



AUTUMN HARVEST OF BRIDAL HUES



Autumn is one of the most popular bridal seasons, with September and October rivaling June and August.

The reasons are simple—fall weather is usually cooler, without being too cold. And the colors of autumn are dramatic and rich, giving brides a superb color palate with which to work.

Let's face it—the harvest colors of red, gold, yellow, orange and green combine beautifully and are easy to obtain. Think about arranging pumpkins and wheat at the entrance of your reception hall for a welcoming look. Imagine dressing your bridesmaids in dark red, chocolate brown, or deep gold and having them carry bouquets accented with multi-colored autumn leaves.



In addition to these traditional harvest shades, any jewel tone works well as autumn progresses. The October or November bride can opt for royal blue, forest green, magenta, deep purple or ruby red. Think about table toppers in all of these shades for a reception hall full of drama. With that profusion of color on the tabletops, opt for equally dramatic centerpieces in a combination of all the jewel tones, or a monochromatic palette. Add to the jewel effect by using silver or gold accents on the table, perhaps in beads or crystals.

A bride anxious to keep to a budget, can do a lot of the decorating herself, as stores have a profusion of mums, wheat stalks, pumpkins, gourds, and other harvest-related items that will lend themselves to centerpieces, table accents, and mantle decorations.



Fall flowers are fabulous—brides are smart to look at hydrangea, chrysanthemums, berry accents, and wheat, as well as orange and yellow gerbera daisies, and roses in shades of coral, orange, yellow and red.