# Packaging & Shipping Your Bouquet

Fresh flowers should be sent **ASAP** (or at least within 2-3 days) after a wedding or event to ensure their shape and color is preserved as much as possible. I recommend you, as the bride, delegate this task to someone you trust such as a maid of honor. That way, this will be one less thing for you to worry about on your big day!

Important notes:

- o *Many times, I do not use the entire bouquet since I only select the freshest blooms. While it's nice for me as an artist to have options, any extra greenery, wilted, damaged, or moldy flowers are disposed of and do not get returned to you. I may, on occasion, send home a small box with extra petals or blooms, but this is not guaranteed. Keep this in mind as you're packaging your bouquet. If you are hoping to have flowers left over, I recommend only sending the amount that I need (refer to the price list on the listing for an estimation).*
- o *Wilting flowers or those with damaged petals will not preserve as well as flowers that are in perfect condition (you might want to use a dummy bouquet for your bouquet toss!). If you are not sending your whole bouquet, please select the freshest blooms!*
- o *If you would prefer communication outside of Etsy, please let me know. I'm happy to correspond through email or texting.*

## Supplies & Materials You Will Need:
*(All of these items can be found at a dollar store!)*

1. Scissors
2. Paper Towels
3. Rubber bands
4. Small plastic bag (Ziplock or produce bag)
5. Large bag to fit your bouquet (trash bag)
6. Shipping box that is bigger than your bouquet
7. Disposable freeze packs
8. Tissue paper, newspaper, or packing peanuts
9. Packing tape

**Instructions:**

1. <u>Check to see if your bouquet has a foam support!</u>
   - *If it does, the ends of the stems are in this foam ball. The stems you hold in your hand are not connected to the flowers at all. You may remove the stems that are not connected to the flowers and saturate the foam support with water instead of using paper towels.*



2. If your bouquet has been out of water, trim 1/4 inch off the stems and place them in a vase of water so they can hydrate and perk up a little while you prepare your materials.
3. Get a box that is a little bigger than your bouquet.
4. Trim the stems as needed so that it fits nicely in your box.
5. Wrap a wet paper towel around the base of your stems, and secure it with a rubber band



6. Place a sandwich bag or other small plastic bag around the wet paper towel and secure with another rubber band to keep it from leaking.

7. Place your ice pack around the stems with packing tape or duct tape to keep them cold.



8. Wrap the entire bouquet in a large plastic bag, like a trash bag, to protect them. Place the end of the bouquet in one of the corners of the bag. Don't release all the air from the bag.
9. Tie a knot in the large bag to hold the air. If it is too big to fit in the box, you may release some of the air and retie the knot.



10. Place your bouquet in the box with bubble wrap, newspaper, tissue paper, or packing peanuts to provide cushion and support.
11. Place a piece of paper in the box with your full name and description of your bouquet. If you have a "favorite" type of flower you want me to focus on, or any special instructions let me know!
12. I highly recommend shipping Next Day Priority, so they arrive to me fresh. If you'd like a more affordable shipping option, the USPS provides free priority

boxes (1-3 business days) with a flat rate shipping of $15 for a medium box and $20 for a large box. These may not work for large bouquets.

**Please do NOT request a signature for delivery.

13. Ship to:
> **Kelsey Collins**
> **350 Andrew Ridge Drive**
> **Jefferson, GA 30549**

14. Once they arrive, I will place your blooms in a desiccant for a week before I can start your piece.

** These pieces take time to make (typically about 2-3 months). Refer to the listing to see a current turn-around time. Once I start your piece, I will send photo updates about once a week.

Thank you for supporting my business!

*Kelsey Collins*

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