Make an instant statement in your garden with this colorful Flower Tower.

**SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate  
**TIME:** 1-2 hours  
**COST:** $90-$100, not including flowers

**TOOLS & MATERIALS**

- 4-foot galvanized wire fencing with 2-inch x 4-inch openings
- Landscape fabric
- Aviation snips or tin snips
- 6-inch black zip ties
- Garden spade
- Scissors
- 13 ½-inch flower pot
- Leather palm or cut-resistant work gloves
- Utility knife
- 60 flowers
- Potting soil

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STEP 1
Create a cylinder with the wire fencing. You’ll place this inside your flower pot. You can use the outside of a slightly smaller container as a guide to help make the cylinder round as you create it.

Allow an overlap of one fencing section to make the seam stable. Cut the fencing to the desired diameter using the aviation snips. Wear gloves when handling the fence to avoid injury from the sharp edges. You may also want to have a helper at this step to help control the wire fencing as you make the cuts.

STEP 2
Overlap one rectangle of the wire fencing and snugly zip-tie the two sides of the cylinder together. Continue tying the rest of the tower together across the joints in the fence. Use enough ties to keep the wire rigid and stable once it is filled.

Cut the excessive long ends of the zip ties to leave about ¼ inch.

With your wire tower frame built, check to make sure it fits into the selected container. The tower should fit about a half to three-quarters of the way into the container to increase stability once filled. If you need to cut down the height, simply use the snips.

The tower should be no more than 1.5 times the height of the pot when completed. For example, the tower for an 18-inch-high pot should be no higher than 45 inches. This is to ensure the tower isn’t impacted by wind or anything hitting it, causing it to fall over.

STEP 3
Wrap the landscape fabric around the outside of the tower to measure how much you will need.

Cut the fabric to size using a pair of scissors. Let the fabric overlap an inch or two so soil cannot spill out through the seam.

Then roll the fabric and slide it inside the tower. Smooth the fabric along the inside of the tower. Cut the excess fabric from the top of the tower, leaving 2 inches of fabric extending beyond the top of the tower. This will help secure the fabric to the tower.
STEP 4
Fold the 2-inch flap of fabric over the top of the tower, and use your utility knife to cut small slits in the fabric just under the metal rim. Cut through both layers of the fabric. Cut one slit in every third rectangle of the fencing, and then insert zip ties through the slits you just cut, and tie down the top of the fabric.

Cut the long ends to a ¼ inch, just like you did the previous zip ties.

STEP 5
Fill the tower up about one-third with soil, and then add water to settle the soil. Fill to two-thirds full with soil, and add more water. Fill to about 1 inch from the top of the tower with soil and add water.

Lightly press the soil into the tower once it is full to prevent sinking of the soil.

STEP 6
Use your garden spade to fill soil around the outside of the tower inside the container.
**STEP 7**

Cut a vertical slit and a horizontal slit into one of the top-level rectangles in the tower. You will end up with a “+” shaped hole cut in the side of the tower. These holes are where you will plant the flowers.

Cut one hole in every other rectangle and stagger them as you work your way down the tower. Leave the bottom row just above the soil line free of holes. This will allow the plants to cascade over the edge of the container.

**STEP 8**

Now it’s time to add your flowers. Use your finger to create a void behind the opening to press the plant into. Gently press the plant or seedling into the opening. It should fit snugly, but you shouldn’t have to force it. Once the plant is inserted in the tower, make sure the flaps of fabric close around the stem of the flower. This will help hold soil in the tower when watering it.

**STEP 9**

Plant the top of the tower with a few plants to finish it off.
STEP 10
Water and fertilize as needed to ensure the plants are well-tended throughout the growing season. At the end of each blooming season, you can reuse the wire fence frame and remove the soil for future use. Always discard the landscape fabric after each use to ensure the next Flower Tower planting will thrive.