



## How to...

### Flowering Branches

Magazines always show huge vases of flowering Spring branches for decor. All in full bloom well before their time; mystery indeed,



#### What you need:

- Any tall vase or interesting container
- Good clippers/pruners
- Small hammer
- 1 dz. or so branches

but actually very simple. You can either gather dormant branches from your own property or from a florist. Forsythia-quince-dogwood are the

easiest. They will look dead— but... just sleeping with their buds just waiting. First pick your container—then with sharp clippers, cut/buy a dz. or so branches *twice* the height. Give them a fresh cut, then cut a slit up the center of the stem about 2" up from the bottom; then a few hits at their bottoms with your hammer to soften the bark. Fill your vase with warm water—and put them in a bright place. I like to add a butterfly or a hidden birds nest for whimsy. In about 2 weeks you will have a beautiful explosion of flowers—weeks ahead of everyone else!

## What Day...

### Notable Days... Or Otherwise

- Willows Birthday 4/7
- National Pet Day 4/11
- Librarian Day 4/16
- Earth Day 4/22
- Easter 4/24
- Secretary's Day 4/27
- Arbor Day 4/29
- Brother/Sister Day 5/2
- Teachers Day 5/5
- Nurses Day 5/6
- Mothers Day 5/8
- Armed Forces Day 5/16

## Willow Says...

### Chocolates

Greyhound shaped chocolates—yummy, vegan, and to benefit a *greyt* cause; Grey2k greyhound racing rescue. Help me help my friends Free puppy button and ...paw balloon with every one! xoxo



## In the Cooler...

### Flowers & Flowers

- MA Lilies ...
- NC Iris...
- PA Forsythia
- MI Freesia & Frilly Gerbera...
- CA Heather & Herbs...
- NY Anemones and...
- Tulips—tulips—tulips
- From 4 states

No imports Required!



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