



BIG IMPACT, SMALL PRICE

Wedding Experts Offer 35 Ways to Scale Back Costs without Sacrificing Style

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SKIP BIG MAID'S BOUQUETS

For attendants, Chicago floral designer Casey Cooper recommends simple clutch bouquets, in which a single type of blossom is held together at the stems, as opposed to intricate cascading arrangements, which are pricier.

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EMBRACE BIG BLOOMS

Place a few large flowers, such as open roses, peonies, lilies or hydrangeas, in vintage rusted urns or hand-painted terracotta pots, says Casey Cooper, and you'll need only a few stems to make a pretty presentation. Masses of smaller blooms such as freesia, stephanotis, lilies of the valley or miniature calla lilies can inflate your budget, she says.

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SELECT SEASONAL FLOWERS

Choosing flowers that grow naturally at the time of your wedding can save you up to 40 percent, Cooper says. To ensure you get the best deal, avoid pre-ordering specific blooms. Instead, ask your florist to purchase the best of what's available within your color palette a day or two before the wedding. 🍀