

Wedding Flower Tips & Info

1. **Select flowers that will hold up for the entire day.** Particularly if you are taking pictures outside, you want to make sure that you select flowers that will hold up to the sun and wind and still look gorgeous when you walk down the aisle.
2. **Don't let your bouquet overwhelm you.** A beautiful waistline will be covered by a large, cascading bouquet. If you are petite, the weight of a large bouquet could become a problem during the ceremony. Consider your gown and your stature before making bouquet style selections.
3. **Show the florist what you like.** Pull magazine pictures of bouquets you like and some that you don't. This will give your florist a really good idea about your particular tastes. So a fabric swatches if at all possible of the bridesmaid dresses or a photo.
4. **Select flowers with special meaning.** Most flowers have a specific meaning. For example, ivy means fidelity, friendship and marriage, violets mean modesty and hope, zinnias mean thoughts of absent friends, jasmine is for happiness and tulips mean enchantment. If you are having a wedding program consider including the meaning of the flowers in your program or create a tent card with the meaning on each table.
5. **Silk flowers are not less expensive than fresh.** Natural looking silk flowers are not less expensive and the labour to create them is the same. If you prefer silk that is fine but do not expect a cost savings.
6. **Make a reservation to preserve your flowers in advance.** If you are thinking about preserving your bouquet make a reservation in advance. The best preservation results are obtained with flowers that are still fresh.
7. **Flower selection has some bearing on cost.** Selecting flowers that are in season at the time of your wedding will help with cost. However, flower design is labour intensive and the real cost is in time and talent.
8. **Personalize your bouquet and centrepieces with jewellery.** Adding jewellery to your flowers give them a unique look that is all yours. Consider using items that have been in the family for a long time, or purchase jewellery created just for flowers. You can even monogram your flowers or the stems. It's fun and adds your personal touch to your wedding flowers.