

## Hiring the Floral Designer Checklist

- Ask each florist you're interested in to create a sample bouquet or arrangement for you.
- Have each florist put together a proposal for your wedding, based on what you've told him or her about your wedding vision and floral budget.
- Book your favorite florist by phone, send a fax to confirm.
- Finalize flower decisions—types, colors, and amounts:

Bouquets (bride and bridesmaids) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Throwaway bouquet for the bouquet toss \_\_\_\_\_

Boutonnieres (groom, groomsmen, dads) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Corsages (mothers, grandmothers) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Floral head wreath (flower girl, bride) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ceremony arrangements (for around the altar or stage, lining the aisle, door wreaths) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Huppah decorations, petals for guests to toss \_\_\_\_\_  
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Reception arrangements (centerpieces, extra flowers for the head table, cake or cake-table flowers, arches over doors, any other room arrangements) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Request a contract and review for the following critical points:
  - Name and contact information for you and the vendor
  - Date, times, and locations of your ceremony and reception
  - An itemized list of all the flower arrangements you've chosen, from bouquets to centerpieces, including the names, colors, and amounts of each flower (you may modify this later when you've made final decisions)
  - Flower alternatives should certain blooms be unavailable on your wedding day (also include anything unacceptable to you)
  - A list of anything else the florist will supply—centerpiece vases, a trellis for the ceremony site, other accessories
  - Arrival times and time needed for setup at the ceremony and reception sites