

# Natural Progression

*Flower shape is essential to this arrangement's success. We picked lilies for their gentle outward curve, dahlias for their loosely arrayed petals, and leucadendron for its layered look*

**Materials** 'Safari Goldstrike' leucadendron, orange dahlias, 'Black Beauty' calla lilies, scissors, and two containers of different heights (we used antiqued glass vases)



**Step 1**  
To create the first layer of calla lilies, trim stems so that the base of the bloom is an inch or less from the top of the vase.



**Step 2**  
Position lilies around the rim of the vase. Gently press them down so that they curve over the rim. Repeat with a second row of lilies, cut so that they are slightly taller than the first row.



**Step 3**  
Use dahlias to create your second tier of flowers, cutting stems so that blooms stand just above the lilies. Line the flowers around the inside of the circle of lilies.



**Step 4**  
Strip the bottom leaves off of the leucadendron so that they don't crowd the vase and dirty the water.



**Step 5**  
Cut stems of leucadendron so that they are tall enough to rise a few inches above the dahlias. Fill a couple stems into the remaining space at the vase's center.



## Use what's left to create a monochromatic display:

To complement your first arrangement, use extra flowers (of only one variety) to fill a second, smaller vase. Cut stems so that they create a full arrangement just over the top of the vase.