

Should you design your own wedding flowers?

Not sure if you want to DIY your wedding flowers? Here are some questions to ask yourself to help you think through the process before deciding:

- Do I feel comfortable working with flowers?
- Am I open to seasonal, of-the-moment blooms and foliage that will be a surprise to me several days before the wedding? Are specific bloom types, forms and colors important to me?
- Do I (or someone I appoint) have at least 8 hours the day before the wedding to work on making the floral arrangements?
- Do I want to travel to pick up my flowers a day or two before the wedding?
- Do I have a good place (chilled dark place away from pets) to store the flowers between pick-up and the wedding?
- Do I have a good workspace with plenty of room and a big sink to use while working with the flowers?
- Do I have friends or family who can help me the day before the wedding deal with the added stress of taking on such a large last-minute DIY project?
- Do I have a very specific idea of a highly stylized floral design in mind, or will I be okay with whatever happens at the last minute?
- Do I have someone I trust who will set up all the centerpieces and other flower decorations the morning of the wedding when I need to be getting dressed and ready?
- Am I up for sourcing the vases and other containers myself, and do I know what I'll do with them afterwards?
- Do I want to buy all the necessary supplies to make the more intricate wedding party flowers (boutonnieres, bouquets, corsages, etc) or do I want to hire a florist to do those while I handle all the other flower decorations?
- Do I want a lot of extra special touches and unique props that would be costly to buy myself instead of rent from a florist?
- Do I have someone who can help clean up and take away all the flowers/decor after the wedding is done?