

Course details - 2008

We're passionate about flowers at Distinctly Floral and believe that nothing beats working with flowers and using your creativity to design something really special. We know our customers feel the same and therefore want to assist them in developing their own skills, giving them the opportunity to use unusual flowers and be inspired to create their own masterpieces.

Our purpose built school in our shop in central Maidstone is ideally situated to ensure that you have an inspiring and exciting day out. Everything is provided for you (except your own skill and ability) and we hope that the ever changing course list will have some dates and courses that tempt you.

All our full day courses start at 10:00am and finish at c. 4:30pm with an hour for lunch. There are plenty of cafes and restaurants in the immediate vicinity as well as the town centre shops. Our short courses start at either 10am, 1pm or 6pm and are of 3 hours duration. Light refreshments will be provided during all courses. Courses cost £40 for half a day, and £90 for a full day.

You will be provided with all the materials you need to create your designs, but you may wish to bring along a camera to take photos at various stages and you may also wish to bring along a large bag or box in which to transport your finished designs.

Car parking is usually available in King Street car park (above Somerfield) which is a short walk from the school.

All that remains is for you to give us a call on 01622 693079 or drop us an email on info@distinctlyfloral.co.uk to book yourself into the course that best meets your needs. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Should a course be heavily undersubscribed, we reserve the right to postpone the course until we have enough participants. Similarly, for programmes that are oversubscribed, we will do our best to accommodate everyone on future courses, and may even try to schedule additional courses where demand is really high.

Short courses

Wednesday 16th July – 6pm to 9pm ***Beautiful Bouquets***

If you love flowers but are never sure how to arrange them for the best impact, then learning how to design a classic hand-tied bouquet will assist. Whether you want to maximise the appearance of flowers at home, or use your new found skills to impress your friends, this course will take you through all the basics required to produce a stunning display.

Tuesday 16th December – 6pm to 9pm ***The Festive Table***

Whether you want a more formal dinner table arrangement for a festive feast, or a coffee or buffet table arrangement for less formal seasonal occasions, this fun-filled evening session will inspire you and give you the skills to create a variety of different table centres for the festive season.

Full day courses

Tuesday 5th August – 10am to 4pm ***Best dressed tables***

Whether for a small intimate dinner at home, for special events or for major occasions, a dinner or coffee table always looks that little bit more special dressed with flowers. During the day, we'll work with a range of styles, designs and containers to ensure you have the best dressed table around

Monday 1st December – 10am to 4pm ***A floral Christmas***

Planning ahead and getting you into the Christmas spirit, you will learn how to create a table centre, a door wreath and be inspired to create other seasonal floral decorations, such as swags and fireplace dressing. Arrangements will be easy to recreate or freshen in time for Christmas Day, ensuring that the best isn't left until last!

Private tuition (dates and prices on request)

Basic Bridal

Planning a wedding, or just want to try your hand at creating some bridal designs? This workshop will take you through some basic techniques and inspire you to design some simple bouquets and trendy buttonholes...all with a contemporary edge.

Mother and Bride (or Bridal Party)

Getting married is a stressful yet exciting experience and one that will remain with you for the rest of your life. Creating the perfect flowers is often one of the most memorable parts of the planning, and yet one that most brides find too stressful to contemplate. If the thought of the bridal bouquet is too daunting, why not design and make the bridesmaids bouquets or buttonholes instead. Alternatively, how about designing the table centres for your reception. We can then “try out” a few different designs to see which best fit your style and ability and allow you to practice them before the big day.

Working with either Mother and Bride, or perhaps the bridesmaids, can be a fun experience. We can also combine some additional “pamper” experiences by incorporating hair or beauty treatments into the package for a full and fun experience.

Personal tuition (details tailored to individuals)

If you have a specific need or area in which you need to build your skills, why not arrange some concentrated one to one training. We can design the workshop around you and your personal needs, and ensure that we work at your pace, covering the areas important for you. This may also work well for small groups of friends who may wish to work together on a particular project.