

A close-up photograph of a bride's hands holding a bouquet of pink peonies. The bride is wearing a white lace wedding dress and a pearl bracelet. The background is a soft-focus green garden.

PICKING PETALS

Seasonal flower choices to meet your budget

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A wedding just isn't a wedding without a unique floral palette breathing life into the day's main event.

Each and every flower enhances the chosen theme of the celebration by adding splashes of colour and fragrance.

"Flowers and décor play a major part in a wedding. It makes the atmosphere

more romantic or festive. It changes the room and adds a 'wow' factor," says Alina Tacmelova, owner of Flowers Time in Thornhill.

Monique Durrant, owner of Mondu Floral Designs in Toronto, agrees that flowers are an important addition to every wedding ceremony.

"Without flowers, it just would be a

blank canvas. It wouldn't be the same," Durrant says.

Every flower arrangement can come with a big price tag if the bride has a definitive idea of what she wants.

"Every bride has a dream, but we as professionals have to keep in mind the budget. For every season, there are particular flowers," Tacmelova says.



Winter

Winter arrangements may seem tougher to pull off but there are many beautiful options to choose from—such as boronia, amaryllis, roses and spider mums. Boronia, in particular, is prized for its fragrance. Spider mums are a great choice because of their staying power and will last through an entire wedding without even the slightest wilt.



Spring

Spring is a time of renewal and budding life. Flowers such as forever tulips and hyacinth, or daffodils and orchids are all good choices for the spring. They are available in a wide array of colours and textures and can be mixed and matched to create a bright and lively floral arrangement. Orchids are long lasting and can be used in a vase with water for centre-pieces or on a boutonniere.



Summer

Summer offers the best selection of flowers. Some popular choices for summer weddings include sunflowers, peonies and classic roses. Sunflowers can add cheer to the day and also dramatic flair with their big size and widespread pedals. Peonies are prized for their versatility, colour options and naturally elegant look.



Autumn

Autumn's flowers can spice up your wedding. Dahlias are available in a wide range of colours, from bold black to pastel pink—so matching them to any theme is easy. Hypericum berries are also a top choice because they are great filler for many different styles of floral arrangements.