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# MEET THE FLOWER SHOOT EXPERTS



## JUDI OF BALLA FLORISTS

#### The flowers

"We featured garden florals with loose gatherings and slightly falling foliage. The dark against pale pink and earthy greens, give it some warmth. We had the joy of sourcing a few late peonies and the pops of yellow craspedia, enhanced it."

#### Wise words

"There's no right or wrong when choosing your flowers - it's a personal choice, as your preferences are the most important part. Have an understanding of what works well for your chosen theme."

#### I love...

"Being a wedding florist. I can't help it, but I almost get more excited than the bride! I find I become part of the wedding and I love seeing her face on the morning when I hand her the flowers."

## **Balla Florists**

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## DEIRDRE OF BUDS TO BLOOMS

#### The flowers

"I wanted to create something fun and bright that would give a wow factor, so I created my version of a tequila sunrise. The arrangement sits in a large martini glass filled with bright ruby gel, orange and yellow flowers, topped off with a fan of yellow pussy willow."

#### Wise words

"Look at the flowers that are in season, before you make any decisions - you want the best choices and quality for the day. Flowers out of season may not be available and if they are, they can be more expensive. I also advise couples not to go with trends and be individual."

#### Fave flower

"I adore freesia for their fragrance and delicate flowers and hydrangea for their large blooms. For me, they add a touch of feminine elegance to bouquets."

#### **Buds to Blooms**

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## CLARE OF CRAZY DAISY

#### The flowers

"The bridal bouquet was a combination of bright, vibrant colours using gerberas, standard and spray roses. For me, gerberas are the ultimate happy flower."

#### Fun fact

"Tulips are the only flower that will continue to grow after they have been cut. For weddings, this means you always have to make the bouquet on the morning of the wedding, otherwise you may come in the morning of the wedding to find a very different bouquet to the one you left the night before!"

#### Fave flower

"I love lisianthus, particularly the double headed ones. They come in lovely colours and some of the two-tone ones are fab. It's such a versatile flower and it works so well in many styles of bouquets."

## **Crazy Daisy Florist**

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## CELINE OF CELINE'S FLOWERS

#### The flowers

"I created a contemporary bridal bouquet by having fun with colour, with an 80s inspiration of cerise pink and emerald iced roses, santini green pea, antherium, craspedia and beads."

#### Wise words

"Have an idea of the look you want, and more importantly, what you don't want. Bringing samples of fabric with you is always a great start. I design all bouquets keeping the individual style of each bride in mind, so no two are the same. From soft and romantic to natural, there's so much to choose from."

#### **Fave flower**

"I have so many favourite flowers, it's almost too hard to pick one. My top five would be; sweet pea, peony, vibernum, gardenia and astilbe."

## Celine's Flowers

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MARY OF FLOWERS BY THE SHELBOURNE

#### The flowers

"This is a very rustic and ontrend look at the moment. I used hydrangea which creates impact and the colours are so strong and vibrant — it's great in all floral arrangements or as a standalone flower. I also used viburnum, purple vanda orchid and tacazzi rose to add to the pop of colour."

#### Wise words

"Choose your dress first. The style of your dress will dictate the style of your wedding. Use your flowers to add colour to your wedding, not to match the dresses, but to complement them."

#### **Fun fact**

"Did you know that all Vanda Orchids are edible?"

#### Flowers by The Shelbourne

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## EVA OF DUNDRUM BLOOMS

#### The flowers

"The flowers used in the bouquet were gloriosa, scented chamomile, funky craspedia, fun germinis and pretty greenery thalaspie bell. They create a fun, lively and unconventional effect for a bridal bouquet."

#### Wise words

"The best advice is perhaps to not get too hung up on individual flowers, as you might be disappointed if they're not available. Consider instead, the colour scheme and style of flowers you like, as most styles can be created with flowers available in season."

#### I love...

"There are so many little details involved in wedding floristry, I love the little touches we provide; the individually wired blooms which can be used in hair design."

## **Dundrum Blooms**

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## JOE OF MAIN STREET FLOWERS

#### The flowers

"The flowers used were white hydrangea, pink tulips and anthurium - all of these flowers are available for a winter or spring wedding."

#### Wise words

"My advice is to do your homework before you talk to a florist. This way, you will have an understanding of what you want for your flowers. It's not necessary to spend a fortune to get the look you want; the most important flowers are the ones you hold in your hand, so get that right and everything else will fall into place."

## I love

"Working with different flowers and challenging myself to get the best job done on a budget. We have a great team, and one of the best florists, Maria – she is so creative!"

## **Main Street Flowers**

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## ALENA OF APRIL FLOWERS

#### The flowers

"We used a colourful mixture of orange roses, hydrangea and bamboo leaf to create this vibrant and fun bouquet."

## Wise words

"Communicate your vision, likes, dislikes and expectations but, have a little flexibility and be comfortable with substitution. We want to make your wedding absolutely breathtaking, so relax and put your trust in us."

#### I love...

"How working with flowers and, in particular, wedding flowers, gives me the chance of almost unlimited creativity and inspiration in nature."

#### Fave flower

"It really depends on the season, but I just love the scent of peonies and phlox. I adore the colours of roses and dignified beauty of hydrangeas."

#### **April Flowers**

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