Festive Blooms: How to Use Popular Christmas Flowers

(Family Features) From traditional red poinsettias to elegant white amaryllis, Christmas flowers bring warmth, joy and vibrant color to homes and celebrations.

Whether you're decorating your space with a wreath or garland, giving a fresh gift or crafting the centerpiece for your holiday table, these festive blooms can bring a touch of nature's joy to your celebrations and showcase the beauty that thrives even during the coldest season.



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Poinsettias

One of, if not the most iconic, flowers of the holiday season, poinsettias are recognized by their bright red "blooms," which are actually colorful bracts surrounding small yellow flowers. A symbol of love, hope and Christmas cheer, poinsettias thrive indoors with bright, indirect light and can be used for holiday decor, festive centerpieces or given as a potted gift.

Amaryllis

Popular for creating holiday arrangements or as a long-lasting indoor plant, the amaryllis features large, trumpet-shaped flowers in shades of red, white, pink or striped varieties. Grown from a bulb, they bloom year after year with proper care, including during the winter months.

Holly

Featuring glossy green leaves and bright red berries, holly has been a holiday staple for centuries. The flowers are commonly used in wreaths, garlands and other Christmas arrangements and can be displayed on mantels, doors or around doorways. However, holly berries are toxic if ingested, so keep arrangements away from children and pets.

Christmas Rose (Hellebore)

With blooms that typically appear around Christmas, the Christmas rose is a perennial that thrives in shaded garden beds, even in cooler weather. It brightens up winter landscapes with its creamy white or pink-tinted flowers, which have come to symbolize hope amid the snow.

Paperwhites

Ideal for tabletop decor or window displays, paperwhites, a type of narcissus, produce clusters of delicate white blooms with a sweet fragrance. They're easy to grow from bulbs indoors during the winter months and can add a natural holiday touch to any room by simply placing in decorative containers filled with pebbles and water.

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