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Selecting The Right Wedding Bouquet

By Melissa Burton

Look at any bridal photograph and you will see an image of a bride holding a wedding bouquet. It's

a relatively small item, but your wedding bouquet should be on your top list of must-haves for your wedding. In just about every photo opportunity you will be featured with your bouquet. In addition, you will undoubtedly be nervous as you walk down the aisle as all eyes are on you. Having your wedding bouquet to hold onto can help relieve some of your nervousness. Choosing a wedding bouquet is usually a source of difficulty for new brides. When you research what is available, you will discover there are many flavors of a wedding bouquet. In addition to the season in which your wedding will be held and your budget, to make the decision-making process easier you just need to keep in mind style.

The style of your wedding dress and the style of wedding can influence the type of wedding bouquet that is appropriate for you. The most popular styles that brides choose for their wedding bouquet include cascade, nosegay, arm bouquet, and hand-tied. As the name implies, a cascade wedding bouquet features a bouquet of flowers that flow from the stem. A cascade wedding bouquet is a very romantic style. Brides with traditional wedding themes often choose a cascade wedding bouquet.

A nosegay wedding bouquet is probably the most misunderstood of all bouquets (I'm sure the name is causing the bulk of confusion). This style of wedding bouquet is actually what is commonly given to someone as a gift. It features a collection of flowers gathered in one bunch. You can customize a nosegay wedding bouquet according to your size.

For a more simple approach, a wedding bouquet that you wear on your arm may be more appropriate for you. Bridesmaids commonly wear this wedding bouquet, but brides often choose this style when they want to use a single flower, such as a rose.

A hand-tied wedding bouquet is similar to an arm bouquet. While an arm bouquet doesn't typically have a stem, a hand-tied wedding bouquet features a long stem that is wrapped in elegant ribbon. The individual who makes the bouquet will usually add lace or some other delicate fabric to the base of the bouquet.

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When choosing your wedding bouquet, you are not limited to fresh flowers. Silk flowers that are made today are created so that they look very similar to fresh flowers. If you hadn't thought about using silk flowers for your wedding bouquet, you might want to give them a second thought. Not only will you save money, you will not have to worry about the flowers wilting and preserving the flowers is a less painful process.

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Many of the silk flowers available for bridal bouquets today look so real only the bride knows for sure whether they are. Using silk flowers in the bridal bouquet may not be for every bride, but many are taking a second look at the advantages.

One of the best reasons for choosing silk flowers for the wedding bouquet is that the beauty of the flowers will remain the same for many tomorrows as it looks today. Too often with a fresh cut bouquet, saving it means drying the bouquet. If you are not adept at drying flowers, they may even end up with mold spots. Even if they are dried appropriately, the colors will be faded. You can get a fresh cut bouquet freeze dried to perpetuate the true colors, but it must be done by a professional and can be expensive. Silk flowers will not wilt, mold, or fade on your wedding day or over the years that pass.

If you choose to have a silk flower wedding, you can plan and order your bouquets far in advance of the wedding. Most brides are very busy in the month before the wedding. Having to coordinate with a florist to have fresh cut flowers delivered to the wedding venue is just one more pressure point on the countdown. Also, if the fresh cut flowers do not look like you envisioned, when you get them it is often too late to change anything. When you order your silk flower bouquets as far in advance as six months before the wedding, you have plenty of time to ask for changes or to order extra pieces if other honored guests appear on your list.

Finally, in terms of the wedding budget, a silk flower wedding can be more economical than fresh cut flowers. The flowers you like are always "in season." Prices are not bumped by seasonal changes. Also, because you will be able to order at a time that you wish to, you can pay for the flower expense months ahead of other expenses that will necessarily come right before the wedding.

Whatever choices you make about your wedding flowers – silk flower or fresh cut – a good wedding flower designer will help you create beauty in your wedding bouquet.

Ginger designs custom-styled bridal bouquets and wedding packages for brides. Visit her website <http://www.bridalsilkbouquets.homestead.com> for ideas.



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