

THE STEM KEEPER'S CUT

Foliage & Woody Cuts



Locally Grown in Arlington

Rooted in Family Grown for Designers

Welcome to the Woody Shoots catalog of stems grown with intention and curated for floral designers who seek texture, movement, and meaning.

Each branch, leaf, and bud in these pages carries the story of our land in Arlington and the surrounding communities we love.

We grow for those who design with feeling—for weddings, for remembrance, for joy.

This stem book honors the connections among growers and designers, plants and places, as well as across generations. Our granddaughter graces the cover, embodying the inspiration that fuels our work.

**We hope these blooms spark
your imagination to craft beauty
that lingers long after the vase!**

Woody Shoots | Perennial Foliage & Woody Cuts for Floral Designers

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ASTILBE MOJITO

Astilbe chinensis hybrid

Fresh and luminous, 'Mojito' Astilbe brings a cool, effervescent lift to summer palettes. Each feathery plume rises above finely cut, deep green foliage, its frothy texture catching light like shaken champagne. The blooms open in a pale lime-to-ivory gradient, softening to a misty green as they mature — a rare, refreshing note in warm-season work.

Its airy form and subtle color make it a natural bridge between bold focal blooms and grounding foliage, adding movement and a whisper of romance to both structured and meadow-inspired designs.

- **Season:** Early to midsummer
- **Form:** Upright, feathery plumes with fern-like foliage.
- **Color Story:** Creamy white with apple-green buds and subtle green tips.
- **Vase Life:** 5 - 7 days with proper hydration.
- **Harvest:** Lower 25% of the inflorescence has opened



Design Notes:

- **Mood:** Fresh, airy, and quietly invigorating.
- **Structure:** Upright, light-catching, softly architectural.
- **Texture:** Airy, feathery, cloudlike.

Woody Shoots Tip:

Astilbe 'Mojito' is a master of subtle transitions — perfect for cooling down warm palettes or adding a fresh note to moody schemes.

Use en masse for a cloud effect, or tuck individual stems to soften strong lines.

Pairs beautifully with garden roses, lisianthus, and trailing vines for a layered, ethereal look.

ASTILBE SATIN PEARLS

Astilbe chinensis hybrid

Its poised form and luminous plumes make ‘Satin Pearls’ a designer’s secret for adding both lift and depth to arrangements. The soft blush-to-bubble-gum gradient reads as a gentle wash of color from a distance, yet reveals intricate two-tone detail up close — perfect for bridal work, editorial styling, or high-end event installations.

The deep green foliage acts as a built-in contrast, eliminating the need for additional greenery in tight compositions, while the narrow, upright plumes slip easily into hand-tied bouquets, foam mechanics, or layered tablescape without crowding other stems.

- **Season:** Mid to late summer.
- **Form:** Upright, narrow plumes above dense, finely cut foliage.
- **Color Story:** Soft blush to bubble-gum pink blooms with hot-pink centers; darkest green foliage for dramatic contrast.
- **Vase Life:** 5 - 7 days with proper hydration.
- **Harvest:** Lower 25% of the inflorescence has opened



Design Notes:

- **Mood:** Romantic, elegant, quietly striking.
- **Structure:** Upright, narrow, light-catching.
- **Texture:** Airy, feathery, finely detailed.

Woody Shoots Tip:

‘Satin Pearls’ is a masterclass in contrast — pair its dusky foliage with pale roses, creamy lisianthus, or silvery foliage for a sophisticated palette.

For bolder work, let its two-tone blooms play against jewel-toned dahlias or deep burgundy scabiosa.

Plant en masse for a luminous drift in shaded gardens, or use sparingly as a refined accent in arrangements.

ECHINOPS

Echinops ritro

Sculptural and unexpected, Globe Thistle delivers a modern edge to seasonal palettes. Each globe is a geometric wonder — densely packed florets creating a bristled texture that catches the light like spun metal. The silvered foliage and thorn-kissed stems add a touch of wild, making it equally at home in refined, architectural work or unbridled meadow designs.

The blue-violet blooms serve as a striking focal accent, cooling down warm palettes or harmonizing with whites, blushes, and deeper jewel tones. As they mature, the color softens to silvery blue, offering a second life in late-season arrangements.

- **Season:** Mid to late summer.
- **Form:** Strong, upright stems with spherical blooms.
- **Color Story:** Cool silver-greens with steel-blue to violet-blue globes.
- **Vase Life:** 6 - 12 days
- **Harvest:** Fresh - first florets opened - drying - showing color b/4 flowering.



Design Notes:

- **Texture:** Bristled, silvery, tactile.
- **Mood:** Cool, wild, quietly rebellious.
- **Structure:** Upright, globed, architectural.

Woody Shoots Tip:

Pair with blush garden roses, bronze fennel, or airy grasses for a romantic-meets-edgy vibe.

Use dried heads in winter installations for lasting texture. Ideal for bridal work, editorial shoots, and statement centerpieces.

Perfect for adding contrast, movement, and a touch of wild elegance to bouquets. Whether tucked into a moody palette or paired with soft pastels. Echinops brings a sculptural presence that commands attention without overpowering.

ERYNGIUM

Eryngium planum 'Blue Beachside'

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- **Season:** Midsummer to early autumn.
- **Form:** Strong, upright stems crowned with perfectly spherical blooms.
- **Color Story:** Cool silver-greens with steel-blue to violet-blue globes.
- **Vase Life:** 7 - 10 days
- **Harvest:** Flower bracts are blue.

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BRISTOL FAIRY GYPSOPHILA

Gypsophila paniculata 'Bristol Fairy'

A summer cloud made tangible. Each branching stem is dusted with countless tiny, double-petaled blooms, pure white and airy as breath. The effect is a gauzy halo — soft enough to frame the boldest blooms, yet striking when massed on its own.

Its natural spray offers instant volume without heaviness, filling spaces with texture and light. The delicate flowers seem to float, bringing a whisper of romance and a wash of gentle movement to any composition.



Design Notes:

- **Mood:** Ethereal, airy elegance, timeless charm.
- **Structure:** Light, flexible branching ideal for filling, eating cloudlike masses.
- **Texture:** Tiny, double blooms create a soft, cushiony effect; fine stems blend seamlessly into arrangements.

Woody Shoots Tip:

Tuck stems between focal blooms for an instant veil of softness, or cluster en masse for a cloud centerpiece that reads as both modern and nostalgic.

Pairs beautifully with garden roses, lisianthus, or the silvery foliage of dusty miller.

- **Season:** Midsummer to early autumn..
- **Form:** Multi-branched stems with fine, wiry structure and dense sprays of petite double blooms.
- **Color Story:** Crisp white blossoms over slender green stems.
- **Vase Life:** 7-10 days
- **Harvest:** $\frac{2}{3}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ blooms on a spray are open.

MOUNTAIN MINT

Pycnanthemum muticum

Fragrant, pollinator-rich, and visually cooling, Mountain Mint is a designer's dream for both form and function. Each stem holds a cloud of tiny, nectar-rich blossoms gathered in tight clusters, framed by silvery bracts that catch the light. The foliage's muted tone tempers bold palettes, while its subtle shimmer adds depth and sophistication.



Beloved for its longevity and versatility, Mountain Mint offers a graceful upright structure and a soft, herbal scent that infuses arrangements with freshness. The stems are sturdy yet airy, making them an ideal bridge between focal blooms and more delicate accents.

- **Season:** Midsummer to early autumn.
- **Form:** Upright stems with dense, flat-topped flower clusters framed by silver bracts.
- **Color Story:** Silvery-green foliage with soft white blooms, subtle lavender-pink accents.
- **Vase Life:** 5 - 10 days
- **Harvest:** Cut at early bloom.

Design Notes:

- **Mood:** Natural elegance, serene, pollinator-friendly charm.
- **Structure:** Tall and architectural, with an adaptable fullness.
- **Texture:** Soft, layered, and slightly velvety with a luminous sheen.

Woody Shoots Tip:

Pair with blush garden roses, bronze fennel, or airy grasses for a romantic-meets-edgy vibe. Use dried heads in winter installations for lasting texture. Ideal for bridal work, editorial shoots, and statement centerpieces.

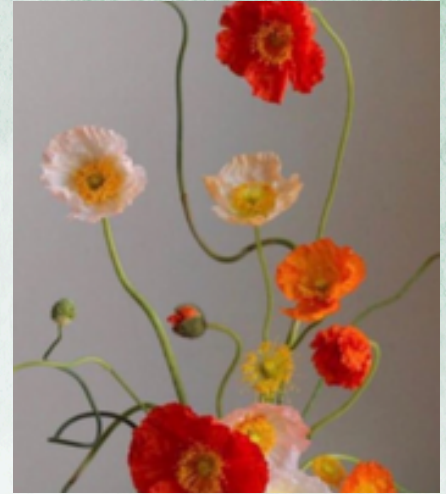
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POPPY HUMMINGBIRD

Papaver — specialty strain by Biancheri, Italy

As if caught mid-flight, these blooms hover in the imagination — tall, willowy stems lifting oversized, tissue-like petals that seem to flutter even in still air. Developed by renowned Italian breeder Biancheri, Hummingbird marries artful elegance with performance, offering floral designers a rare spectrum: from deep, jewel-saturated tones to whisper-soft pastels, each with its own quiet magnetism.

The petals' delicate translucence captures and diffuses light, giving arrangements an almost breathing quality. Upright yet supple, the stems hold their poise in both statement displays and ethereal, airy compositions.



Design Notes:

- **Mood:** Airy romance with a touch of drama.
- **Structure:** Strong, straight stems; rounded blooms.
- **Texture:** Silken petals in dense layers, smooth foliage.

Woody Shoots Tip:

Float a single bloom in a shallow bowl for an old-world statement, or cluster several in hand-tied bouquets for a lush, pillowy effect.

Partners beautifully with blush garden roses, pale lavender sweet peas, or the feathery airiness of astilbe.

- **Season:** Late spring to early summer.
- **Form:** Large, single blooms with ruffled, paper-fine petals.
- **Color Story:** Rich crimson, corals, and plums alongside blush, apricot, and mist.
- **Vase Life:** 3-5 days
- **Harvest:** Best cut in tight bud for extended display.

ROSEMARY

Rosmarinus officinalis

For the designer seeking both structure and soul, rosemary offers a steadfast line and an unforgettable fragrance. Its narrow, needled leaves hold the scent of sun-baked stone and sea air, grounding arrangements with herbal clarity.

Each woody stem is a ribbon of memory — strong enough to anchor a ceremony arch, refined enough to frame a bridal bouquet. In the hands of a skilled florist, it becomes more than foliage; it's the quiet strength that lets every bloom breathe.

- **Season:** Year-round in mild climates; peak cutting occurs late spring to autumn.
- **Form:** Slender, woody stems with dense, aromatic foliage.
- **Color Story:** Deep green leaves with silver undersides; pale blue-lavender blooms in season.
- **Vase Life:** 7 - 14 days (foliage); blooms 3-5 days if present
- **Harvest:** Cut when stems are mature and woody at the base for the longest life..



Design Notes:

- **Texture:** Fine, linear foliage with a soft underside; occasional small blooms
- **Mood:** Grounded elegance, herbal romance, Mediterranean warmth
- **Structure:** Upright, branching stems with a firm woody base

Woody Shoots Tip:

Use rosemary as both a textural and aromatic anchor in bouquets. Its vertical lines pair beautifully with loose garden roses, airy grasses, or trailing jasmine.

For winter work, strip lower foliage and let the clean lines frame focal blooms. In summer, tuck flowering sprigs into bridal work for a whisper of color and scent.

RUDBECKIA IRISH EYES

Rudbeckia hirta 'Irish Eyes'

A golden gaze that feels like high summer bottled. Each upright stem carries a single daisy-form bloom — sun-yellow petals radiating from a cool green center, a rare and refreshing twist on the classic black-eyed profile. The effect is both cheerful and unexpected, adding a lively spark wherever it lands

Its sturdy stems and long-lasting flowers bring structure and optimism in equal measure. Whether massed for a meadow-fresh abundance or tucked singly for a precise pop of color, these blooms infuse arrangements with warmth and an easy, open charm.



Design Notes:

- **Mood:** Timeless romance, refined luxury.
- **Structure:** Strong, straight stems; rounded blooms.
- **Texture:** Silken petals in dense layers, smooth foliage.

Woody Shoots Tip:

Float a single bloom in a shallow bowl for an old-world statement, or cluster several in hand-tied bouquets for a lush, pillowy effect.

Partners beautifully with blush garden roses, pale lavender sweet peas, or the feathery airiness of astilbe.

- **Season:** Midsummer to early autumn.
- **Form:** Single, daisy-shaped blooms on tall, strong stems.
- **Color Story:** Bright golden petals with a distinctive green central eye.
- **Vase Life:** 7-10 days
- **Harvest:** Flowers fully open, and stems are stiff.

SPIREA BRIDAL WREATH

spirea prunifolia

A spring branch that dances with light. Each slender cane is draped in countless pearl-white blossoms, creating the airy sweep of a vintage bridal veil.

The natural arc offers instant movement and a touch of romance, softening structured designs.

The leaves gracefully dance around the flowers, adding a splash of artistic flair. Green blades of foliage peek through the blossoms, offering a refreshing contrast that complements rather than steals the spotlight.

- **Season:** Mid to late spring.
- **Form:** Arching canes, naturally cascading.
- **Color Story:** Pure white blooms with fresh green foliage.
- **Vase Life:**



Design Notes:

- **Mood:** Classic elegance, nostalgia, renewal.
- **Structure:** Ideal for sweeping arcs, drape, and asymmetric forms.
- **Texture:** Delicate blooms + fine foliage = soft, cloudlike volume.

Woody Shoots Tip:

Pair with other locally-grown spring treasures — think lilac for fragrance and depth, or budding dogwood for contrasting structure — to create arrangements that feel both abundant and airy.

Use as a framing branch in large-scale installations, or let a single arching stem be the hero in a tall, narrow vessel.

POPCORN VIBURNUM

Viburnum plicatum

Fragrant, pollinator-welcoming, and delightfully airy, Popcorn Viburnum brings a whimsical elegance to any design. Each stem bursts with rounded clusters of pure white flowers, evoking the playful pop of a summer treat while tracing a graceful, arching silhouette. The rich green leaves cradle the blooms, amplifying their brightness and lending a lush, garden-fresh backdrop.



Beloved for its dual role as both statement focal and versatile filler, Popcorn Viburnum offers sturdy structure with a soft, romantic edge. Its cascading form is perfect for bridal bouquets, garlands, and halo installations, and the generous clusters hold their shape even in large-scale arrangements. Whether paired with pastel peonies or moody foliage, these stems infuse designs with movement, nostalgia, and timeless charm.

Design Notes:

- **Mood:** Natural elegance, serene, pollinator-friendly charm.
- **Structure:** Tall and architectural, with an adaptable fullness.
- **Texture:** Soft, layered, and slightly velvety with a luminous sheen.

Woody Shoots Tip:

Pair with blush garden roses, bronze fennel, or airy grasses for a romantic-meets-edgy vibe. Use dried heads in winter installations for lasting texture. Ideal for bridal work, editorial shoots, and statement centerpieces.

Perfect for adding contrast, movement, and a touch of wild elegance to bouquets. Whether tucked into a moody palette or paired with soft pastels. Echinops brings a sculptural presence that commands attention without overpowering.

- **Season:** Midsummer to early autumn.
- **Form:** Upright stems with dense, flat-topped flower clusters framed by silver bracts.
- **Color Story:** Silvery-green foliage with soft white blooms, subtle lavender-pink accents.

WEIGELA

Weigela florida 'Alexandra'

A late-spring branch that smolders with contrast. Each upright-to-arching stem is cloaked in deep wine-toned foliage, the perfect backdrop for clusters of vivid, rose-pink trumpets. The saturated leaves hold their color through the season, letting the blooms sing against a rich, dramatic canvas.



The natural form offers both strength and movement, lending structure without stiffness. Even once the flowers fade, the foliage continues to bring depth and mood to summer arrangements.

- **Season:** Late spring to early summer
- **Form:** Upright to gently arching stems with paired leaves and tubular flower clusters.
- **Color Story:** Burgundy-purple foliage with bright rose-pink blooms.
- **Vase Life:** 5 - 7 days
- **Harvest:** Flowers in late spring, mature foliage anytime

Design Notes:

- **Mood:** Romantic drama, modern elegance.
- **Structure:** Strong stems for both bold lines and relaxed silhouettes.
- **Texture:** Smooth, satiny leaves, contrasted with velvety blooms.

Woody Shoots Tip:

Let a single stem arc serve as the focal point in a tall vessel for a sleek, modern statement, or weave multiple stems through lush arrangements for a layered color play.

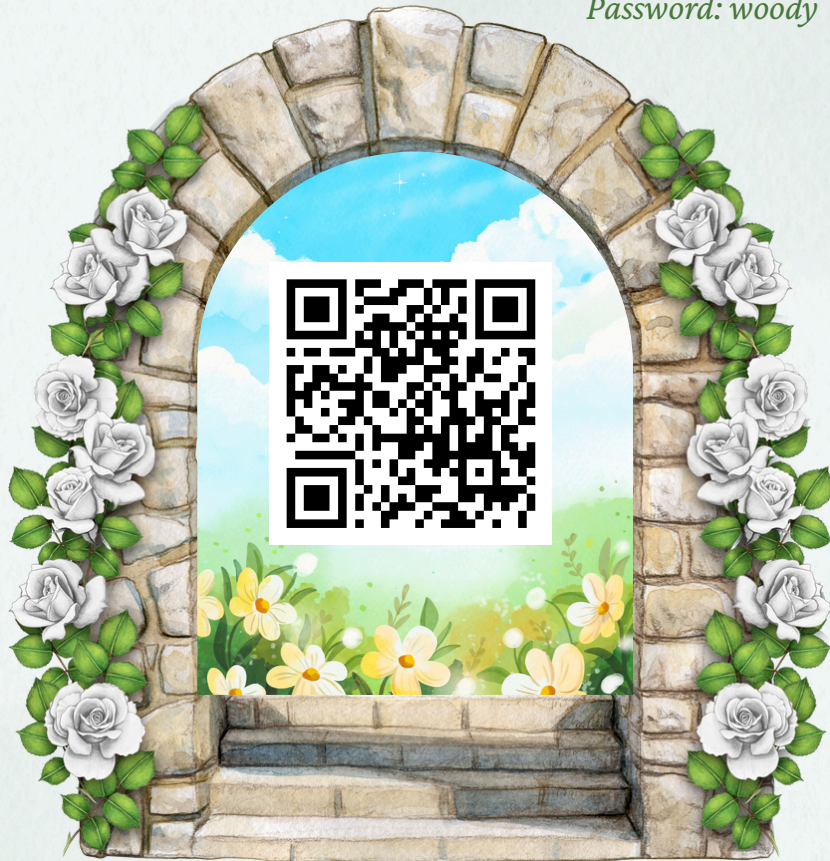
Pairs beautifully with blush peonies, chartreuse euphorbia, or the silver-green softness of dusty miller.

Thank You for Strolling the Garden Path with Us

We hope The Stem Keeper's Cut fosters connection, encourages purposeful creation, celebrates the seasons, and nurtures meaningful relationships.

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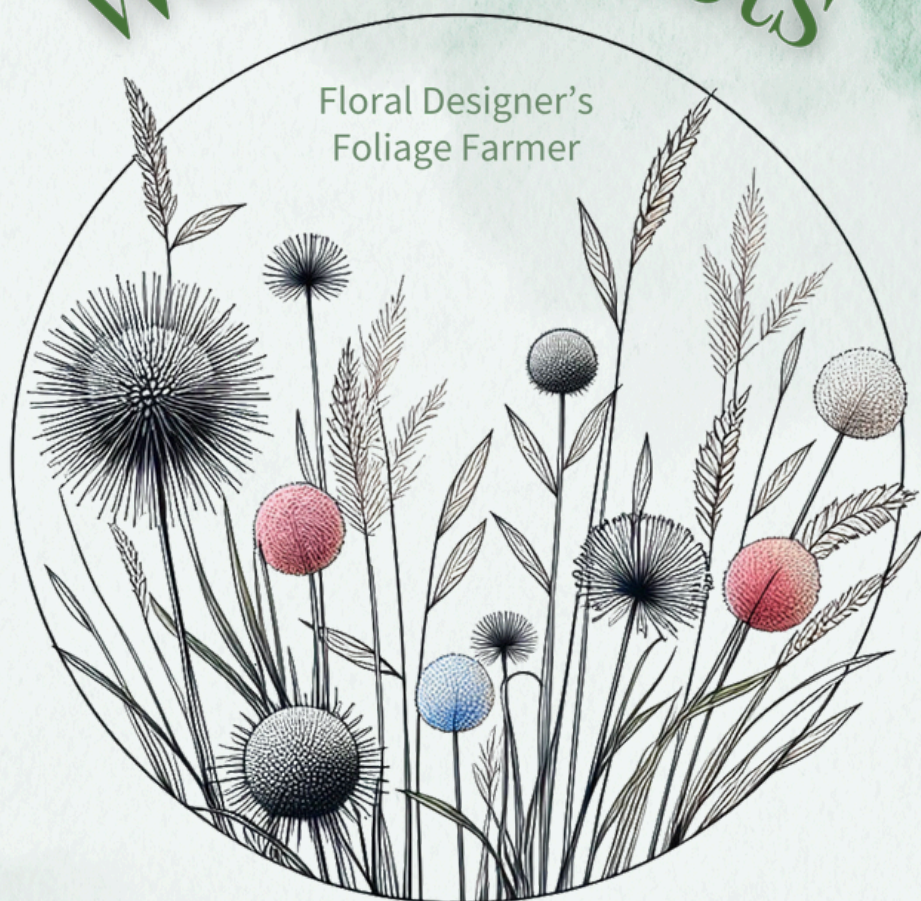


*This season's highlight:
Mountain Mint & Smokebush*

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