

# 6 MUM TRENDS FOR THIS SEASON

From lights to glitter, you'll see it all this homecoming season

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## MUMS THE WORD

Homecoming is a big deal in Katy. It's right up there with school spirit and Friday night football. For high school students, having the perfect mum is essential. *Katy Magazine* sat down with designer Cindy Hooks of Homecoming Mums and Garters, who has been creating mums in Katy for 15 years, to learn what trends are expected to be popular this year.

Kansas Bryant looks forward to cheering on the Katy Tigers at the homecoming game

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Lauren Reese attends Cinco Ranch High School



### GO BIG OR GO HOME

"When I started making mums, they were much smaller and often real flowers were used," Hooks remembers. "Now, most mums and garters are made with larger, silk flowers." Bigger flowers offer more space for elaborate decorations. Seniors will often be seen sporting over-the-shoulder mums with elaborate accessories.

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Alix Poth attends Seven Lakes High School



### MORE IS MORE

You've heard the old adage, less is more. When it comes to mums, more is more. From elaborate decorations to more than one mum, if one is good, two or more are better. Hooks makes special friendship mums with hot pink, black, and zebra print ribbons with silver accents - which are very popular.

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Bryant attends Katy High School



### MOVERS, SHAKERS, AND NOISE MAKERS

Another new addition has been movement and sound. Noisy accents include cowbells, whistles, and maracas. Even assorted keychains add bulk and jingle. If that's not enough, you can get a music button that plays one of your favorite songs.

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Jordan Tagliarino is a senior at Seven Lakes High School



### BLING IT ON

Walking through the halls during homecoming, you may think that Katy girls have glitter running through their veins. By far the largest request this season is, "I want my mum to sparkle." Traditionally, shimmering ribbons can be silver for juniors and gold for seniors.

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Miranda McGuire is a Taylor Mustang



### LIGHT 'EM UP

"Fiber optic lights with lighted strands have been popular both in the flower and hanging with the ribbons," Hooks explains. "With the rise in technology, LED lights add to the visual enhancement," says JoAnne Carbone a mother of six boys who has purchased a variety of date mums for many homecomings.

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Tailor your date's mum to her interests and school activities

### GET CREATIVE AND PERSONAL

Hooks remembers a student who wanted a huge, plush frog in the center of his girlfriend's flower. "Its long legs were hanging down among the ribbons," she laughs. KHS sophomore Krystalynn Gier says, "Mums vary from one person to the next. I have masks on mine because I'm involved in theatre."

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Cindy Hooks has been designing mums and garters in Katy for 15 years



## UNIQUE IDEAS FOR MUMS

- Mini light-up lava lamps
- Photos in small picture frames
- Cowbells, horns, and noise makers
- Hershey's Kisses in coiled wire balls
- Unusual stuffed animals
- Small Bibles or keychains
- Joke noses and glasses
- Rubber ducks



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