

Wedding flowers useful as well as beautiful in past as well as present



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FLOWERS HAVE LONG BEEN PART of the wedding ceremony, from ancient Roman times to the present. Choose flowers that complement the bridesmaids' dresses, and create a color scheme that you can carry through from ceremony to reception. For the bridal bouquet, choose from traditional stephanotis, roses, orchids or delphiniums, or pick whatever suits your fancy!

A wedding without flowers? Perish the thought! Wedding flowers go hand-in-hand with white dresses, tiered cakes and champagne toasts to future happiness.

Flowers set the stage for wedding ceremonies and receptions alike. From the trail of rose petals dropped by a pint-sized flower girl to the bridal bouquet caught by an unmarried brides-

maid, flowers are an integral part of the wedding celebration. So have they been for centuries.

In ancient Roman times, brides carried bunches of herbs—a combination of garlic, chives, bay leaves, rosemary and other strong herbs—to help drive away evil spirits and ensure a lifetime of marital bliss.

In later times, brides carried

a bouquet of orange blossoms, symbolic of fertility. And, centuries ago in England, an anxious groom would know that his bride-to-be had arrived at the church when her maid of honor presented him with a flower from the bridal bouquet to wear in his lapel.

Today's bride, unlike the brides of times gone by, can have any flower she desires—whether it's in season or not. Of course, flowers which are out of season will be more costly, but may well be worth the extra expense if a bride has her heart set on heather in July.

Planning the flower arrangements and bouquets is possibly one of the most pleasurable of all wedding preparations. If you select a reputable florist, your floral arrangements should be hassle-free.

Meet with your florist at least a month in advance of the wedding, if not sooner. Discuss with

him or her the color scheme you want to use. Take along swatches of material from the bridesmaids' dresses—it will make coordinating their bouquets foolproof.

Next, decide upon the mood you want to set with the flowers. Is the wedding to be formal and traditional, or will it be a light-hearted break from tradition? The florist will suggest various floral arrangements to key into the mood of your choosing.

A conscientious florist will want to visit your church or temple, as well as the reception hall, to get a feel for their design and determine the best possible floral arrangements.

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