

# Friday style



**Artificial Florist**  
An impressive range that includes roses, gladioli, lilies, peonies orchids. Some even smell real too. From 4.7p for a single stem, [artificialflorist.co.uk](http://artificialflorist.co.uk)

**The Black Poppy**  
Rosalind Dorning has been supplying high-end faux-flower arrangements from her Essex shop for more than a year now and does everything from single stems to grand entrance-hall arrangements. From £3 a stem, [theblackpoppy.com](http://theblackpoppy.com)



**Pulbrook & Gould**  
A Sloane Street institution which supplies elegant flowers, both real and fake, to the royal family. From £9.50 a stem, [pulbrookandgould.com](http://pulbrookandgould.com)



**Atelier Abigail Ahern**  
Abigail Ahern's flamboyant flower shop has been dubbed the "Chanel of fakes". You can see why. From £3.50 a stem, [atelierabigailahern.com](http://atelierabigailahern.com)



**Heals**  
Heals has a small but perfectly formed range including the elegant Casablanca lily. From £6 a stem, [heals.co.uk](http://heals.co.uk)

## Forever in bloom

Faux flowers are the ever-lasting way to add a burst of colour to your home, says **Lena Corner**

Ever since Atelier Abigail Ahern opened its dedicated faux-flower shop last year, customers have been buzzing round her larger-than-life blooms like a swarm of bees.

This isn't a trend for shrinking violets. It's for those who want to make a big, bold statement or add a burst of pure pigment to a room. Think *Day of the Triffids* in glorious floral technicolour. "I'm obsessed with faux flowers at the moment," says Ahern, "I have them absolutely everywhere. The bigger and the blosier, the better."

Robbie Williams, Robert Downey Jnr and Emma Watson are just a few to have frequented Ahern's flower shop recently and her bestsellers include pale pink poppies, peonies

made out of luscious deep-red silk and creamy dahlias sold as a single stem – each one as enchanting as the real thing. Clearly, we've come a long way since the days they were considered the fusty, poor man's alternative to fresh flowers.

"When arranging them keep things simple and don't mix up the colours too much," says Ahern. There's a lot that you can do with one bud and a well-chosen vase and, even though they're not real, it's also worth thinking seasonally.

So if you haven't the fresh flower budget of Elton John, or are the kind of person who can kill the healthiest little plant in a matter of days, it's a trend worth buying into. Just don't call them fake.

## What's on the web



**Society**  
Gold teeth can look silly on anyone who isn't Goldie. But they do have their uses. In fact they saved the life of Waltdell Davis's brother. Twenty-year-old Davis, from New Orleans, got involved in an argument with his brother about some marijuana. The subsequent fracas saw a handgun set off, sending a bullet into the victim's teeth. The small calibre bullet apparently bounced straight back out. [ind.pn/GoldTEETH](http://ind.pn/GoldTEETH)



**Oscars**  
He might not look good in a tuxedo, but Sesame Street's own Oscar – the Grouch – has given his ill-tempered views on this year's Academy Award nominees. According to the furry puppet, Colin "Fith" is set to triumph as Best Actor, and Best Supporting Actor will go to *The Fighter*'s Christian Bale, as "no one talks trash like him". [ind.pn/grouchoscar](http://ind.pn/grouchoscar)



**Photography**  
Results are in for the 68th annual Pictures of the Year International competition, curated by the Missouri School of Journalism. The winners include Adrees Latif's flabbergasting shot of flood victims grabbing an army helicopter in Pakistan. [ind.pn/PhotoYea](http://ind.pn/PhotoYea)



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## 10 best... Wine glasses

Whether you want to sip champagne in style, enjoy a splash of burgundy or find a gift for the oenophile in your life, here's an intoxicating selection

- [1] RIEDEL RIESLING**  
Elegant, refined and with a beautiful thin stem, the crystal Riesling glass from Riedel's O range is designed to enhance the flavour of wine, but we won't tell if you use it for your Pinot Grigio. [£10.riedel.co.uk](http://£10.riedel.co.uk)
- [2] WATTS OF LONDON FLORENTINE**  
You'll feel like a king – or at least a prince – sipping from this 24-carat gold-leaf glass which combines high-kitsch colouring with centuries-old Florentine design. [£19.95.wattslondon.co.uk](http://£19.95.wattslondon.co.uk)
- [3] RIEDEL STEMLESS**  
Stemless glasses are not all lumpy bowls – they can actually be rather delicate and fun. Riedel's versions are made from high-quality crystal and have the advantage of being machine-washable. [£10.riedel.co.uk](http://£10.riedel.co.uk)
- [4] DRINKSTUFF CANALETTO**  
With its low-key engravings, which sparkle wonderfully in candlelight, this white wine glass is the height of unobtrusive glamour. Just the thing for romantic nights in. [£6.25.drinkstuff.com](http://£6.25.drinkstuff.com)
- [5] DWELL SHIMMER**  
Make a statement with a rainbow-lustre glass from Dwell, which has an extra-long stem for added elegance and a hardened crystal design to prevent chips. [£5.dwell.co.uk](http://£5.dwell.co.uk)
- [6] VESSEL SIX**  
These superb-quality glasses are designed by leading glass artist Katy Holford and are produced by Cumbria Crystal, Britain's only lead crystal-wear manufacturer. [£77.vesselgallery.com](http://£77.vesselgallery.com)
- [7] CONRAN BEAKER ON STEM**  
Conran's beaker glass takes the water-cooler cup and morphs it into a chic crystal goblet, which is sure to be a talking point. [£10.50.conranshop.co.uk](http://£10.50.conranshop.co.uk)
- [8] LSA ELINA**  
Beautifully designed and utterly practical, the Elina has extra-thick glass, making it perfect for everyday use. [£13.heals.co.uk](http://£13.heals.co.uk)
- [9] FOUND HOME STORE HAND-BLOWN WINE GLASS**  
A bistro-style glass is great for the more clumsy of us, as it has a wide base and thick stem. As well as being sturdy and dishwasher-proof, this one has a pleasant emerald-green stem. [£7.25.notonthehighstreet.com](http://£7.25.notonthehighstreet.com)
- [10] JOHN LEWIS MY FAVOURITE WINE GLASS**  
Looking for a present for the wine lover in your life? Then John Lewis' mouth-blown glass, which comes in a natty presentation box and has "my favourite wine glass" painted on the base, could be just the thing. [£14.johnlewis.com](http://£14.johnlewis.com)

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