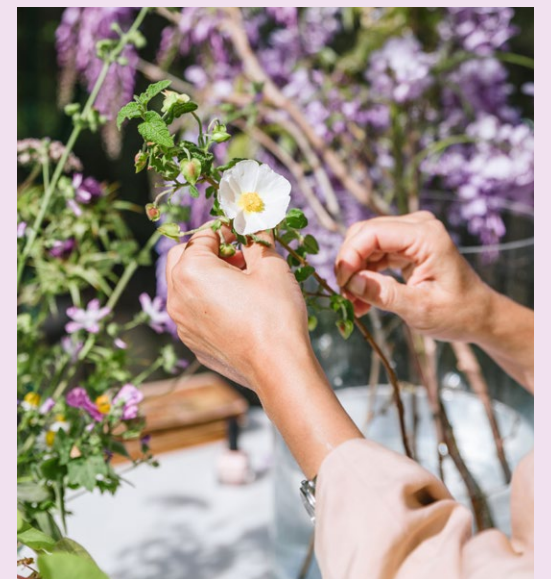




Gang and the Wool: On the Makings of a Poem

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— In the Vallvidrera neighborhood of Barcelona, a small greenhouse flower business finds perfection in the simple things. Bridal bouquets and wedding decor are Gang and the Wool's specialty; always incorporating something spontaneous, they play with the varied textures of fresh petals, twigs, and dried

leaves. Owner and florist Manuela Sosa compares the artistic process of composing her bouquets to that of a poem, evoking emotions with each element. Sourcing fresh flowers from the world's largest market in Aalsmeer, the Netherlands, Sosa's Mediterranean aesthetic is nonetheless clear in her finished parcels. The

florist opens the doors of her little workspace for small dinner parties, workshops, and photo shoots, where attention to detail brings this delightful oasis to life. A simple vase of clipped flowers or a bunch of herbs in the house is a reward, says Sosa, as the combination, arrangement, and result looks alive. —