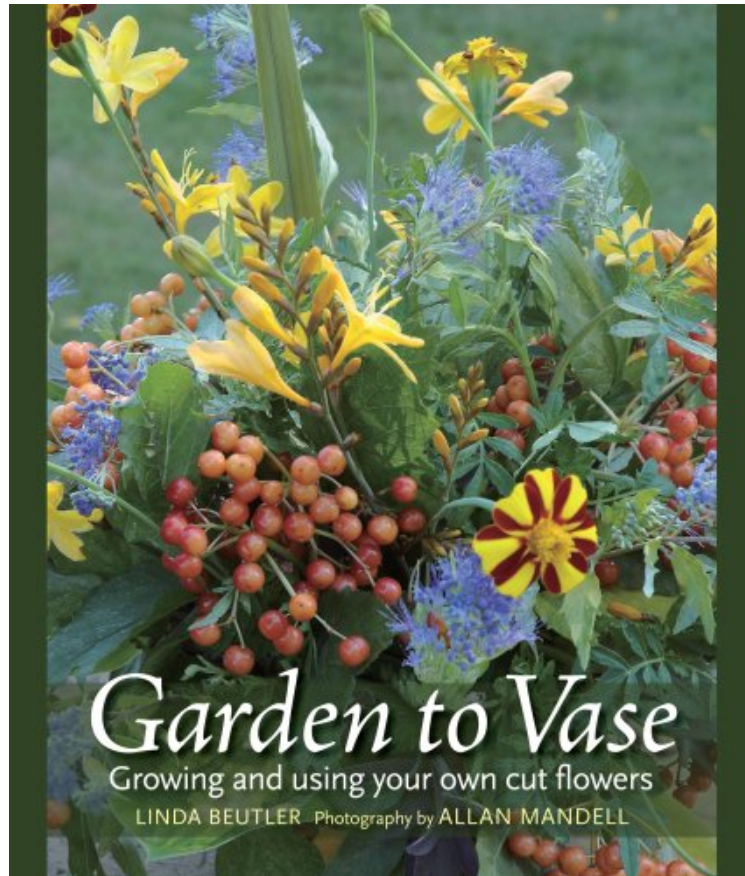


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**Linda Beutler : Garden to Vase: Growing and Using Your Own Cut Flowers** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Garden to Vase: Growing and Using Your Own Cut Flowers:

30 of 31 people found the following review helpful. Misses the Mark on Several Points By T. Bippen When this book arrived and I perused the first time, I was thrilled. However, now that I have used this book for about a month, I am disappointed about some important and missing details. First, the good news: photos are gorgeous, author has a wonderful style and wit and this book has been helpful for me on several occasions. My disappointments: NO index! There is a plant name index, flower meaning table, a botanical latin guide, bibliography, etc.; however, this book is much more than a listing of flowers. If one wants to research foliage or conditioning solution, good luck finding it without an index. One has to leaf through the entire book. Second, the flower arrangements are gorgeous but the flowers are not identified in any of the photos. The arrangement on the book's cover is breathtaking, and although I am an avid gardener, I could only identify two of the flowers in that particular photo. Considering the subject matter of this book,

it is a travesty to not provide more detailed information on the many arrangements. Third, very little information is provided on foliage or filler flowers for arrangements or a guide as to ratios of flowers to fillers to foliage, etc. Fourth, the author beats up hybrid tea roses pretty hard (which is fine) and then waxes eloquently about old garden roses and how they should be the choice for a garden. Only one problem--there are many old garden roses that do not work as cut flowers because they shatter. And, when the author provides a list of the 12 best roses to grow for cutting, none of them are old garden roses (unless you consider the Austin roses to be old garden roses), and nearly half are hybrid teas! Do I like this book? Yes; however, when I need essential information and it is not available in this type of reference, it is annoying, and especially knowing it may be in the book, but I cannot find it quickly because of the lack of an index. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very helpful. Things I didn't know, about each ... By crissy1cat Very helpful. Things I didn't know, about each type of cutting flower. How to make them last. I cut flowers every Thursday for our business and they stay out through Sunday, so this is really what I was looking for. Thanks! 3 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Definitive resource for cut flowers from your garden By nehaleminthesun I've been looking for a book like this for a long time! I am often at a loss for cut-flower 1) inspiration and 2) knowledge when it comes to flowers from my own garden. I admit I've been a bit intimidated when going out in my yard with shears in hand, fear of "wrecking" what flower display I did have outside. Linda Beutler's extensive first-hand experience as both gardener and florist is helping to dispell the limiting factors of my own beliefs. And, on another level, her creative ideas think outside the box, and add many more plants to what I "thought" could be used for cut flowers. The key for me is, she shows how to SUCCESSFULLY use all these plants--successful both for flower arrangement indoors and for the vigor of the plant that's growing out in your garden. This book tells you everything you need to know, from bloom time to potential in a vase, from how to condition a cut flower properly to the light/soil/water needs of the plant itself. And much more. Lots of artistic inspiration for the beautiful arrangements in vases (and inspiration for the vases!). Encyclopedia sections are comprehensive and easy to read. Linda's writing style is a pleasure, fun and whimsical, from an obviously very intelligent source. My mind is expanded! And it's been a fun journey. Thank you, Linda!

As an accomplished gardener and professional florist, Linda Beutler offers unique insights into creating inspired floral arrangements and growing the plants that go into them. Among the topics that Beutler discusses are the philosophy of floral design; making creative use of plants you're already growing; techniques of harvesting and preparing cut flowers; "bouquet basics"; and creating arrangements for special occasions. The book culminates in "Plants for the Cutting Garden: Flowers, Foliage, and Fruit," which contains detailed descriptions of more than 200 outstanding plants. Adding greatly to the book's appeal and usefulness are Allan Mandell's breathtaking photographs of flowers in every stage from the garden to finished arrangement.

"Garden to Vase will encourage even the most reluctant flower arranger to wield a pair of clippers." Valerie Easton, The Seattle Times June 24, 2007