

## Western Style - The Houston Way

Recently Embark Floral had the opportunity to do floral centerpieces for a July 5 Graduation party at Smith & Wollensky in Highland Village through party planner Samara Beth Hurley of Celebrations by Samara. This premier event planner contracted Embark Floral to handle the unique centerpieces for this party. We had the opportunity to make rustic western saddle and boot vases look graduation-like, feminine yet Smith & Wollensky- worthy. According to Samara and her staff, we did an amazing job! We used colorful assorted grasses to fill the base and topped the arrangement with three large whimsical dahlias. The total effect was not your typical western wildflower arrangement, but more of a rustic bohemian look.

This got us in the mood to think western. Although Houston's urban concrete jungle and fast paced life makes us forget where we live on this globe, the truth is we are at the center of all things western. Consider the city-wide event each March called the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and the hundreds of millions that it raises every year for local scholarships. As Texans, we have an affinity for the western look. As Houstonians, we own the concept of what makes "western" cool.

Go ahead and embrace your western heritage. Here are some pictures of the vases used at Smith & Wollensky's event. Don Mechanic Enterprises, Ltd out of Dallas manufactures the vases out of resin. We were impressed with the fine details in the vase designs. Maybe they will inspire you to have a "western" themed event sometime soon.





Check out more vase styles at: [www.donmechanic.com](http://www.donmechanic.com)

Flower options:

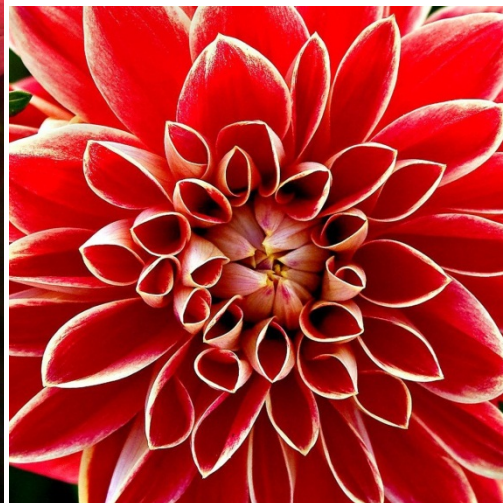
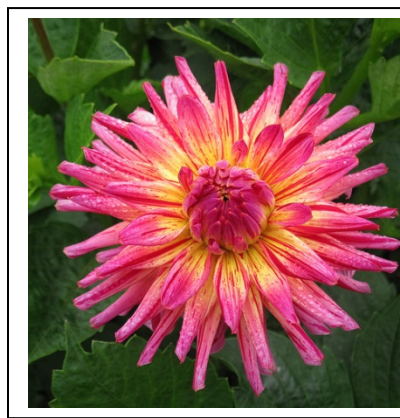
There are many options of flowers you can use to keep in the western theme. Of course, sunflowers are a natural choice, but consider blue bella-donna delphinium as a bluebonnet look-alike.



Another flower that I highly recommend for a more unique western look is the versatile dahlia. It comes in a wide variety of colors and textures. Whatever your color scheme, there is a dahlia out there to match it! Just contact us at Embark Floral, and we'll special order the dahlia color that works best for you! Here's a sample of a Dahlia we have in the shop today.



Other dahlia examples:



These are just a few suggestions for flowers. There are many options to create that unique Houstonian western look. Don't be overwhelmed. Trust the professionals. At Embark Floral we know how to design Western- the Houston Way.