

A FALL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT FROM THE GARDEN



- 1) Look in the yard for a variety of textures. I found:
 - hydrangea paniculata
 - sedum (to pick up some of the pink in the hydrangea and introduce a solid shape)
 - aster october skies for fluffiness
 - dahlias from my mother's where they're still growing; you could also use purchased chrysanthemums
 - English ivy (gather a clump in a rubber band or wire)

2) Since what you'll find in the garden this time of year will be weathered and worn, find a vessel that shows wear too. Pewter, with its imperfections, is also a great material for fall arrangement vases.



3) Create some structure in your vase. I used:

- a cluster of boxwood shoots, but you could also use:
- bunched up chicken wire
- a metal flower frog
- scotch tape grid at mouth

4) Establish the size and overall shape of the arrangement with your longer, larger stems (1.5x the height of the vessel is classic)

5) Place flowers as they would grow:

- clustering the same type together
- placing shorter flowers lower than larger shrub types



6) Fit in your signature flower - typically an odd number, but I used six this time! Continue to fill in but keep some natural openness