

Brides are definitely stepping outside the box more in terms of color than they did 10 years ago," says Meghan Sullivan, owner of Sullivan's Floral in Minneapolis. "Flowers are a very personal thing—sometimes a bride will pick a flower, or a specific color of flower, because she grew up loving it. Maybe she's a gardener, or maybe she loves fragrance. All of these things go into what kinds of flowers, and what colors of flowers, a bride wants."

Lisa Roy of Flora Bella in Minneapolis adds, "Colors [in bouquets] often go with the bride's personality, not just with what the wedding party is wearing. In general, a multi-colored wedding often tends to be a little less formal and a little more fun."

Indeed, with a more casual bouquet you can say, I love today and I'm going to have fun each step of the way. Picture a bouquet of hot pink, purple, and yellow daisies, or an arrangement of teal and orange dahlias. But colorful flowers can also be elegant. A cluster of pink tulips is simple and sophisticated. A grouping of bright roses in every hue is stunning when bordered by a background of green. "Some brides tell me they don't want a bright bouquet because they're afraid the attention will be on the flowers and not on them. That's impossible," says Roy. "It's the bride's day and everyone will be noticing

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"Green is such a natural, pretty color—it works beautifully for wedding," Sullivan says. Her charismatic creation includes green calla lilies, 'Jade' roses, dendrobium orchids, leucanthemum, ranunculus, dianthus and ranunculus.

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"Brides right now are looking for simple and dramatic," says Kristal Tussara of Wisconsin. Here, he features his favorite color combination with 'Black Knight' dahlias, green and burgundy miniature cyclamens, orchids, anemones and the beautiful golden lilies.



Your grandmother may not approve. Your mother may raise her eyebrows. But suppose you wash the idea of an all-white bouquet in the closet for a moment and think about all your blooming options? If you're a traditional gal who's always dreamed of carrying white roses down the aisle, great, but if you've always adored purple, just imagine the possibilities. Big, beautiful hydrangeas and delicate hyacinths. Lavender, larkspur and lisianthus. Deep purple orchids and violet ferns. The list goes on, and no matter what kind of wedding you want—formal, garden-party, or something in between—there are flowers to fit your style in any shade you desire.

Who says you can't carry orange on your wedding day? The all-coral of winter's end. We paired with the white gliders of poppies to give that burst of sunshine just what he needed. From *Wedding*.

