

Spring preview of color

March is in between — the sounds of tires spinning — snow plows rumbling — and the feel of the sun as it reaches higher in the sky with its warming rays steaming the snow telling that spring is on its way. Now is the time to add to the fun in the snow by a preview of spring in the home with an abundance of fresh colour from cut or pot flowers.

the first thing to remember, however, is that both should be bought tightly budded. Before starting on flower arrangements of tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and iris, assemble all the materials you'll need; vase or bowl, sharp knife, pin holder or block of floral foam, clay, or water proof tape, and Flower Care, the floral

preservative developed especially for Canadian conditions. Next cut each stem on a slant across the bottom. Don't use scissors because they pinch and make it harder for the blossoms to soak up water. Then, anchor the pin holder in a dry container with clay or keep floral foam in place by taping with cellophane

tape to the sides of the container. Remember that taller flowers should be in the back except for centerpieces where they should be in the middle of the arrangement. Use sprays of heather, forsythia or pussywillows for accent and fill. There is no in between when spring is in your home. **FLOWERS ARE SPRING!**



Florist shops and flower outlets everywhere bulge with a riot of springtime color — tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, and iris — carefully forced in Canada's greenhouses for early bloom. And they'll keep coming well after Easter. Meanwhile you can have crimson tulips on your windowsill, blazing against a background of stark, winter white; mauve iris and gold daffodils shedding sunshine in that dark corner of the den, potted hyacinths filling the room with a delicate scent of spring. It's all so easy too. Cut and potted flowers bring rich returns from the small amount of time spent on care and arrangement. Flowers Canada recommends that

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Q — Can a broken ladder run be repaired?
A — Cut the run off flush with the inside of the rails. Make two blocks inside of the rails. Jake two blocks of hardwood, drilling holes in them the same diameter as the new rung. Fit the rung tightly into the two blocks and then bolt or nail the whole assembly securely to the inside of the rails.

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