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Art of flower and floor arrangement

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Abstract

Flower Arrangement refers to an art of arranging the flowers, variegated leaves, petals, leaflets, twigs of varying sizes, colours and shapes harmoniously arranged in a desired and specific pattern or design. It involves harmony of form, texture and dimensions of hue. It is worked out via utilizing basic principles of art and design. Floor Decoration or Rangoli is referred to ornamenting the floor with designs, shapes and hues. Both flower and floor arrangement can be contributed to being very auspicious for certain occasions to honoring people to a place of achievements. It is the theme that determines as to the arrangement to be adopted for.

Keywords: flowers, variegated leaves, petals, leaflets

Introduction

Floor Arrangement is known by different names of 'Sanjhi' in Uttar Pradesh, 'Sathiya' in Gujarat, 'Alpana' in Bengal and 'Mandanans' in Rajasthan. The design involves natural forms artistically manifested. An element is the area of thrust in such designs. The materials often used are colours, sawdust, flowers, rice and chalk powder. Flower petals are the most economic of all in producing beautiful designs. Finely cut grass make a beautiful background for the floral rangoli. Deepawali is recognized by people cleaning and adorning their homes with grains' designs. Rice powder is filled in through perforated stensils. These are then rolled on moist floor surface lending interesting designs. 'Sanjhi' designs are well known for their intricacy. Sawdust available in earthy colours are used to create intricate Jacquard like designs of carpet on floor. Empty clay pots with water filled are used to create a centre of interest in Rangoli designing. It brings life to events and festivities.

Flower Arrangement

It employs the principles of rhythm, proportion, balance and emphasis. It uses and elicits the elements of art as colour, line, texture and form. The different types of flower arrangements are crafted to revitalize one's moods and add swing to the surroundings. Miniature Arrangement is a type of arrangement utilizing small flowers that are displayed in small containers like shell/ash//tray/or small bottles. Other arrangements like fan, triangular, mass, torch line, mass, crescent and circular make use of foliage, flowers, vase, green tape, water sprayer, scissors, stem holders, chicken mesh, ribbons, chocolates and small stuff toys etc. The container should be selected as per the size, colour, texture and shape of the arrangement planned. The size of the container must be in proportion with the size of the arrangement. It should holistically harmonize with all elements used. Care should be taken to preserve the arrangement from wind. Also the foliage should be cut off from the bottom to prevent rotting away when immersed in water. One must try to purchase fresh flowers for the purpose. The flowers should be cut diagonally for conduction of water. A pinch of salt is beneficial to be added to the water to keep the flowers afresh.

Conclusion

The floor and flower arrangements planned meticulously placed at entrance, table, at the podium, conference desk, banquet or an open tent marriage are all expressions of glorifying the natural beauty. It adds essence to the occasions. These are arts which are improvised with practise. The only difference lies in the techniques used for the two that vary from one region to another. These always have some elements of mesmerizing beauty.

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