

Rittners School of Floral Design

Rittners School Of Floral Design In Boston Presents...



**Apples and
Flowers For
The Teacher**

**By Rittners
Floral School**

About Rittners Floral School



Rittners Floral School is one of the longest running and finest private floral design schools in North America.

Located in the prestigious Back Bay neighborhood of Boston, Rittners Floral School attracts students from all over North America and abroad by the excellence of its courses. Rittners makes use of the latest educational theory and technologies, to bring its students outstanding diploma programs in floral designing....

Rittners Floral School specializes in floral education.

Whether your goals are rest and relaxation, stress reduction, or vocational, you will really enjoy the various hands-on workshop floral art courses offered at Rittners Floral School.

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Apples For the Teacher? Why?

The tradition of giving apples to teacher is one that has been with us for hundreds of years.....

Where did it come from?

There are many possibilities.

Some say the **association of apples and knowledge** comes from the Biblical Book of Genesis where in the Garden of Eden, Eve gives the fruit of knowledge taken from the tree. One can argue whether that was an apple or not. The bottom line is that even if inaccurate, many people have associated the apple as the fruit of knowledge.....



The apple----A symbol of knowledge, education and the teaching profession...

Floral Artists utilize various symbols to enhance their floral designing, and to more effectively relate their floral art to those who view it.....

Dr Stephen Rittner

Then there has been the practice where apples have been a traditional gift for teachers for hundreds of years, not only in North America, but also in Europe.

In times past it was a form of compensation. In more recent times it has been associated with just a fun custom to start the year!

The association of apples and education has been given additional contemporary meaning because of the wonderful technology company-Apple--that has created amazing computers that enhance the learning process...

We thought that it would be fun to take this symbol of the apple, as it relates to knowledge and education, and play with it in floral creations for the teacher.

Some Floral Considerations And Decisions.....

Usually floral designers like to show off by taking the most expensive and most elaborate materials to create works of wonder.

The resulting designs look wonderful. They should considering the associated high price tag.....

In this project we **deliberately** limited ourselves to some very basic materials....**We wanted to show how you can manipulate a very neat symbolic motif, yet do it without breaking the bank....**

In some cases we reused the same containers to show how you can come up with all kinds of variations on a theme.....

We think that you will find the results to be pretty awesome....

Botanicals Used in this ebook:

Alstroemeria
Apples
Bittersweet (not available in some places)
Crabapples
Curly Willow
Gladiolus
Hydrangea
larkspur
Kiwi Vine
River Cane
Roses
Solidago
Spanish Moss
Spray Roses

Some Mechanics.....

To use apples ornamentally in these designs, we've added some green picks...It helps to control how the apples are placed, and may hold them securely. **These apples are now not meant to be eaten, but only to be used decoratively in the floral arrangements.** These are for aesthetic use only. Keep these designs away from pets and little kids...

We suggest that this information be shared with any one who receives these designs.

Furthermore we suggest that it may be a nice gesture to give some loose apples in a little bag along with any of these arrangements to the recipient.

In that way the person who gets the floral design, gets both a lovely flower arrangement to enjoy visually, (that won't be tampered with), and also some great unpicked apples





Applications And Emphasis

The use of apples and flowers for teachers can go beyond the youngster bringing in a few apples/flowers for the teacher.... The applications are far reaching with the goal of enhancing the living or working environment of anyone who is an educator.....

Here are but a few examples.....

Applications:	Flowers For First Day of School	Student Offering
Decorating Workspace	Decorating Teacher Lounge Area	Brought in by Teacher
Designs for School Office	Something Educators Have in their Home	Brought in by Administrators
For Educator's Birthday	To Honor Educator	For Special Milestone-Retirement Party

A Gallery of Floral Designs Incorporating Apples and Flowers





A Keepsake Is Always Welcomed.....



What is a more practical gift than a mug?

Everyone needs them for their morning coffee.

Everyone loves them for their much deserved coffee break in the middle of the day. Teachers need a coffee break just as much as the rest of us.

In this genre of design, the apples are skillfully blended with the mug. The mug becomes a “keepsake,” something that teacher will keep as a reminder of a lovely gift by a student or admirer....

Customize your design to the tastes of the recipient.

If your educator loves more classical interpretations, great!

If s/he is a little more adventurous then.....







Challenge Your Visual Assumptions.....

Is it part of a horizontal? Or is it a twisted L including the container?

We can stay with familiar geometric themes, or we can totally break out of the box, experiment and play!



Or for one who feels comfortable with something more symmetrical...(Even so we are deliberately a little longer on the left side.....) The use of glads enables a much larger design, yet minimal content.. This arrangement has two glad tips and only several stems of spray roses.....Yet it still is much larger than one would expect in a mug....



Remember Floral Artists Work in Three Dimensions...

We don't have to confine ourselves to the x axis.. We can also play with the y axis, and even the z axis as well.....





Novelty Containers Rock.....

Their very nature helps set the scene. They can be used later as holders for small plants....



Modern Glass Is Clean and Trendy

The use of decorative wire in a glass cylinder gives a 21st century twist to the classical apple motif.....



Alter Your Emphasis...

In the last design (shown below in a smaller photo) we featured the flowers, with the apples tucked in... Here (to the left) we have a more “in your face” placement of the apples.





**A Multi level
Approach....**



Concentrate Your Materials Close To The Base

It is but one design option.

This arrangement could be created either one sided or meant to be viewed all the way around..





**Or Extend Your
Boundaries to
Really Make It
Large!!!**





Simple But Fun!

Place them on a sideboard. Use as table centerpieces...
Place multiple designs down the center of a table...











Dynamic...

Dramatic





**Bookends... For Mantel
Decoration...**

**Centerpiece? Yes.
But How About For A
Coffee Table?**













On behalf of all of us here at Rittners Floral School, we hope that you enjoyed this ebook and that it has inspired you to play with apples and flowers for your favorite educator.....

PS: Keep in mind, at Rittners, we offer amazing hands-on workshop diploma programs.... We would love for you to come here and take classes with us.....

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You should Instead:

- Be running out and getting some apples to play with in your floral art... and
- Be looking into taking a great course in floral designing at **Rittners Floral School in Boston, MA!**

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