

- The waxier the leaf, the longer the plant will live in or out of water. Magnolia leaves are a great choice for long lasting shiny green foliage.
- Line clear vases with grasses or big leaves to mask murky water and messy stems. Razor, lemon, or bear grass don't decompose rapidly and look exotic. For big leaf lining, use magnolia, birds of paradise, tea, or banana.
- Opaque containers compliment without competing.
- Mimic nature with an asymmetrical composition. Vary the height, depth, and length of your elements.
- Think seasonal and use texture, fragrance, and shapes to keep it interesting. Mix and match delicate purple sweet pea tendrils with celery hued sculptural reeds, or carrot colored Japanese lantern pods with large sunset dahlias.

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A country feel using well worn cowboy boots filled with pistache berries, roses, baby pomegranates, and amber crepe myrtles.

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