

Arrangement of paper spray roses, poppies, peonies, anemones, ranunculus, foxglove, camellias, ferns and eucalyptus

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Garden Variety

For local artist Tina Libby, owner of Dear Paperie, the crepe-paper flowers she crafts in her Fishtown studio are more than just an artsy alternative to real live blooms—they're investment pieces that serve as a reminder of your wedding long after your walk down the aisle. "My intent is to give the bride a custom, one-of-a-kind creation that not only participates in her Big Day, but can also be displayed forever as a work of art," she says. And a work of art is exactly what you get: Libby dyes, cuts and paints each petal individually by hand before attaching them to stems to form the flowers of your choice. With the addition of real greenery, her bouquets and arrangements look so incredibly lifelike, your guests won't know the difference. It's an intricate, laborious process from the initial conversation, in which Libby gets a feel for the look of your event, to the completed product, so you'll want to give her anywhere from four to eight weeks to finish your florals. *Paper bouquets starting at \$500; dearpaperie.com. —Alexandra Leshner*