



Rosenthal Dagg vase with impressive hydrangea bouquet styled by Ruby Barber.

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## "Flowers make you happy" - Ruby Barber about floral art work and her favourite vases

Decorated artfully by Australian stylist Ruby Barber or simply arranged with plants or fruits - the new Rosenthal vases Geode, Ode or Fondale as well as the classics Falda, Hot Spots or Squall fascinate with fine contrasts, delicate surfaces and amazing craftsmanship. They prove that porcelain is a material with unimaginable creative possibilities. Twisted, pressed, cast, fired and finished by hand, occasionally resulting in amazing works of art.

We have put together the best Rosenthal vases and have spoken with Ruby Barber, who sells her floral pieces of art under the label Mary Lennox at her Am Lokdepot located showroom in Berlin, about the power of flowers and plants.

### **Flowers are your passion. Why?**

Nature is infinitely diverse. Every stem I hold in my hand is unique and every new project lets the plants and flowers shine in new splendour. Flowers keep my curiosity about life alive.

### **What do plants and flowers have to do with lifestyle?**

Plants are deeply rooted in our culture – they symbolise the good and the beautiful. Plants and flowers have become more and more important ever since social values have been associated with a green lifestyle.

### **Furniture, art – flowers? What part do plants play in interior design?**

Nature for me is an essential element of interior design. Lots of furniture and

accessories are inspired by natural shapes and colours – so why not go back to the source? The aesthetic language of plants is very powerful with positive associations for the most part. A piece of nature can even make a very rough setting seem gentle.

### **Do flowers change like fashion?**

There are undoubtedly flowers that go in and out of fashion. But going with the seasons is always timeless.

### **Which flowers did you use for the Rosenthal shoot?**

Rosenthal is an iconic company – it was great fun pairing selected flowers with specific vases. We looked for flowers with personality, for the unexpected – at farms and markets in Berlin, Hamburg and Aalsmeer. As every vase is different, we wanted to pay homage to every single one with a surprise. This is why we selected unusual plants such as hanging Vanda orchids, exotic fruit, carnivorous plants and flowering herbs for the photo shoot.

### **Can flowers make you happy?**

Definitely! It's even been scientifically proven that plants make you happy. Even looking at a floral painting will make you feel better.

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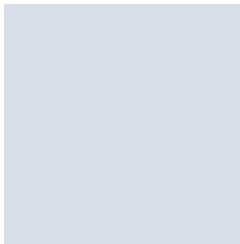
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Established figures from the worlds of architecture, design and art, but also the hottest newcomers and talents design avant-garde dinner table

collections, foster a joy of giving and create sophisticated furnishings. The collections are manufactured in the Rosenthal porcelain factory in Selb and the “Thomas am Kulm” porcelain factory in Speichersdorf, which offer some of the porcelain industry’s most advanced production facilities anywhere in the world and deliver sustainable manufacturing with careful use of resources thanks to the forward- looking investments that have been made. New interior collections and accessories enrich the Rosenthal world by adding designer objects that go far beyond the limits of a conventional table setting and round off the huge product variety.

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