

We Do!

We asked a few of the best wedding consultants in Dallas to highlight themselves for a change.



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Years in business	21 years!	Five years	Five and a half years	Four years	Six years
How do you define a Bride's style	I ask a lot of questions about the bride's personal style, what colors she wears, and if she has anything particular in mind. I find going with her on florist interviews is particularly helpful.	I like to meet with the couple for coffee and ask what they are envisioning for their wedding. I ask questions to get a feel for the couple.	By asking non-wedding related questions about her style, having her show me a notebook full of photos torn from magazines .	I get to know the bride and groom by building a relationship and asking questions about their lifestyle, such as what books they like and what are their personal hobbies and interests.	I try to find out as much as I can about her and the groom outside of the wedding details. I encourage her to look through my portfolio and identify what she does and doesn't like.
Favorite time of year in Texas	October 	Summer, because of the colors. Like pinks, reds and lime greens .	Late October-Early November 	Spring, because it's a great season for new beginnings.	I love the colors of fall and the romance of spring.
Favorite flower	Gardenia	Calla lilies	Peony	Right now it's the orchid.	Peony
Signature detail	I love to find a motif or detail that is characteristic of the bride and use it throughout the wedding.	Making the couple's wedding unforgettable. I take what she likes and then add special touches.	Keeping calm and keeping it all in perspective and helping the bride do the same.	Making my client's dreams come true.	I want my brides to feel like their wedding is the only wedding I am planning.
Funniest thing that happened to you or a bride	The most adorable ring bearer was walking down the aisle and was taking his job VERY seriously but he was making a strange noise . As he passed me I heard a distinct GRRRR. When his mother asked why he was growling he replied, "I'm the ring BEAR."	 The brother of the bride wore the wrong color tie for his sister's wedding and no one noticed the color coordinated ties were off until we all saw the pictures a couple of weeks later.	The groom had stitches and bruising under one eye , so all his groomsmen showed up to the rehearsal dinner with black makeup smudged under their eyes to match (of course we concealed the groom's eye with makeup on the wedding day!).	During the ceremony, after the bride and groom said their vows, the minister made them repeat them and told them to say it like they really meant it .	In heels and a dress, I had to stand on top of a table to disassemble a six-tiered wedding cake! 
Bride from hell	You'll have to wait until my book is published... 	I had a bride who had known what she wanted for her wedding and then a week before her wedding she thought everything was not right and began second guessing herself about everything.	I am blessed with lovely brides—though there once was a mother of the groom who was another story...	A bride decided after all plans were finalized that she wanted to start all over and make new plans . After we started making new plans, she decided to go back to the original plans.	Some relatives who would like to have my role can get a little snooty, but nothing out of hand.
Average Cost of a Wedding	\$80,000-\$140,000	\$25,000-\$40,000	\$50,000-\$75,000	\$50,000-\$70,000	\$40,000
Favorite local venue in Dallas	A reception held in someone's home	The Crow Collection of Asian Art	Marie Gabrielle Gardens	The Nasher Sculpture Center	The Empire Room
Future trends in wedding planning	I think we will see more and more destination weddings , bridesmaids wearing different styles but the same color and an emphasis on quality not quantity.	Couples getting married in NY style lofts and making it more personal, like a party. Having the reception be more sophisticated with cocktail hours and bar drinks.	Nostalgic candy stations or displays and pies, tarts, pastries, cupcakes in lieu of traditional groom's cakes 	Receptions turning into more of a lifestyle type celebration, like lounge settings with furniture.	The entire wedding party walking as a group from the ceremony to the reception with their bride and groom leading, clusters of candlesticks rather than floral arrangements.
Fantasy client	Kirsten Dunst	Oprah	My children's weddings	Cameron Diaz	Oprah