

Floral Flourish

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A pale rose is paired with small variegated pittosporum leaves and delicate scabiosa along with a single leaf of blue-gray lamb's ear. A bit of twine binds the stems. Blue Lotus Floral, 4038 Lemmon Ave., Dallas; 214-683-7331; www.bluelotusgardens.com

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We asked the creative geniuses at five floral design shops to give us fresh takes on the boutonniere, that oft-neglected little flourish for the men in a wedding party. They proved that there's no reason to pin a rose on the lapel and forget about it with their striking creations sporting flourishes such as feathers and ribbon, and textured leaves, succulents and berries as well as — or sometimes instead of — the traditional flower. The one caveat for ladies? Brianne Denton of Blue Lotus Floral in Denton says the guys worry that they'll be sporting a bouquet on their jacket. Make it special, but think small.



Hypericum berries come together with succulents, spiky grevillea and pilea with a raffia-wrapped base.

Enchanted Florist,
4800 Camp Bowie Blvd.,
Fort Worth; 817-738-0648;
www.enchantedfloristdfw.com

A swatch of striped ribbon holds star of Bethlehem, Ming fern and a spray of feathers. Lush Couture Floral, 214-604-5472; www.lushcouturedesign.com



A blue thistle flashes deep cobalt against neutral pheasant feathers, Chinese tallow berry and a wrap of black satin ribbon. Flowers on the Square, 2110 Westbank Landing, Fort Worth, 817-336-8400; www.flowersonthesquareftworth.com

A traditional cymbidium orchid gets a kick from a yellow billy ball backdrop and naturally chartreuse lichen in front, all wrapped up with burgundy flax. Liliium, 4800 Colleyville Blvd., Colleyville, 817-481-1565; www.liliumflorals.com

