

TALENT IN FULL BLOOM

In the depths of winter, with the feeble sun barely rising above the horizon, it's hard to imagine gardens bursting with colour and life. But before you succumb to the gloomy damp of February, Shane Connolly has just the thing to lift your spirits.

He designed the flower displays in Westminster Abbey for the wedding of Prince William and Kate, and he is the inspiration behind *A Year In Flowers* (Clearview £30 **✚** £19.99 inc p&p), a demonstration of flower arranging at its most creative.

With photographer Jason Lowe, he has assembled more than 60 displays such as these for his book: some traditional, some unexpected and some startling, to reflect the seasons and fire your imagination.



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