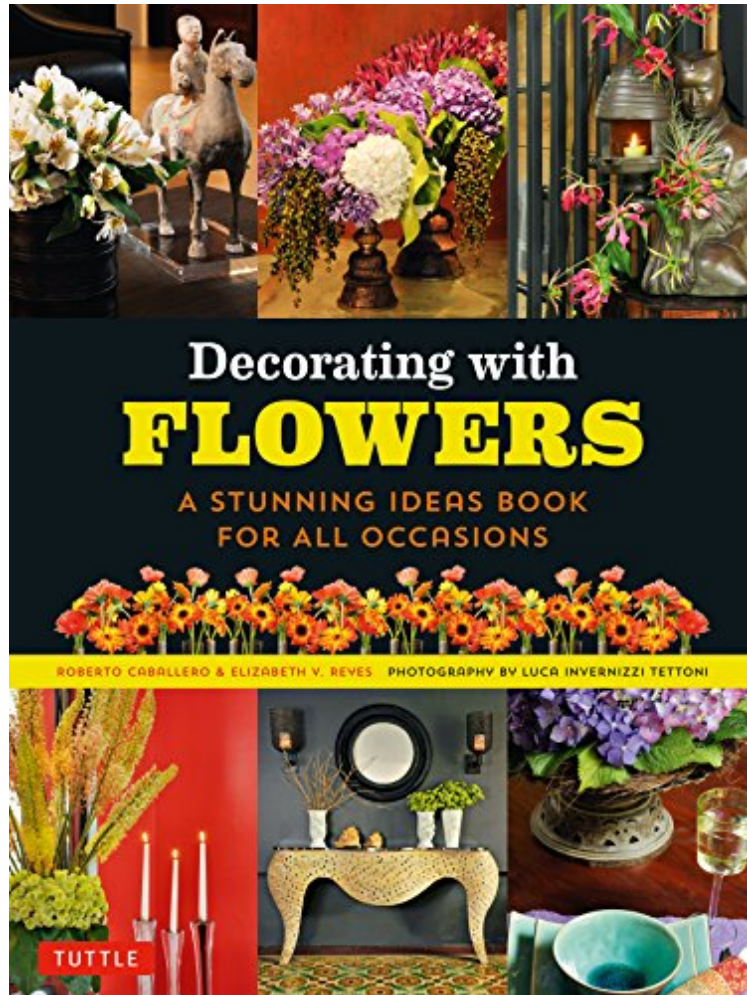


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Alan L.A great reference. Love it!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Floral EngineeringBy Arlene Babst-VokeyTuttle Publishing's new coffee table book Decorating With Flowers is an intoxicating visual treat that captures breathtakingly beautiful and innovative arrangements of flowers through the photography of Luca Invernizzi Tettoni. The accompanying text by Elizabeth V. Reyes and Roberto Caballero provides commentary and background on the floral entrepreneurs who've carved a niche for themselves among wealthy Filipinos by designing exquisite flower decorations for their dinner parties, weddings,

baptisms, family reunions, funerals, political gatherings or significant business events such as launching a new product, or introducing or bidding farewell to an important executive. To create the book, various architecturally outstanding houses in the Philippines, mainly in the greater Manila area, were chosen as settings for the floral engineers--as they are sometimes referred to in the book--to stage their flower arrangements, using glass, metal, wood, ceramic, porcelain, organic and other vessels and containers. The book provides helpful ideas that readers can attempt to duplicate in their own quests for style, beauty and whimsy; it's also another welcome counterpoint to the often dreary images the rest of the world might have of the Philippines after decades of media reports on the country's extensive urban slums, problems with corruption, and gaping disparity between its rich and poor. Moneyed Filipinos and upwardly mobile overseas Filipino workers, in particular, should own this elegant book as they can appreciate it as a showcase of the creative artists and beautiful things that do indeed exist in the Philippines in spite of its enormous problems. For ordinary Western middle-income readers, *Decorating With Flowers* can serve as an informative introduction to life among the more artistic and richer Filipinos, as well as a paean to the exuberance of nature offered in both the rarest Philippine orchids and the most common roadside grass --- a floral study in contrasts. Arlene Babst-Vokey

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Dazzling! By Nancy Pobanz "Decorating with Flowers" offers a dazzling display of Filipino ingenuity. The central theme is the creative use of the country's abundance of year-round tropical flora, its color, texture and unique forms. Floral sculptures employ ornamental fruits, vegetables, unusual vases, dried pods and inventive applications of other native materials. Also incorporated are local and indigenous craft, fine art and architecture, all arranged with objects from around the world. Reading "Decorating with Flowers" has inspired me to look with fresh eyes in my own (non-tropical) garden for non-traditional uses of plants and to spice up my usual and tired habits of arranging flowers.

Use fresh flowers to make a dramatic difference in your home and dazzle with the power of flowers when you entertain! *Decorating with Flowers* celebrates the latest trends in contemporary floral design with a tropical twist. Featuring inspired table settings and installations, this extraordinary flower arranging book will encourage you to create your own unforgettable floral creations. Be inspired to conjure a magical setting for group entertaining or craft a stunning decoration for intimate celebrations. The ten designers and artists showcased share the ideas and insights behind their floral arrangements each of which is shown in detailed photos making this an excellent guide for interior decorators, florists, event planners and homeowners looking to add some pizzazz to a space. Featuring over 300 color photographs, *Decorating with Flowers* has something for everyone from glamorous Flemish flower arrangements to modern Sogetsu ikebana styles, and modular flower sculptures created to enhance minimalist, contemporary spaces.

"I am so glad a book such as this has finally been published. It highlights the almost magical variety of endemic floral species and non-traditional materials in the Philippines today. Truly a collector's item and no library or home should be without one!" Toni Parsons, acclaimed pioneer and innovator for floral design in the Philippines "It's about time the world gets acquainted with the innovative and astonishing talent of the Filipino floral designers." Richard Go, AIFD, CFD, FDA "Decorating with Flowers is a treasure chest of beautiful settings, stunning photography, and outstanding floral decor a wonderful orchestration by all-Filipino authors and floral artists!" Phil Rulloda, AIFD, AAF, CFA, PFCI "So much imagination goes into these floral decorations that some of it can't help but rub off onto the reader. That for me is what makes a good inspirational book. You will find yourself going back to this book again and again, each time discovering something new." Sensible Gardening blog "This book is full of ideas for floral designs with a tropical twist to create for a variety of occasions. Ten designers and artists are showcased in over 200 pages, so you're sure to be inspired!" Garden Landscape Design Magazine