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BOUQUET BY BOTANICALS

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CASEY COOPER, OWNER OF BOTANICALS in Chicago, typically works with wedding budgets of $10,000 to $25,000—yes, that's just for the florals. "There's a lot of misleading information out there about flower costs. The labor is extreme. Designing flowers in the studio is 60 percent of the job."

The trends: "People aren't afraid of green flowers. You'll see lots of roots and bark and fern fronds—a lot of wilderness." Details, such as sari fabric ribbons and leaves, elevate bouquets.