

DESIGNER'S CORNER

## Sprucing up a Room With Colorful, Cut Flowers

Bouquets of peonies, lilies and hydrangeas can liven up any vignette

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Designer Kelley Proxmire recommends sticking with seasonal colors, like she did with these gorgeous spring tulips.

*Kip Dawkins*

### — Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Proxmire, Inc. in Bethesda, Maryland

*Each week, Mansion Global tackles a topic with an elite group of designers from around the world who work on luxury properties. This week, we discuss tips for brightening a room with fresh floral arrangements.*

Every room can benefit from the color, texture and life of cut flowers. A bunch of just-picked hydrangeas or bouquet of orange stargazers can quickly liven up a bare wall or dull corner.

#### **Feature Seasonal Colors**

“Good spots for flowers include in a powder room in a pretty vase, and of course, in the dining room on the dining room table. When having a sit down dinner, I like to use individual vases at each place setting as well as a centerpiece, making sure that the centerpiece is low enough for diners to talk and see over.

“I often use hydrangeas for a big impact because of their size and texture. Also I use white lilies quite often or a mix of flowers, but often the same color with greens included in the bouquet.

“I definitely like the colors to blend with the room’s scheme. However, it’s also a good idea to feature seasonal colors: rust or jewel tones for fall; spring greens for spring.”