

BRIDE'S



HAVE A NICE BOUQUET

29 Instant Steps to Flower Fluency

Aside from the lilies you spring for each Mother's Day, you're probably a flower novice. But now that you're planning a wedding, you've got to choose bouquets, boutonnieres, centerpieces, church arrangements, and one perfect corsage for your beloved Nana — at a cost, all told, that will probably account for a sizable part of your wedding budget. To get from here to there without wilting from the stress, follow the advice of our floral experts. Before long, your wedding will be coming up roses (or tulips, or hyacinths...).

"Sometimes the smallest details, such as tying an individual blossom on each napkin, can be the most expensive ones," due to labor costs or the type of flower you use, says the head designer at Botanicals, in Chicago. While whimsical touches shouldn't be ignored, be sure to prioritize your choices. ♣