

LAUREN'S FLOWER GUIDE



BRIDAL BOUQUET

- 1 King Protea
- 3-4 Romeo Garden Roses
- 2-3 White Queen Anne's Lace
- 1-2 White Snapdragons
- 2-3 Cream Aстранtia
- 2-3 Cream Cremones
- 4-5 Golden Mustard Roses
- 3-4 Terracotta Carnations
- 2-3 Golden Amaranthus
- 3-4 Bunnytail Grass
- Sprigs of Silver Dollar Eucalyptus, Baby Eucalyptus, Gunni Eucalyptus, & Agonis

8 BRIDESMAID BOUQUETS (ingredients per bouquet)

- 1 Romeo Garden Rose
- 2 Terracotta Carnations
- 2-3 Cream Aстранtia
- 1 Golden Amaranthus
- Sprigs of Silver Dollar Eucalyptus, Baby Eucalyptus, & Agonis

12 BOUTONNIERES (ingredients per bout)

- Groom Only: 1 Cream Spray Rose bud
- 1-2 Bunnytail Grass
- Sprigs of White Wax Flower
- Sprigs of preferred greenery

5 CORSAGES (ingredients per corsage)

- 3-4 Cream Spray Rose buds
- 2 Bunnytail Grass
- Sprigs of White Wax Flower
- Sprigs of preferred greenery

48 BUD VASES (2-3 per round table—total ingredients, divide between vases)

- 13 Cream Aстранtia
- 10 White Snapdragons
- 10 Cream Cremones
- 16 Terracotta Carnations
- 5 Bunnytail Grass
- 1/2 bunch White Wax Flower
- 1 bunch Baby Eucalyptus

16 BUD VASES (for head table—total ingredients, divide between vases)

- 7 White Queen Anne's Lace
- 8 White Snapdragons
- 7 Cream Cremones
- 5 Golden Mustard Roses

LOOSE GREENERY TABLE RUNNERS

- ROUND TABLES: 1/4 bunch Silver Dollar Eucalyptus per table
- HEAD TABLE: 2 bunches Silver Dollar Eucalyptus

2 URN ARRANGEMENTS (ingredients per urn)

- Fill out first with 1 bunch Silver Dollar Eucalyptus, 1/2 bunch Baby Eucalyptus, & 1 bunch Gunni Eucalyptus.
- 10 Cream Cremones
- 6-7 Golden Mustard Roses
- 6-7 Terracotta Carnations
- 4-5 Pampas Grass

GREENERY AROUND CEREMONY CANDLES

- 1 bunch Silver Dollar Eucalyptus

10 PEW ARRANGEMENTS (ingredients per pew)

- 1/4 bunch Silver Dollar Eucalyptus

SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

FLOWER PREP:

- Hydration buckets and vases
 - Medium (2.5 gal) buckets ([like this](#))—(specific tall flower types / greenery)
 - Small (1.5 gal) buckets ([like this](#))—(shorter flower types)
 - Medium vases ([like this](#))—(more delicate flower types)
- Floral sheers ([like this](#))
- Thick gardening gloves
- Straight wire ([like this](#)) ****Especially for ranunculus
- Crowning Glory—Not a necessity, but it does keep the flowers fresh!

BOUQUETS:

- 10-12” zip ties ([like this](#))
- 1-2” wide ribbon to cover the zip tie ([silk](#) or [double faced satin](#) are our favorites)
- Regular scissors for cutting ribbon
- Vases to store them in

BOUTTONNIERES + CORSAGES:

- Floral stem tape ([like this](#))
- 1/4—1/2” wide ribbon for covering the stem tape
- Boutonniere pins (you can use long or short pins—[we like these!](#))
- Corsage wristlet (if desired)
- Hot glue gun (if using wristlet)
- 1 block wet floral foam to poke bouts into for hydration

URN ARRANGEMENTS:

- Desired vase
- Wet floral foam bricks ([like this](#))—cut to fit vase

PEW ARRANGEMENTS:

- 10-12” zip ties
- 1-2” wide ribbon to cover the zip tie
- Small vases/mason jars to keep these in until wedding day

TRANSPORTATION:

- Cardboard boxes or rectangular laundry baskets to transport your flowers to the venue.
Use lots of towels to wrap around vases so nothing slides or tips.
 - Pro-tip: You can get boxes from liquor stores for free that have dividers in them. I use these for my bouquets while they are in their vases. You can cut the box down to be shorter, or use newspaper to stuff the bottom to the right height for your vase.

HELPFUL VIDEOS

- PREP VIDEO 1
- PREP VIDEO 2
- BOUQUETS
- BOUTONNIERES
- CORSAGES
- LOOSE GREENERY—ROUND TABLE
- CEREMONY URNS
- PEWS

SUGGESTED TIMELINE

****You will want your flowers delivered 3 full days before your event. So, for a Saturday wedding, we would schedule a Wednesday delivery.**

1-2 WEEKS BEFORE WEDDING:

- Make sure you have all of your supplies and that you have at least one extra person to help. No bride should do all of the set up on her wedding day!

DAY 1 (Wednesday):

- Flowers delivered via FedEx or picked up from wholesaler.
- Have supplies, buckets of water, and trash cans ready to go.
- Unpack, take off unwanted foliage, cut, and hydrate all flowers and greenery (see Detailed DIY Prep below).
- Group like with like. Give blooms plenty of breathing room.
- Wait until that evening or the following morning to start designing. This will allow flowers time to hydrate and open. Remember, once you crowd the flower, it stops opening.
- If those roses don't open, you can use a hairdryer on its coolest setting ([watch video](#)).

DAY 2 (Thursday):

- Choose the best flowers for your bridal bouquet and set them aside in a separate bucket/vase of water to save for later.
- Start with your bridesmaid bouquets. Make sure to have a vase of water ready to store these in.
- Make boutonnieres and poke them into wet floral foam or a small glass of water to stay hydrated.
- If you want to assemble your bud vases in advance, do that now. If you would rather haul them to the venue empty, you can assign someone to put these together at the venue.
- Build out your ceremony urns. Put some extra water in the bottom of the vase so the wet floral foam can stay hydrated.
- Put together your pew arrangements by zip tying them together. Place in glasses of water or mason jars to stay hydrated.

DAY 3 (Friday):

- Build your bridal bouquet!
- Cut up greenery for tables. Keep it loose and separate it into plastic bags per table. Mist it down in the plastic bag and store in the refrigerator on its warmest setting.
- Make corsages and cover in a damp paper towel to keep from drying out. Store them in the refrigerator on its warmest setting.
- Finish up any last-minute details and make sure everything is ready to go for tomorrow!
- Now relax and get your beauty sleep!!

DAY 4 (GET MARRIED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!):

- The goal is to have the flowers done before your wedding. Delegate their transportation to your most type-A friend/family member. Also, make sure you have friends to help clean up!

DAY WHENEVER:

- Share photos of every flipping thing with me because I don't like being left out. #Clingy

DETAILED DIY PREP

UPON RECEIVING YOUR FLOWERS:

- **OPEN THE BOX IMMEDIATELY:** Count, cut, hydrate!
- **ROSES:** Cut stems and let them drink for at least 1 HOUR BEFORE removing cardboard wrapping. This will keep their heads from drooping like a brooding teen.
- **ORGANIZE LIKE WITH LIKE:** Group greens with greens, roses with roses, etc. It will make the design process fly-by.
- **REMOVE FOLIAGE AND GUARD PETALS:** Pull off all unwanted leaves ahead of time. It will save time in the designing phase if you do this in advance. For roses, you will want to take off the guard petals, which is the outside layer of petals.
- **CUT STEMS AT AN ANGLE AND HYDRATE:** So important that you cut and immediately hydrate! When you cut a flower, it takes a breath, so you don't want it to "breathe" air, or the air will travel to the head and make it droop.
- **CUT + HYDRATE:** You got this!
- **AMPLE SPACE:** Your flowers won't open if they are crowded. Buy more buckets. SPEND THE FIVE DOLLARS. I BELIEVE IN YOU.
- **5% RULE:** Know that every bud isn't going to be perfect. As a florist, when I pick up my flowers locally or have them shipped in, I know I will have a 5% loss because I'm dealing with fresh "produce" that has been shipped from all over the globe. This doesn't mean you received below-par flowers. It's just part of being your own florist. I always save my broken buds for cake flowers, small vases, or bouts/corsages!