



flowers

Something old, something new. Blooms in vintage styles are the hottest bridal look, says manager of Flowers By Teresa, Diana Moore

Latest trends

Wedding blooms are seeing a return to the old-fashioned bouquets of yesteryear, according to manager of Flowers By Teresa, Diana Moore. "Vintage style continues to evolve and we are seeing a revival of soft, classical shapes and romantic, wispy, long-trail bouquets," Diana explains.

Flowers such as stephanotis and garden roses with passionfruit vine and unique foliage are another easy way to add a touch of French provincial charm to a modern-day wedding. "Incorporating seasonal foliage and vines will help to enhance the line of a bouquet – it really does make a difference," Diana explains.

Colour schemes are also leaning towards a more classic look, with gilded silver and metallic accessories becoming a huge hit with stylish brides this season. "Rich champagne and oyster colours create a mother-of-pearl decadence – they're absolutely gorgeous when they are teamed with a white or ivory gown," says Diana.

Expert tips

• **Stephanotis** – Pure white, deliciously fragrant and versatile, it grows as a vine and so can form a cascading downward trail or single florets wired for subtle inclusion. It's available during summer.

• **Tuberose** – Stunning white blooms dotted along tall, fresh green stems with a heavy, romantic fragrance, it's an old-fashioned bloom of which single florets can be wired or left on stems to add height and drama to an arrangement. It's available during summer.

• **Cattleya orchid** – A "look at me" bloom, used sparingly in bouquets. It comes in many colours and lends exquisite detail to a bouquet with its beautiful line and texture.

• **Gloriosa lily** – Hot pink explosions in crazy, wayward stems are at once sexy, old fashioned and eye-catching. Cut blooms on short stems to use in clusters or leave them for a vivid display in arrangements.

• **Hydrangea** – Enjoying a renaissance, hydrangea (available in myriad colours throughout late spring and summer) is full,

TO-DO TIMELINE

SIX MONTHS

DONE

- Once you've found your dream gown, when choosing your flowers, consider not only the shape of your dress but your colour theme, bridesmaid gowns, the time of year and location■
- Decide how many bouquets and floral arrangements you need. If you have a reception package deal some flowers may already be included in the cost. Draft a list detailing what you want, including your estimated budget■
- Begin searching for a florist who meets your needs. Call a number of them before visiting a chosen few to see their portfolios. Remember to bring fabric swatches, stationery samples and your chosen cake design so the florist can understand your colour theme and style of the wedding. Finally, compare quotes and see where you can get the best deal■
- Once you've found a florist who understands your vision, spend as much time as you need with them to discuss exactly what you want and for where – ceremony, reception, bouquets, button holes. Give them the time and date of your wedding and place a deposit with them■

TWO WEEKS

- Call your florist and confirm the delivery time, date and address for your bouquets. Also confirm the set-up location, time and date for the ceremony and reception floral decorations■

soft and versatile. Used in bulk it's a new twist on an old-fashioned bloom, or stems add volume to a classic garden arrangement.

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