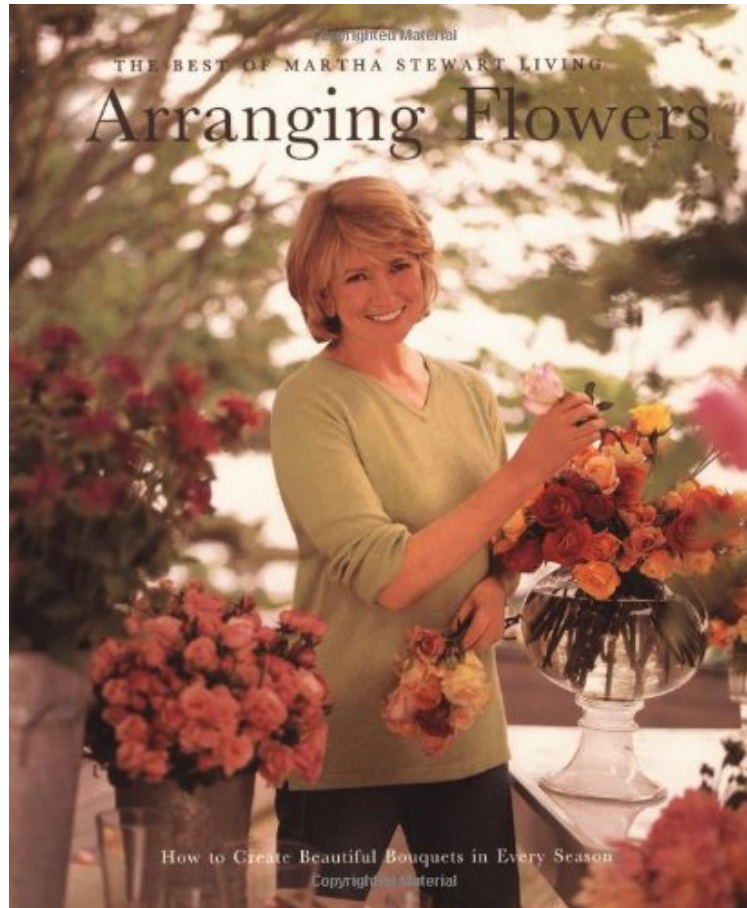


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Martha Stewart Living Magazine : Arranging Flowers (Best of Martha Stewart Living Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Arranging Flowers (Best of Martha Stewart Living Series):

7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Not exactly a how-to book, but great pictures By L.S.I wouldn't really consider this a how-to book, as most of it is pictures of arrangements with a paragraph or two about the flowers. To paraphrase, "Martha loves spring when the peonies in her garden are blooming. They look stunning massed together." Most of the description is of her garden. However, the photographs ARE wonderful and gave me many, many ideas. I checked this book out of the library to get ideas for my wedding, and it's a book that I've renewed several times. Most of the arrangements included are simple yet elegant, involving one species of flower or monochromatic color schemes. I recommend this book as long as you're looking for arrangement ideas, not step-by-step instructions. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best in the Showing, Not the Telling By Ohioan This is one of those books whose greatest use comes from looking at the photos of flower arrangements and applying them to what you have on hand, or on what you wish to create at a later date. There is little to be said for the written

information: it kind of blends into the foliage. But the photos of flower arrangements and the vase ideas (eggcups within eggcups, for example) are very useful. 11 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Useful, if sometimes contrived
By A Customer
Lots of ideas and clear, helpful pictures, although I was actually expecting a more extensive technical section - in the magazine MS has step-by-step explanations of how to create a wrapped bouquet. And there were no bridal bouquets at all in the book, only table arrangements! I also didn't like the "Martha says," "Martha prefers," third-person style - better to have written in the first person or objective perspective, wouldn't have been so distracting. Bottom line: a practical guide, but ignore the constant Marthaisms.

Fresh blossoms can add beauty to any room in any season. Display them at their natural best by learning Martha's basic principles and favorite techniques. Gorgeous color photographs and detailed instructions will teach you how to use floral tools and supplies, choose classic vases as well as unusual containers, condition flowers so they last as long as possible, plan and harvest a cutting garden, and design both the simplest and most dramatic arrangements for spring, summer, autumn, and winter.

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