

## Foreword by Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation:

Each year, our friends at Carl Alan Floral Designs support the Lemon Ball in a big way. If you have attended before, then you have seen the spectacular floral arrangements that help bring the event to life. This year, they are providing guests with a step by step guide for creating a beautiful design at home. Check out this DIY guide to floral arranging to see how they do it!

To make your arrangement extra festive, we suggest incorporating yellow florals like sunflowers, white roses for a touch of elegance, and of course, lemons! If you create your own Lemon Ball arrangement at home, be sure to snap a photo and share it with us on social media tagging @AlexsLemonade!

### *How to Arrange Flowers: Step-by-Step*

#### Step 1:

Gathering your materials.

\* Scissors/Pruners, vase, fresh water, flowers,  
and any accents you would like to include to enhance design.

#### Step 2:

Remove any extra leaves to create clean stems.

It's okay to leave some foliage but remember that you'll also have greenery to fill in any extra space.

#### Step 3:

Measure the flowers against the vessel of choice and cut to size.

Be sure to cut the stems at an angle. This will let the flowers soak up more water and help them stay alive longer.

#### Step 4:

Fill your vase half full of water.

You'll want to change the water every three days.

If you use less water in the vessel, you should change the water more often.

#### Step 5:

Pour the plant food into the vessel.

It should naturally mix in, but if it sinks to the bottom, stir until it's dissolved.

#### Step 6:

Start by crisscrossing your foliage into the vessel to create a base.

Forming this lattice pattern will create a sturdy base for your other flowers.

#### Step 7:

Insert your focal point flowers, make sure they are spread out.

The focal flowers are the ones that you want to stand out and highlight. They could be the largest, textured, unique, colorful or just your favorite.

#### Step 8:

Add in any of your secondary flowers.

Secondary flowers tend to be smaller filler flowers that will fill in and round out the flower arrangement.

#### Step 9:

Rearrange or fill in as needed.

Remove any petals that are wilted and adjust the foliage so that it fills in any empty spaces.

