Ice vase medley, starting at $475, from Okamoto Studio. Phalaenopsis orchids, amaryllis, lilies of the valley, Parrot tulips and dendrobium orchids, prices upon request, by Diane Jamison Flowers, NYC.

ice crystals

ANY FLORAL DESIGNER WILL ATTEST that a special vase adds an element of luxury to flowers. For displays that are at once dramatic and subtle, consider vessels carved from ice. At first, they appear to be cut crystal, thanks to fine craftsmanship. Upon closer inspection, however, the drama of these ice sculptures becomes apparent. The vases will evolve throughout the evening, melting ever so slightly as time goes on, and lasting, like your flowers, just one night.