

*“AMONG FOLIAGE  
AND FLOWERS,  
I THREAD IN FRUITING  
BRANCHES AS A NOD TO  
THE ABUNDANCE OF  
THE SEASON.”*

—Erin Benzakein



## *Harvesting Hues of the Sunset*

*One of my favorite fall pursuits is to gather bits from the garden as we put it to rest.*

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**T**he best thing about autumn wreaths is that they fully embrace the changing season. Unlike their evergreen counterparts, they are not meant to be perfectly formed and lush. I love having the opportunity to capture the fleeting, tattered, and wild feeling of fall in radiant wreaths and bouquets.

Depending on where you live, foraging choices will vary. You can find many amazing ingredients simply by walking in the woods or cleaning up overgrown corners of your landscape. Be on the lookout for ingredients with interesting textural qualities, unique coloring, or a trailing habit.

I find myself rescuing treasures—fruiting branches, dried hop vines, rose hips, dried seedpods, hydrangea, and delicate grasses—knowing they will look amazing in my creations.

See *A Year in Flowers* by Erin Benzakein for more information.

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