

BASIC FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

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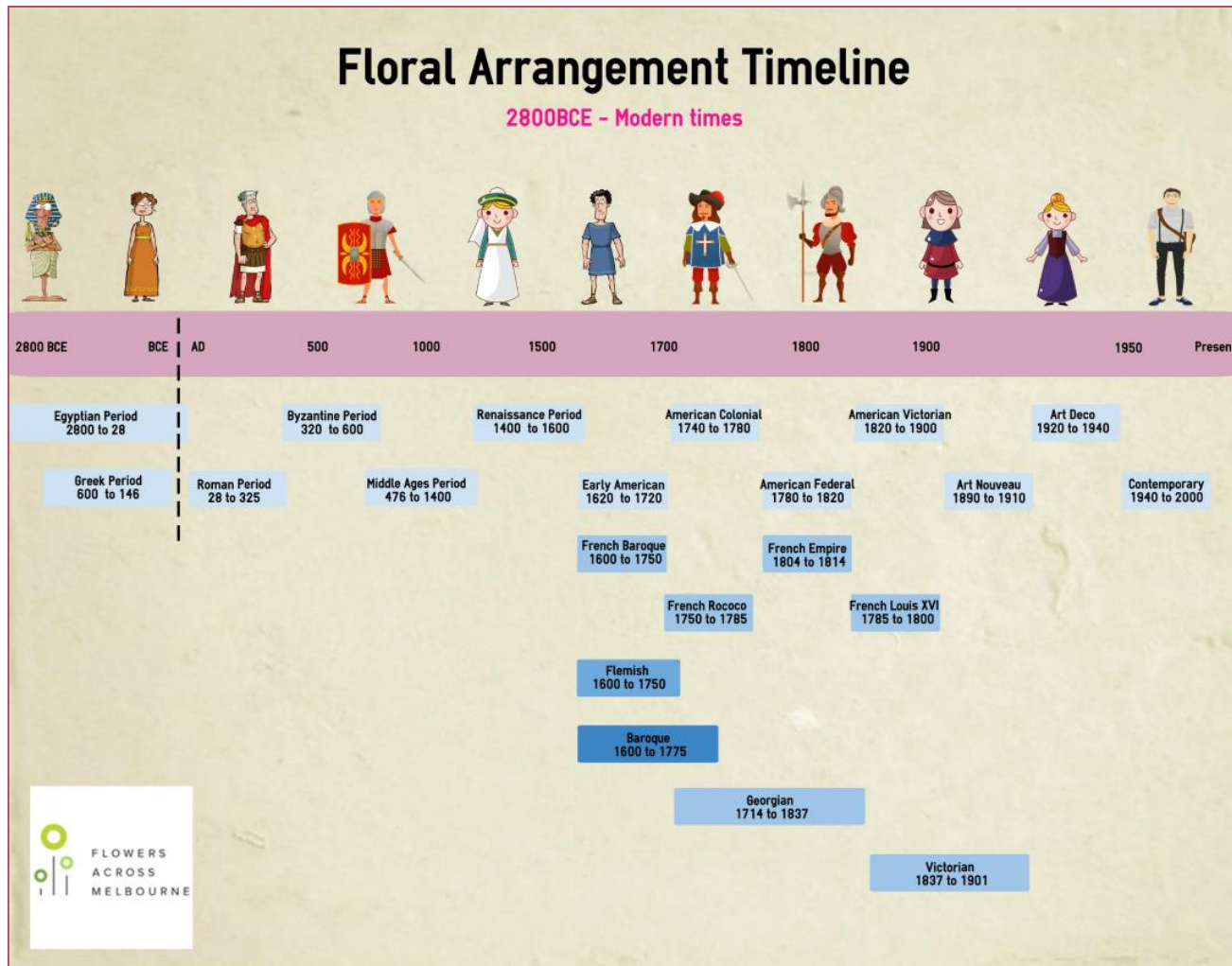
DEFINITION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

Ikebana (make flowers alive) is the Japanese art of floral design/flower arrangement

Flower arrangement or Floral Design is the art of using plant materials and flowers to create a pleasing composition.

Gathering flowers and putting them in a container to create a pleasant view.

HISTORY



BASIC PRINCIPLES



TOOLS

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KEEP
CALM
AND FOLLOW

THE GOLDEN
RULES

TOOLS

⦿ For Harvesting Flowers

- Scissors, pruners, scythe
- Water bucket

⦿ For the Arrangement

- Container
- Plant Materials
- Floral Frog or rocks, beads, etc
- Floral tape, floral wire
- Ribbons or embellishments



CONTAINERS

Let your imagination run WILD!!

Consider where, what, why and how.



FLORAL FROGS

Antique or modern frogs can be used. As well as river rock, water beads, glass gems or fruit!

A floral frog can be made with floral tape.



PLANT MATERIAL

Be creative!
If you like it, use it!

RULES-STYLE

○ Formal

- Traditional Containers
- Traditional Flowers and materials

○ Fun

- BE CREATIVE!
- Interesting containers
- Alternative plant materials
- Embellishments

RULES-DESIGN

⦿ Decide

- One sided or full
- Compact or wild
- One flower or many
- One species or multiple
- Color scheme
- Texture

STYLE



One Sided/ One Color



Full/Multiple colors/Fine Texture

STYLE



One stem



Many stems

DESIGN



Similar texture



Contrasting texture

RULES-BUILD

Start with a clean container with fresh water.

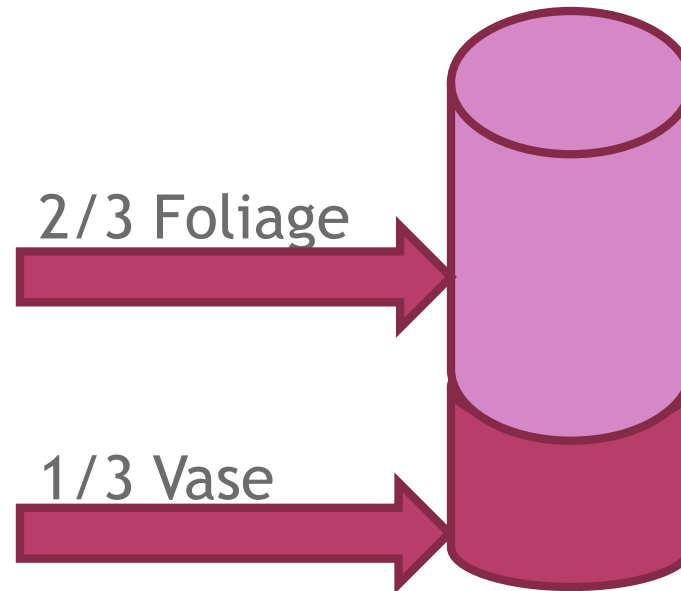
Strip all plant material of any leaves below the intended water line, leaving only stems

As you place each piece in water cut the stem at a 45 degree angle. You can choose your height at this stage, fresh cuts are necessary on every stem even if staying relatively the same length

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT FUNDAMENTALS

○ Easy to remember : **FFF**

- Foliage
- Flowers
- Fluff



RULES-BUILD

○ First

- Foliage
 - Greens
 - Fillers

○ Second

- Flowers
 - Secondary
 - Featured

○ Last Embellish

- Fluff
 - Ribbons
 - Decorations
 - Embellishments

A WORD ABOUT BULBS

○ Alliums

- Smells like onion! Change H₂O daily
- Very long lasting

○ Daffodils

- 2 bucket rinse to stop milky sap
- Narcissists are loners by preference

○ Lillies

- To force open add 7up, then change to plain H₂O

○ Tulips

- Leave two leaves attached to bulb
- Cut shorter as they will continue to grow in vase
- Parrot variety is longest lasting



***Do not keep bulbs near fruit as they will not last as long**

MY TOP 5 FAVORITES

- ◉ All bulb flowers
- ◉ Lavender
- ◉ Flowering Quince
- ◉ Shasta Daisy
- ◉ Black-Eyed Susan
- ◉ Ferns
- ◉ Bear's Breeches
- ◉ Red Twig
- ◉ Witch hazel
- ◉ Smoke bush

Flowers

Foliage