lavender bushels

Gather 3 to 4 lavender stalks into a small bundle and set aside.

3) Build the bouquet

Select the largest rose head - we'll use this flower as the focal point. Put 4 to 5 lavender bundles around the rose. Then continue with 6 roses (3 pink garden roses + 3 pink and green roses), adding each flower at an angle around the central rose. Place 2 to 3 lavender bushes between the second-row roses. Create a last row with the remaining roses and put the rest of the lavender bushels in between the roses. Aim to arrange the flowers in a round, domed shape and rotate the bouquet while placing the flowers, so it looks good from every angle. At this point, you can easily rearrange flowers. I also recommend pulling flowers back into the arrangement if they are sticking out too long.

4) Secure the rose lavender bouquet

Shorten the stems to the same length. Using green raffia or ribbon, tie the bouquet tightly together in the middle. Place in water immediately.

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.