

# Choosing Your Flowers

## *For You To Consider*

- Flowers are one of the best ways to decorate and liven up any setting. They will add colour, aroma and can symbolise you and your partner's relationship. Co-ordinate your flowers with your bridal party colours and match them to your reception decorations for a gorgeous and elegant finishing touch.
- Advise your florist of your budget.
- If you aren't familiar with flower names, take pictures of the types of flowers you like. This will save confusion and ensure you order the exact flower you are envisaging. Your florist will be able to show you many styles of bouquets and what's in season.
- If you cannot have a particular colour flower, then use colours that blend with or compliment your wedding colours. Silk being another alternative.
- With so many floral arrangements to keep track of, prepare a mudmap of where you would like your flowers placed at your ceremony and reception.
- Will your florist deliver and is there a fee? **SPECIAL NOTE:** If your gown has elaborate detail, be careful not to choose an elaborate bouquet as too much detail may detract from your dress.

## *Flower Budget Tips*

- To lessen your expense, make your bridesmaids' bouquets smaller and choose flowers that are more common and less expensive.
- Have your ceremony flowers taken to your reception venue to use as decorations.
- If you're using flower arrangements as centre-pieces, give them away as thankyou gifts.

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