



orchids. Various colors of roses and carnations are popular for bridesmaids' bouquets the year around, but some of the most attractive arrangements feature seasonal flowers. In spring, for example, your bridesmaids might wear pink dresses and carry dogwood, lilacs or anemones. Yellow daffodils and forsythia are also pretty with light blue or lavender dresses. Bridesmaids in a summer wedding might wear pale pink and carry red and white peonies, multi-colored sweat peas, or pink and red larkspur. For a fall wedding, you might consider forest green or gold dresses for your bridesmaids, and russet-colored chrysanthemums mixed with autumn leaves or sheaves of wheat for their bouquets. If you plan to be married in December, you might plan a red and white color scheme using poinsettias, anthurium or holly. Whatever you choose, be sure to give your florist a complete description of your bridesmaids' dresses and a swatch of fabric to guide him in designing appropriate bouquets.

**FLOWER GIRLS** have traditionally carried baskets of loose petals to be strewn in the bride's path, but the danger of slipping on the petals has prompted some church authorities to prohibit the practice. Thus, today's flower girl often carries a miniature bouquet of flowers arranged in a basket, attached to a muff, or fashioned into a nosegay. Rosebuds, violets, lilies of the valley or other small blossoms are appropriate flowers.

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**THE BRIDE** at an informal wedding

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make lovely spring bouquets, while summer arrangements often include delicate baby's breath or Queen Anne's lace. You may also want to intersperse a few colored flowers to match or blend with the bridesmaids' bouquets. Be sure to give your florist a complete description of your dress include the silhouette, length, neckline and sleeves so he can recommend an appropriate style for your bouquet. Crescent cascades, fan-shaped arrangements and colonial bouquets are all suitable for a bride to carry, but they don't look equally pretty with every dress.

**THE BRIDESMAIDS** and the maid of honor usually carry similar arrangements of the same flowers, but the honor attendant often has a different shade or a contrasting color in her bouquet. It isn't necessary for your attendants' bouquets to be colored duplications of your own, but they should have the same general feeling. If you plan to carry daisies, for example, your bridesmaids might carry daffodils or cornflowers, but not

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