



The right flowers add to the romance of any wedding. This bride is wearing lilies of the valley in her hair, which are repeated in her cascade bouquet of stephanotis, gardenias, star of Bethlehem and lilies.

predict a swing back to more traditional all-white bridal bouquet in the '90s.

All shapes of bouquets are popular now, from elegant cascades to cheerful nosegays to simple arm bouquets, which held to one side, are preferred by brides whose gowns feature intricate detailing on the bodice.

Fresh blossoms also are turning up in the hair of many brides and attendants. Sometimes florists weave a simple garland of fresh flowers to create a stunning headpiece mixing flowers with elegant beading and lace.

Velasquez says that some brides who wear a formal veil for the wedding switch to a lighter, more functional garland of flowers for the reception.

Everyone in the wedding party gets to enjoy flowers. Bridesgrooms traditionally sport a boutonniere from the bride's bouquet. Florists told Bride's Magazine that roses are still the favorite although stephanotis and freesia also are popular.

The father of the bride and all the ushers should wear boutonnieres.

Many brides like to give the mothers and other close family members

corsages to wear at the wedding, although this is not a must. (Shoulder, wrist and waist corsages are favorites.) Some brides forgo corsages in favor of sending their mothers an arrangement.

Flowers also are used liberally in decorating the wedding site and reception.

MANY WEDDING CAKES are topped with a splendid selection of flowers and more hors d'oeuvres trays and buffet settings are accented with fresh buds.

Well-wishers often decorate the bridal getaway car with flowers.

At the wedding site, look for topiaries and potted trees and plans to make a dramatic statement. For an at-home wedding, try a garland of flowers and ivy winding down the banister of a staircase.

Florists also like to use flowers and generous swatches of fabric to decorate the ends of church pews. Couples also like to see flowers around the altar and on church doors.

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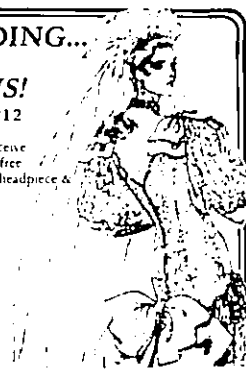
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