

A close-up photograph of a bride from the chest down. She is wearing a white lace-trimmed wedding dress. She is holding a large, round bouquet of flowers. The bouquet features a central cluster of yellow roses surrounded by a ring of purple flowers, possibly hydrangeas or purple roses. The background is a soft-focus white fabric with subtle gold stripes.

seasonal blooms

For a bridal bouquet that's truly sensational, choose
flowers that capture the sentiment of each season.

spring

The soft shades of this delicate bouquet (opposite page) epitomize spring freshness.

"When I saw the pale lavender, green, and yellow ribbon pattern in the dress," says Castle & Pierpont floral designer Kerry Quade, "I immediately imagined a very feminine bouquet that would bring out those gentle hues." Quade fashioned a hand-tied nosegay out of a bunch of light-yellow narcissus surrounded by a ring of lavender sweet peas. The fragile sweet pea appropriately symbolizes "delicate pleasures," while the intoxicating scent of narcissus is as fragrant as a warm spring day. Bouquet by Castle & Pierpont, New York City. Dress by Max Chaiou Couture at Michelle Bridal New York.

summer

"A summer-wedding bouquet should have a just-picked look, as though the flowers were recently gathered from a wildflower field," says Carol Caggiano, a floral designer at Glen Head Flower Shop. Her cheerful arrangement of sunflowers, Queen Anne's lace, viburnum, and white lisianthus has a sun-kissed feel that's perfect paired with a flirty, shoulder-baring gown. Caggiano hand-tied the flowers with a sheer, lime-green ribbon. "Sheer ribbons are more popular than ever," says Caggiano. "And this loose, multi-textured collection of flowers fulfills the desire many brides have for a more 'natural' arrangement." Bouquet by Glen Head Flower Shop, Glen Head, New York. Dress by Reem Acra.



fall "This bouquet is all about the colors and textures of autumn," says Robert Bardin, co-owner of Bardin Palomo, Ltd. By mixing hypericum berries, Princess Irene tulips, echinacea, and sensation and sai roses, Bardin achieved the rich, vibrant feel of fall foliage. Autumn is arguably the hardest season to find budding blossoms, but even with that challenge the autumn bride can still have a breathtaking bouquet. The trick is to do what Bardin did—find unusual elements, such as berries, that are not only abundant in fall, but also reflect this vivid time of year. Then think about your gown. What colors will complement the dress? The apricot and burgundy shades of these blooms flawlessly accentuate the golden color of the gown's embroidered tulle. Bouquet by Bardin Palomo, Ltd., New York City. Dress by Helen Mirra.



winter "Classic white-on-white gives a bouquet a truly wintry feel," says Tom Sakas, owner of Gramercy Park Florists. In this bouquet, a cascade of Bianca white roses and vivacity gerbera ideally reflect the snow-white color and plush fur stole of this winter-wedding gown. Roses are the most popular wedding-bouquet blossom. With popularity comes an extensive year-round selection—roses are available even in the frosty winter season. Not surprisingly roses symbolize "deep love"—what could be more fitting on your wedding day? Bouquet by Gramercy Park Florists, New York City. Dress by Tatiana of Boston at Michelle Bridal New York. Hair and make-up by Robert Hulron for RME Artist Management. See Shopping Guide for details.