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**Wedding Bouquet: How To Make The Right Choice**

**By Melissa Burton**

Choosing your wedding bouquet is an important part of the planning process as bouquets of flowers have always been a big attraction at any wedding. Bouquets are already part of the wedding tradition on all races. A bouquet of flowers symbolizes a blossoming maiden and reflects her emotions.

Therefore, wedding bouquets should be carefully selected and planned the same way you plan for your wedding gown. Here are just a few tips in choosing your wedding bouquet:

1. It is recommended that you choose a flower that is on season to save money and time. This will not give you hard time trying to order the flower as well.
2. You can choose other alternatives like silk flowers especially if the flower you would like to use is not in season. Silk flowers are also suited in formal weddings; fresh picked flowers may not fit a very formal party.
3. Your bouquet should not drown you. Be sure that it will not cover your figure. If you are petite, the weight of the flower might be too heavy for your built and may affect your posture and how you carry your gown. Remember that your bouquet should not be too big so as not to cover your elegant gown and should be easy to carry.
4. The flowers you chose should last for the entire day. Make sure that your flowers still hold up even at the end of the day so that you will still look glamorous when taken pictures. Using a bouquet holder is suggested to keep the flowers fresh during the entire day. Also take the advice of your florist on which flowers easily wilt so that you can avoid choosing them.
5. Don't let your florist imagine the flower design you like. You may take a picture or a printed copy of the bouquet style you prefer. Also bring a sample fabric of the gowns so that the florist can choose the correct shade of flower that will match the color of the gowns. Some bouquets may be decorated with ribbons, lace and silk materials. You can advise the florist on what specific designs would you like to add for your flowers.

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6. Why not choose a flower that has special meaning? That will not be difficult since most flowers have their meanings. Stephanotis stands for happiness in marriage, Rose means love and being true, and Tulips stand for perfect love and declaration of love.

7. One of the first things to consider when opting for a bouquet is the style. Choose the bouquet style that will suit you and your personality. Bouquets are more personal nowadays and reflect the brides' personalities. For Nosegays, where flowers are clustered in a round form, can vary in sophistication and will fit any personality. In Cascade bouquets, flowers are arranged in a descending form. These bouquets are voluptuous and can be the center of attention.

They are recommended for traditional weddings. There are flowers where stems are wrapped around in ribbons and they are called Hand-tied bouquets. These bouquets bring a casual aura and are recommended for garden weddings. There are also Contemporary bouquets where flowers are arranged in style but with no geometric form. These arrangements of flowers represent the individuality

of a bride and are mostly used in sophisticated weddings.

8. The top wedding flowers are Rose, Lilly, Orchid, Hyacinth, Tulip, Stephanotis and Daisy. You may want to follow the trend and choose these flowers for your bouquet.

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### **Selecting The Right Wedding Bouquet**

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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

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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.

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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