



## TIP No. 5 – SHRUBS FOR FLOWER ARRANGING

There are a number of shrubs you can plant in your garden which are suitable for flower arranging. Here are some useful for winter wreaths and Christmas Decorations. Use them for the leaves, flowers, coloured stems, seed heads or even dried out flowers such as hydrangea.

- Salix (Willow) – use stems in winter
- Santolina (Cotton Lavender) – leaf sprays in winter
- Viburnum – Deciduous shrub with white or pink flowers and red berries, use flowers in winter
- Corylus Avellana ‘Contorta’ (Twisted nut) – use twisted stems in winter with catkins
- Lonicera nitida ‘Baggesen’s Gold’ – golden leaves throughout the year
- Jasminum Nudiflorum – winter jasmine
- Pyracantha (Firethorn) – use red or yellow berries in winter
- Bergenia (Elephant’s ears) – leaves can be used all year round, flowers late winter or spring
- Fatsia japonica - good leaf shape for backing flower displays
- Cornus alba (Red barked dogwood) – use coloured stems in winter
- Viburnum tinus, flowers in winter – use leaves throughout the year
- Ilex (Holly) – use leaves and red berries in winter
- Cotoneaster – use berries in Winter
- Prunus Rotundifolia or Aucuba japonica
- Euonymus fortunei – variegated leaves
- Garrya Elliptica – catkins in winter
- Eleagnus – coloured leaves
- Hedera (Ivy) – comes in different leaf sizes including variegated
- Eucalyptus – Blue grey foliage
- Vinca Major – variegata, periwinkle – good for hanging stems

A good book to refer to is Rosemary Verey – The flower arranger’s garden.

What shrubs do you use? Send them to me

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