

Foliage for Arrangements

When choosing foliage for arrangements you need to consider the following:

Longevity when cut – may depend on time during season

Colour of leaves – complimentary (across from each other on the colour wheel)

Harmonious (Colour family) – yellows to green, pinks to red (Analogous; colours beside each other on the colour wheel), Monochromatic (shades, tints and hues of the same colour), Complementary, (Blue & Orange, Purple & yellow, Red and Green)

Veining

Texture

Size of leaf relative to container

Length of stem

Possible choices:

Shrubs

- Camellia
- Boxwood
- Skimmia
- Nandina (Heavenly Bamboo)
- Spirea (Bridal Veil)
- Pittosporum – variegated
- Viburnum
- Weigela
- Daphne Eternal Fragrance
- Fatsia
- Osamanthus
- Sarcocca
- Forsythia

Trees

- Magnolia
- Eucalyptus (Silver Dollar, Baby Blue, Seeded, Gunni – smaller leaves)
- Myrtle
- Nine Bark ((physocarpus)
- Arbutus Unedo
- Cotylinus

Perennials/Annuals - Leaves

- Hostas
- Arum italicum
- Hibiscus (Mahogany Splendor)
- Hellebores
- Astilbe

- Peonies (Green in summer, red in fall)
- Irises – strong sword type leaves
- Phormium – New Zealand Flax – sword type leaves, many colours
- Calla lily leaves
- Beesia – False ginger
- Heuchera- many colours but not the lime green
- Dusty Miller, Senecio Types: Angel Wing, Brachyoglossis
- Icicles (silver) Helichrysum thianschanicum (Licorice Plant)
- Artemesia ludoviciana (Silver King) rapid spreader
- Artemesia schmidtiana (Silver Mound)

Herbs

- Dill
- Bronze fennel
- Rosemary
- Apple or Korean Mint (Purple & doesn't spread) Plant mint in containers.
- Sage
- Oregano

Vegetables

- Asparagus leaves
- Ornamental Kale
- Artichoke leaves and flowers

Vines

- Jasmine
- Honeysuckle
- Clematis
- Raspberry and Blackberry

Grasses

- Explosion Grass
- Fountain Grasses – have plumes – many varieties
- Zebra Grass
- Hakone – Japanese Forest Grass

Succulents – many to choose from

Native Plants

- Ferns
- Salal
- Oregon Grape
- Pussy Willow

Indoor Plants

- Monstera
- Palms
- Ivy
- Anthirium