

Tulips, daffodils, ranunculus, and hyacinths are excellent March flowers for a spring centerpiece. Pair a few varieties in a low vase for a fresh arrangement that leaves room for conversation across the table.

Choose flowers for shape and color

Tulips give a centerpiece clean lines and soft color. They come in shades from white and pale pink to deep purple, so it is easy to match them to a table setting. Their stems continue to grow after cutting, and the flowers may bend toward the light. That relaxed shape suits an informal arrangement.

Daffodils bring bright yellow or creamy white to the table. Their trumpet shapes stand out even in a small bunch. If you plan to mix them with other flowers, condition them separately first: freshly cut daffodil stems release sap that can shorten the life of other blooms.

Ranunculus have many thin petals and make a fuller arrangement without taking up much space. Use a few among tulips, or group them on their own in a small vase. Hyacinths add dense clusters of flowers and a strong scent. Keep their fragrance in mind if the centerpiece will sit near food.

Build a balanced centerpiece

Start with a low, stable vase. A wide opening gives stems room to spread, while a narrower neck helps hold a loose bunch together. For a dining table, keep the tallest flowers low enough that guests can see one another.

Pick two or three flower types rather than trying to include every spring bloom. Tulips and ranunculus make a soft combination. Daffodils can work well with tulips after the daffodils have been conditioned separately. Add a little greenery if you want to fill gaps, but let the flowers remain the focus.

1. Wash the vase and fill it with fresh water.
2. Remove leaves that would sit below the waterline, then trim the stems.
3. Place the larger flowers first, spacing them around the vase.
4. Add smaller blooms between them, turning the vase as you work.
5. Check the arrangement from seated height and shorten any stems that block the view.

Prepare daffodils before mixing

Put freshly cut daffodils in a separate container of water for several hours before adding them to a mixed arrangement. Do not recut their stems after conditioning, since that can release more sap. If you need a different height, trim them first and then leave them in separate water again.

A vase filled only with daffodils is another simple option. Their varied heights and open faces make a cheerful display without much arranging.

Keep the flowers fresh

Place the centerpiece away from direct sun, heaters, and fruit. Check the water daily and top it up as needed. Change cloudy water and wash the vase before refilling it. Remove fading flowers so the remaining stems have space and the arrangement stays tidy.

For a simple March table, start with the flowers you like best and give each stem enough room to show its shape.

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