

Give your graduating spouse flowers they love, arranged in a bouquet that feels easy to carry after the ceremony. If you are unsure of their favorites, choose a cheerful mix of roses, tulips, sunflowers, or daisies and add a personal note.

Pick flowers that feel like them

A graduation bouquet does not have to follow a strict recipe. Your spouse's taste is a better guide than any rule about what a flower is supposed to mean. Think about the colors they wear, the flowers they stop to admire, or the arrangements they have enjoyed at home.

Roses make a classic choice and come in many colors. Tulips have a simple shape that suits a clean, understated bouquet. Sunflowers bring a bright, playful look, while daisies can make a mixed arrangement feel relaxed and fresh.

If your spouse likes a particular flower, let it lead the arrangement. A few favorite stems can feel more personal than a large bouquet chosen solely for its size. And if their favorite happens to be a cactus, a small flowering plant might be more their style than a bundle of roses.

Make the bouquet easy to enjoy

Graduation days often involve crowds, photos, meals, and a fair amount of moving around. A bouquet that is comfortable to hold leaves one hand free for a diploma, a phone, or a celebratory snack.

1. **Choose a manageable size.** A small or medium bouquet is easier to carry through a busy venue and set down during a meal.

2. **Think about the setting.** If you plan to meet outside, consider how long the flowers might be away from water. Ask for a water source around the stems if they will be out for a while.
3. **Keep wrapping simple.** Paper or a soft ribbon can make the bouquet easy to hold without adding much bulk.
4. **Add a note.** Mention something specific you admire, such as the way your spouse kept studying after a long day. A few honest lines are enough.

Once you get home, trim the stems and put the flowers in a clean vase with fresh water. Remove any leaves that would sit below the waterline. If the bouquet came with care instructions, follow those too.

Questions you might have

Should I choose the school colors?

You can, especially if your spouse enjoys showing school spirit. A ribbon in a school color is an easy way to include it without limiting your flower choices.

Is a potted plant a good graduation gift?

Yes, if your spouse likes caring for plants and you have a convenient way to carry it. A flowering plant can be a lovely choice for a celebration at home rather than a crowded ceremony.

When should I give the flowers?

After the ceremony is usually convenient because your spouse can enjoy them in photos without having to hold them during the event. You could also leave them at home as a surprise for later.

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