

Are DIY Buckets right for you?

-Basics to Creating Beautiful Designs-

How many buckets do I need?

Always overestimate on stems to take into account designing mishaps and to make sure you have enough to go around. I always overestimate when planning for my own designs.

During the start of your planning process we are happy to give you advice on how many stems you need to order to fill X amount of vases. But, we do not offer lengthy consultation for DIY orders as we would for full-service orders. You are ultimately responsible for making sure you order enough flowers, and for the designing itself.

Bucket count depends on the quantity and the size of your centerpiece vases, how many personal flowers you may have, and other arrangements you plan on making.

Vase Sizes: The wider the vessel opening the more flowers you will need to fill the arrangement (ex: a 7"x7" wide compote vase will create a more elaborate design and will need a lot more flowers than a 3"x3" mason jar). For easy and quicker designing use vessels that are deep enough to anchor stems without the need for other mechanics like floral tape or foam. Shallow vases that have wide openings (ex. 3" deep, but wide compote vase) require more mechanics so stems stay anchored and don't float up out of the water).

Timing and Helping Hands

Make sure you plan ahead and leave yourself enough time to design the flowers. You will likely need at least one friend or family member helping, if not a crew of helping hands for larger scale designing. Flower arranging can be a fun activity to do with bridesmaids if planned out.

I recommend delegating someone to take charge of picking up, designing, delivering and setting up the flowers the day of the event so you can focus on getting ready. You will not have enough time to do this on your own. Do not leave the designing until the day of your wedding.

What kinds of Flowers will be in Buckets?

In the Floral Agreement we will give you an estimated flower availability list with varieties that are *likely* to be blooming at the time of your event. We do not promise specific flower types. We will do our best to accommodate flower requests, however, we cannot guarantee specific flowers in the buckets. The varieties included in your bucket depend on mother nature and what is blooming the week of your order. If you are looking for a specific number of premium focal flowers (lisianthus, peonies, ranunculus, dahlias, sunflowers, lilies) we can do a straight bunch price, however we don't promise straight bunches unless we are absolutely certain we will have them.

Flower Care Tips

We will provide all the flowers agreed upon in time for your event. We harvest only the freshest, highest quality flowers, grown and harvested from our farm and conditioned properly for correct maturity and full blooms on your special day. Once the flowers leave our farm they are your responsibility. Our flowers typically last one week or longer if cared for properly.

Store flower buckets and completed arrangements in an air conditioned or cool room, ideally 50F-60F until your event. If it's really hot outside (over 85F) you can store them in the basement. Store flowers out of direct sunlight until the time of your event.

This may seem like common sense but I do have to say it: Keep flowers in water at all times. This includes during the designing process.

Make sure vases have enough water. Flowers are thirsty and water level can go down quick if vases are packed with many stems or temperature is hot. Don't be stingy with water level and check it daily. We fill our vases full with water leaving just an inch or two at the top to take into consideration any water movement during transport or carrying them to tables.

Supplies

Make sure you have clean vases, sharp clippers, clean water, and an adequate workspace. For more elaborate designs you may need floral tape, floral frogs, chicken-wire or floral foam (although we do not use foam- it's toxic, wasteful stuff- and we cannot confirm foliage will hold up in it).

Flower Bucket Pick-up and Transport

Make sure you have a vehicle that can safely fit all the flower buckets you are picking up and that can also safely deliver arrangements to the venue. Our buckets sometimes overflow into a couple more buckets than you ordered (we don't like to cram flowers too tightly), so give your vehicle some extra room. We will help you pack them in. Make sure your vehicle is air-conditioned and the flowers are out of direct sunlight.

You may need boxes or stuffing to help secure arrangements for travel to venue, after arranging. Flower bucket pickup is by appointment at our farm, 139 Snyder Road, Cooperstown, NY 13326. We recommend picking up buckets 1-2 days before your event, depending on how much you are designing. We can arrange to deliver buckets to you, but we will charge a delivery fee based on mileage.

We always need buckets around the farm and are happy when people return them after the event if possible. Buckets can be dropped off at our farm following the event.