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of Machus Pastry Shops, sees a growing trend of individuality in cakes.

Machus has pastry shops in Birmingham and Bloomfield Township.

"People's individual tastes are coming out. They don't want the same cake others have had. This trend is real challenging for our decorators," Wood said.

said. Wood also sees a trend in colors for cakes. "Many people want something other than stark white. They also want

other than stark white. They also want cream-colored cakes if the bride is wearing a cream gown. We can add decorations that match the color scheme of the wedding."

Smaller cakes are another new trend. "I've noticed that cakes are getting smaller because people are using them as dessert now instead of cutting them into please and giving them to the into pieces and giving them to the guests as remembrances," said Paula Christ, owner of The Baker's Loaf in Southfield. Her husband Duane is the

baker at The Baker's Loaf.

Christ also has noticed a return to more traditional cakes. "Many brides and grooms want three- and four-tier cakes with the traditional trim on top," cakes with the traditional trim on top,' she said. "Also, ornaments are becom-ing popular again. There's a nicer se-lection on the market and people are attracted to them. I think they make a cake look very traditional."

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