



Clover Chadwick

FLORAL DESIGNER

Renowned chef Thomas Keller initially inspired Clover Chadwick to start her own floral business. "He was so thoughtful and particular in the selection of each and every ingredient used in his kitchen. I realized I wanted to apply his level of discipline to the creation of floral arrangements," explains the former French Laundry maitre d' turned floral guru and owner of L.A.'s Dandelion Ranch (dandelionranch.com). But with a clientele that reads like the who's who of the L.A. restaurant business (Mozza, Patina, Lucques) Chadwick seems to have stayed close to her original foodie roots. This season she is drawn to the natural beauty of dried blooms, pods and even things found at home, like dried and bleached orange peels. "I love the look of the dried combinations of the '40s and wanted to create some vintage corner swags to bring great texture and color contrast to holiday florals."

BLOOMING HOLIDAY FLORAL TIPS

Tip 1 The contrast of dried florals with fresh greens adds such an unexpected flourish. Try dried lotus pods and sponge mushrooms.

Tip 2 Rethink the container. Antiqued metal and old wood are beautiful with fresh flowers.

Tip 3 Tall flowering branches in a bucket or a single stem in a stunning vintage vase adds understated beauty to any home.

