

Celebrity florist, **Robbie Honey**, reveals his adorables and the floral details that are perfect for every bride-to-be



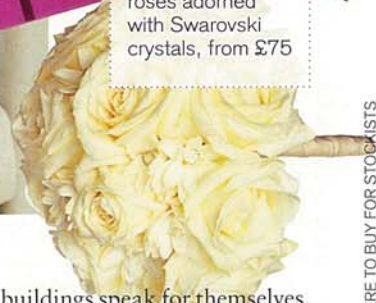
Clockwise from above Robbie with the poppies aged six... and now. Diptyque Philosykos, £45



Flip-flops, from £18, Havaianas  
Below Start your own family album. Magenta album, £59, Liberty. Cream floral album, £32.50, Capella



Above Anemone album, £17.75, Paperchase  
Left Bouquet of roses adorned with Swarovski crystals, from £75



## ALL MY FAVOURITE THINGS...

**African craft** 'Africa is my homeland and much of my inspiration is drawn from there.'

**Colour** 'I recently went to the wedding of my friend Victoria Aitken (former wife of Princess Diana's brother), in Cape Town. Her florist used flowers in soft limes and pinks. I love arrangements with lots of colour.'

**Wild flowers** 'My first "flower" memory is when I was six, enraptured by a field full of poppies. A wedding with wild flowers is sadly impossible as most only last moments.'

**My Spode vintage 'Chinese Rose' china** 'There are so many pretty floral-patterned dinner services in the shops. I've collected this old Spode design for years and, thanks to eBay, now have the full set.'

**Photo albums** 'I find such beauty in old things and am fascinated by genealogy. I treasure the pictures I've gathered in beautiful albums.'

**Stunning churches** 'Weddings in churches are so romantic. If you're decorating a church with flowers for your day, remember

that ornate buildings speak for themselves. Big arrangements end up simply competing.'

**A wired French posy** 'My favourite wedding bouquet features tuberose and roses studded with Swarovski crystals. The way that the stems are wired allows you to have masses of flowers, yet it's still comfortable to hold. I really enjoy this more old-fashioned approach to arranging.'

**The Diptyque fragrance**, Philosykos, has the subtle scent of figs that evokes summer holidays in South Africa. Another favourite of mine is Figuiet by Cote Bastide.'

**Brides** 'Working with brides makes my job feel extra special and gives me more opportunities to use my traditional floristry skills.'

**My Havaianas flip-flops** 'At the first sign of good weather, I'm in my favourite flip-flops. Perfect to pack for your honeymoon.'

**Bazaruto Lodge, Mozambique** 'This is an ideal destination for those couples who love the exotic. Be sure to go before the country becomes too touristy.'

Call Robbie Honey on 020 7720 3777 or visit [robbiehoney.com](http://robbiehoney.com). Robbie presents Nice House, Shame About The Garden on Five

From top Azaleas in perspex vase, from £35. A 'Chinese Rose' plate. African inspiration – beaded necklace, £145, Pebble

