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## DELIGHTS

## May Flower Power

Blooms are abundant right now, so gather some for yourself or give away a bunch. Here are the supplies you need to assemble bouquets like a pro.

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## CHECKS, PLEASE

A vase with a crowd-pleasing gingham pattern works as a centerpiece year-round. TO BuY: Gingham Ceramic Vase, from \$19; markandgraham.com.


1 AREAL KEEPER
Pin frogs are the secret to securing unwieldy stems. Plant one in your vessel and your arrangement will stay put. то BUY: Flower Frog Collection, $\$ 95$ for 5; floretflowers.com.

## 2 FOREVER BUDS

Array these solo as wiltproof bouquets, or mix with live blossoms for textural variety. TO BUY: Dried Flowers and Grasses, from \$13; afloral.com.

## 3 THAT'S A WRAP

When you bring home flowers, this reusable denim tote is a clever and sustainable substitute for cellophane or paper. то BuY: Jardin Bouquet Tote, \$42; aplat.com.

## 4 LEAFY GREEN DIET

Prolong your foliage by adding two or three pumps of this plant food each time you refresh the water. TO BUY: Fresh Cut Flower Food, \$13; cutefarms.com.

## 5 HYDRATION HELPER

The spout on this displayworthy watering can is ideal for thirsty petals in narrow vases. TO BuY:
Oasis Watering Can, \$30; shopgreendigs.com.

## 6 TAKE YOUR PICK

Need inspiration for your bouquet? This foragingfocused book includes 28 eco-friendly projects, plus care basics.
то вuY: Field, Flower, Vase by Chelsea Fuss, \$30; abramsbooks.com.

## 7 LITTLE CUTIES

Sculptural porcelain bud vases give a single blossom or a few special sprigs a place to shine. то BuY: Mini Vases, $\$ 21$ each; mkporcelain.com.

## 8 SHEAR JOY

Trim stems before putting them in water to fend off drooping. These lightweight, ergonomic snippers make the cut. то BuY: Pruning Shears, \$18; modsprout.com.

