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## Floral fashion

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long-stemmed flowers: calla lilies, Easter lilies or heather. They're tied in the middle of the stalks with a white ribbon.

You'll hold the flowers upright, rather than cradled in one arm, to show them (and yourself) off to best advantage.

When the ceremony ends, the whole group sings, "America the Beautiful." Later at the reception, you and the groom dance a country two-step.

**IF YOUR WEDDING** is outdoors, you'd like it held in a wisteria arbor, with fragrant purple flowers hanging overhead. Or in a rose-wrapped gazebo near weeping willows and a lake with swans.

If indoors, your wedding site is a magnificent church with lustrous, dark-wood pews adorned with clusters of rosebuds. Your smile is as soft as the light from the stained-glass windows.

Your bridesmaids wear flowers in their hair or fastened to wide-brimmed hats. Sweet and lovely in a lacy pastel

dress, your flower girl precedes you down the aisle, strewing rose petals.

You have a sentimental bouquet made of tiny clusters of delicate lilies of the valley. Or your bouquet has puffs of misty gypsophila and a mix of pastel pink, lilac, white and cream colored blooms.

To your bride's bouquet you add a flourish; six or seven streamers of various lengths. (They are white or ivory to match your dress, or pastels to match your bridesmaids' dresses.)

Each streamer is knotted in several places, and at each knot is a small sprig of lily of the valley or a tiny closed rosebud. The effect is a flowery cascade gracing the front of your dress.

No ruffles for you: no flowing bouquet.

You disdain ribbons and lace. You rely on couture line and detail. Simplicity is the key.

Carry two stems of longiflorum lilies bound with a generous bow. Or set off the stark purity of your gown with a striking cluster of white tulips and miniature hydrangeas.

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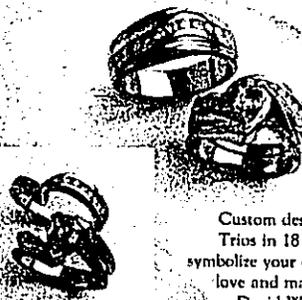
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