

How to Plan For Your Wedding Flowers and Decorations

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When it comes to decorating and the flowers at your wedding, the possibilities are nearly endless. The look or theme that you are trying to achieve can be fairly simple, as long as you have a plan. Typically as far as the flowers are concerned the limits are endless. Almost any look can be done to perfectly match your expectations as well as your budget. If you are looking for a more creative floral arrangement you may have to be willing to do a little research and also be prepared to spend a little extra.

For the more creative bride to be there is always the option of designing the floral arrangements herself. Or enlist some family and friends to help with the brainstorming and creation of the flowers for the perfect day. Making the arrangements can be a stress reliever and is actually quite fun to do. You will be able to take great pride in the outcome of your flowers as you were able to add your personal touch to each arrangement. This is also a wonderful way to be sure you stay within the budget for the flowers.

You do not want to wait until the last minute for the flowers. Be sure you allot ample time for the flowers to be arranged, if at all possible a minimum of six months is ideal. The majority of brides prefer the color of the flowers match the color scheme of the wedding itself.

However, it is not necessary to do this, if the color scheme of the wedding is a pale purple, other pastel colors will look great. Another idea is to look through all those wedding magazines you have bought since the engagement. Put them to good use and look at the floral arrangements and color schemes within them. This is another way to open your mind to new ideas and possibilities.

When choosing the flowers that you want in your bouquet, it is important that you keep in mind the season you are getting married. The florist will be able to get the flowers you want for the wedding no matter what time of year it is, but there will more than likely be a cost for getting flowers that are not in season. Getting flowers that are in season will help you in staying within your budget.

If you feel you are under budget with your flowers and think you might want to add more flowers, you can. Take a look at the location of the ceremony, could you have flowers inside of bows lining the aisle that you will be walking down? Flowers also make wonderful centerpieces on the tables at the reception or even on the gift table they look wonderful and add a little extra to an otherwise forgotten space. As you can tell, the possibilities are virtually endless for flowers, no longer are they just for the wedding party.

Incase you realize you are going over budget and want to make a slight alteration and cutback that no one will notice, put those wedding party flowers to a second use.

After reaching the reception the ladies flowers can be strategically placed on the head table as the decorations.

Placing a candle inside the flowers can add a sense of romance and save you a buck or two! Another option could be to bring those bows from the ceremony to the reception and have them on the head table as the decorative pieces. Of course, you will have to have a trusted person gather it all up and get them on the tables before the guests arrive.

For the most part, planning is key in the decorations and flowers at your wedding. After you have made your decisions on the flowers you will need to make them your reality.

Either by finding a florist that can do what you want for a price you are willing to pay, or pulling your "Martha Stewart" friends and family members in for some help.

If you decide to hire someone to do the flowers for you, be sure to fully read and understand the contract before you sign it. Make sure it is clearly stated exactly what you want and the price is what has been previously discussed.

Have the florist not only explain the payment arrangements and delivery schedule but also have it clearly stated in the contract before signing it.

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