

Oranges & Lemons

We feel it's time for florists to be proud of their artistry, so we are launching "create" our own designs to help stimulate your floral creativity.

"Oranges & Lemons" is the first of a series of designs we have planned for Create. It's summer feel and vibrant colours are warm and fun – let's hope the rest of summer is the same. We would like to think our creation moves you to different interpretations, and to help that process we have provided a few notes on what floral sundries were used - in short we have tried to create a "recipe" card!

Be inspired and good luck. **Sam Plowman**

PS We would love to have your feedback – good design is always a matter of opinion!



1. Take 1 x 70cm Martini Vase (glassware).
2. Line the bottom and sides of the vase with orange slices/pieces.
3. Fill the remainder of the vase with sisal. (Sisal could be placed between the oranges to reduce the number of oranges required).
4. Take ½ a brick of dry floral foam.
5. Insert a large metal pinholder to the bottom of the dry foam to act as a weight. (We used a 2.75" pinholder).
6. Place 3 x Bear grass into the foam at varying heights.
7. Place 1 x Gladioli stem at the back of the arrangement and a further 1 x Gladioli slightly further forward, also lowering the height.
8. Place 5 x Gerbera stems down the right hand side of the arrangement as shown in the photograph.
9. Place 3 x Rose stems down the left hand side of the arrangement as shown in the photograph.
10. Weave approx 1.5 metres of abaca ribbon around the flowers and vase. Secure with either mossing pins or wire.
11. Fill any gaps with additional foliage.
12. Add lemon slices at the base of the arrangement for further interest.
13. To finish use the remaining abaca ribbon to make a bow for the base of the vase and secure with wire and a couple more lemon slices.