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Choosing Flowers

Step 1

Consider whether you want to send a single flower, a bouquet or an entire flowering plant. Consider what the gift is for. For example, a housewarming present should have more permanence, like a plant. A single rose might be a better gift for a single date.

Step 2

Timing is everything. If your flowers are for a wedding or a dinner party, send them ahead of time so that they can be displayed at the event.

Step 3

Check the meaning of your flowers if you want them to say something particular. Red tulips are a declaration of love, ivy symbolizes fidelity and marriage, and a single rose symbolizes simplicity. Do some research.

Step 4

Enclose a note, small token or memento to better convey your sentiments.

Step 5

Send appropriate arrangements to your recipient. Consider the woman's demeanour and match that in your arrangement. A simple, calm person will appreciate a single rose more than an extravagant, overwhelming bouquet.

Flower Dictionary – A Selection of Flowers & their Meanings

Almond flowers	-	Hope
Anemone	-	Forsaken
Aster	-	Symbol of love
Balm	-	Sympathy
Basil	-	Best wishes
Bay leaf	-	"I change but in death"
Bell flower white	-	Gratitude
Bergamot	-	Irresistible
Bluebell	-	Constancy
Borage	-	Courage
Broom	-	Humility
Campanula	-	Gratitude
Carnation,pink	-	I'll never forget you
Carnation,red	-	My poor heart aches with love for you
Carnation,striped	-	Refusal
China rose	-	Beauty always new
Chrysanthemum	-	Love

Clover, four leaved	-	"Be mine"
Coreopsis	-	Love at first sight
Cuckoo pint	-	Ardor
Daffodil	-	Regard
Daisy	-	Innocence, new-born "I share your sentiment"
Fennel	-	Flattery
Fern	-	Sincerity
Forget-Me-Not	-	True love
Furze or Gorse	-	Enduring affection
French Marigold	-	Jealousy
Gardenia	-	Ecstasy
Gentian	-	Loveliness
Geranium	-	"You are childish"
Hare bell	-	Grief
Heartsease	-	"I am always thinking of you"
Honeysuckle	-	Bonds of love
Heather	-	Admiration
Hyacinth	-	I am sorry, Please forgive me
Ice Plant	-	"Your appearance freezes me"
Ivy	-	Fidelity friendship, marriage
Jasmine	-	Grace
Jonquil	-	"I hope for return of affection"
Lavender	-	Luck, devotion
Lemon Balm	-	Sympathy
Lilac	-	First love
Lily	-	Purity, modesty
Lily of the valley	-	Purity, the return of happiness
Lily, Calla	-	Beauty
Marigold	-	Health, grief or despair
Marjoram	-	Kindness, courtesy
Myrtle	-	Fidelity
Oregano	-	Joy
Orchid	-	Love, beauty, refinement
Pansy	-	Loving thoughts
Periwinkle	-	Happy memory
Phlox	-	Agreement
Poppy, red	-	Consolation
Primrose	-	I can't live without you
Rose, cabbage	-	Ambassador of love
Rose, red	-	Love
Rose, pink	-	Grace, beauty
Rose, yellow	-	Friendship
Rosemary	-	Remembrance, constancy
Rue	-	Contrition
Sage	-	Gratitude, domestic virtue
Snowdrop	-	Hope
Star of Bethlehem	-	Purity
Sunflower	-	I adore you
Sweet Pea	-	Departure, tender memory
Sweet William	-	Gallantry

Tuberose	-	Voluptuousness
Tulip, red	-	My perfect lover, Reclamation of love
Tulip, yellow	-	I am hopelessly in love with you
Violet	-	Loyalty, modesty, humility
Violet, blue	-	Faithfulness
Wormwood	-	Grief
Wheat	-	Riches of the continuation of life
Willow, weeping	-	Mourning
Wallflower	-	Fidelity
Yew	-	Sorrow

The Rose

The Rose is the flower whose meaning we most understand, but here are some details of the meaning of the Rose that may be of further interest.

Rose, Black	-	You are my obsession
Rose, Champagne	-	You are tender and loving
Rose, Leonidas	-	Sweet love
Rose, Nicole	-	You are graceful and elegant, aristocratic
Rose, Orange	-	You are my secret love
Rose, Pink	-	Brilliant complexion; glowing smile; perfect happiness
Rose, Red	-	Passionate love, I love you
Rose, Single Stems	-	Simplicity
Rose, White	-	Spiritual love; Innocence and Purity; Secrecy
Rose, White & Red	-	We are inseparable
Rose, White and Red Mixed	-	Unity; Flower emblem of England
Rose, White, Dried	-	Death is preferable to loss of virtue
Rose, Yellow	-	Friendship; Jealousy; I am not worthy
Rose, Bridal	-	Happy Love
Rose, Dark Crimson	-	Mourning
Rose, Hibiscus	-	Delicate beauty
Rose, Tea	-	I'll remember always
Rose, Thornless	-	Love at first sight
Roses, Bouquet of Mature Blooms	-	Gratitude

Multiple Roses

Single bloom red Rose	-	Love at first sight or I still love you
Single Rose, any color	-	Gratitude or simplicity
2 Roses	-	Mutual feelings
3 Roses	-	I love you
7 Roses	-	I'm infatuated with you
9 Roses	-	We'll be together forever
10 Roses	-	You are perfect
11 Roses	-	You are my treasured one
12 Roses	-	Be mine
13 Roses	-	Friends forever
15 Roses	-	I'm truly sorry

20	Roses	–	I'm truly sincere towards you
21	Roses	–	I'm dedicated to you
24	Roses	–	Forever yours
25	Roses	–	Congratulations
50	Roses	–	Unconditional love
99	Roses	–	I will love you all the days of my life
108	Roses	–	Will you marry me?
999	Roses	–	I love you till the end of time