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Letter from the Editor:

Welcome to our "My Fair Lady" edition of Florida Bride Magazine.

I had so much fun doing the editor's photo shoot for our Spring/Summer issue. We were able to get the original dress worn in the Broadway Musical play of My Fair Lady for the shoot, and no alterations had to be made! I absolutely LOVED the hat, and I have to admit that I really enjoyed how I felt in the outfit. It truly would make any woman feel like a Lady.

The history of the big hat at the Kentucky Derby dates back to the 1920's. The long-established fashion began with Col. Meriwether Lewis Clark Jr.'s vision for the Derby as an event that the high-class would attend. For the first running of the Kentucky Derby, he used high-class women to recruit his target clientele to attend the race. Going to a horse racing event became an opportunity to show off the latest in spring fashion and women were known to coordinate their hats, dresses, bags, shoes and parasols.

On our cover is the Fabulous Designer, Chef, Project Runway All Stars judge, Cabaret performer Isaac Mizrahi! I so enjoyed the interview with him. His warmth and sense of humor made me feel as if I have known him for a long time. Isaac shares with our readers how it all began.

For all of you that like to try new recipes, make sure you check out his chicken fennel stew on our Top Chef's page.

Discover the wonderful professionals within these pages, and become inspired by their wealth of information. Read about the latest designs in New York Bridal Fashion Week, and find out what is Hot Off the Runway!

Our staff never fails to amaze me with their devotion and discovery to bring to you all the latest in popular bridal trends, and products for your upcoming nuptials! See which scent of the season fits your zodiac sign. For the gentlemen check out Pursona's Swarovski Crystal tie accessory to match the color theme of your wedding day. Gather tips from the Real Weddings featured, and enjoy the My Fair Lady styled shoot. What are you waiting for?

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Happy Hue your **Something** BLUE

Blue has been connected to weddings for centuries, but there's no need to stick to the old standbys when searching for your "something blue." Instead, take a cue from these real brides who found unexpected ways to incorporate the hue into their big day. Here, you'll find a roundup of the prettiest blue touches, both big and small. Want to opt into this classic wedding tradition, but don't want to go too over the top? Try stitching a bit of navy ribbon or embroidering your betrothed's name into the hem of your wedding dress. If you're feeling something a bit bolder, take after one bride and roll up to your ceremony's venue in a powder blue vintage car. Searching for something food-related? Order a blue wedding cake, so your guests can get in on (and taste!) the fun. Of course, there's always the classic choice of choosing a pair of blue wedding shoes—prepare to fall in love with the most perfect blue Prada pumps.

Whatever your wedding style—traditional, contemporary or bohemian—there's a way to bring a pop of everyone's favorite wedding color to your own big day. Whether you dress your bridesmaids in tonal shades of cerulean, navy, and teal, or sport a sapphire-and-diamond engagement ring (like Kate Middleton!), there's something that each and every bride will love. Ready to feel the blues? Discover both vintage and modern ways to include the happy hue in your wedding.



1. Start With a Sapphire

Actor Matthew Morrison designed this sapphire-and-diamond engagement ring for his bride, model Renee Puente, with the help of The Diamond Source in San Diego. "I didn't realize it until after the fact, when people started to say, 'It looks like Kate Middleton's ring,' that, oh yeah, it does!"

Incorporate Your Monogram

An embroidered label with the bride's monogram and the wedding date was ordered from Initial Impressions and sewn into the gown for this sweet North Carolina celebration.



3. Carry Blue Blooms

For this bridal bouquet, Holly Heider Chapple of Holly Chapple Flowers used dark blue hydrangea, blue hyacinths, blue muscari, blue thistle, blue privet berry, blue delphinium, dark purple lilac, purple anemones, purple monkshood, agapanthus, dusty miller, and seeded eucalyptus.

Show Off Your Groom

For his and Michelle's cattle ranch celebration, John wore custom Trunk Club, from the men's clothing service he and a friend cofounded. His groomsmen followed suit, with the whole gang matching in striking blue pants and bow ties.



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Conceal a Ribbon

Courtney's "something blue," an antique duchesse satin ribbon with Jose's name inked in calligraphy, was sewn inside the hem of her dress.



Slip on Some Heels

These Prada pumps were the perfect accent to Anna's dreamy Carolina Herrera dress.



Lace Up His Kicks

Jack supplied his own blue accent for his big day. These Hugo Boss shoes arrived with colored laces.



Honor Your Other Besties

Though Molly only had her sister, sister-in-law, and best friend in her bridal party, she wanted to honor her other close friends. She dubbed her pals her "Something Blue," and gifted the girls necklaces and her guy friends monogrammed (navy) cufflinks. She also asked them to don something blue on the big day.



Arrive in Style

The groom's father escorted all three bridesmaids to the service in a vintage baby blue Morris Minor Traveller. The back of the car was adorned with a floral garland made up of roses, peonies, ranunculus and other greenery.



Dress Up Your Dad

Looking dapper in his formal blue suit, Frances' father served as a lucky charm for their walk down the aisle.



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Willowby by Watters' "Folklore" Collection for Fall 2018 embraces the idea of unity and diversity by offering wedding gowns that are unique and captivating. Inspired by the merging of cultures and traditions from around the world, "Folklore" brings together elements of many cultures such as embroideries and beading that stem from Polish paper cut work, Eastern European pottery and Mexican murals. Delicate lace with repetition of patterns and bold lace with a graphic nature also makes stunning appearances throughout. The free-spirited collection breaks away from traditional bridal hues by introducing jewel tones, which can be found in beading and embroidery.

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I felt like I knew Ashlee instantly. Her smile was the absolute warmest, kindest (and one of the most beautiful) smiles I have seen in a long time. Throughout the course of the day, getting to know Ashlee more made me so thankful that our paths had crossed. I knew that I wanted to love and serve Ashlee and Matt like no one had ever loved and served their clients before, but little did I know that they would be reciprocating the favor to me by being such dream clients.

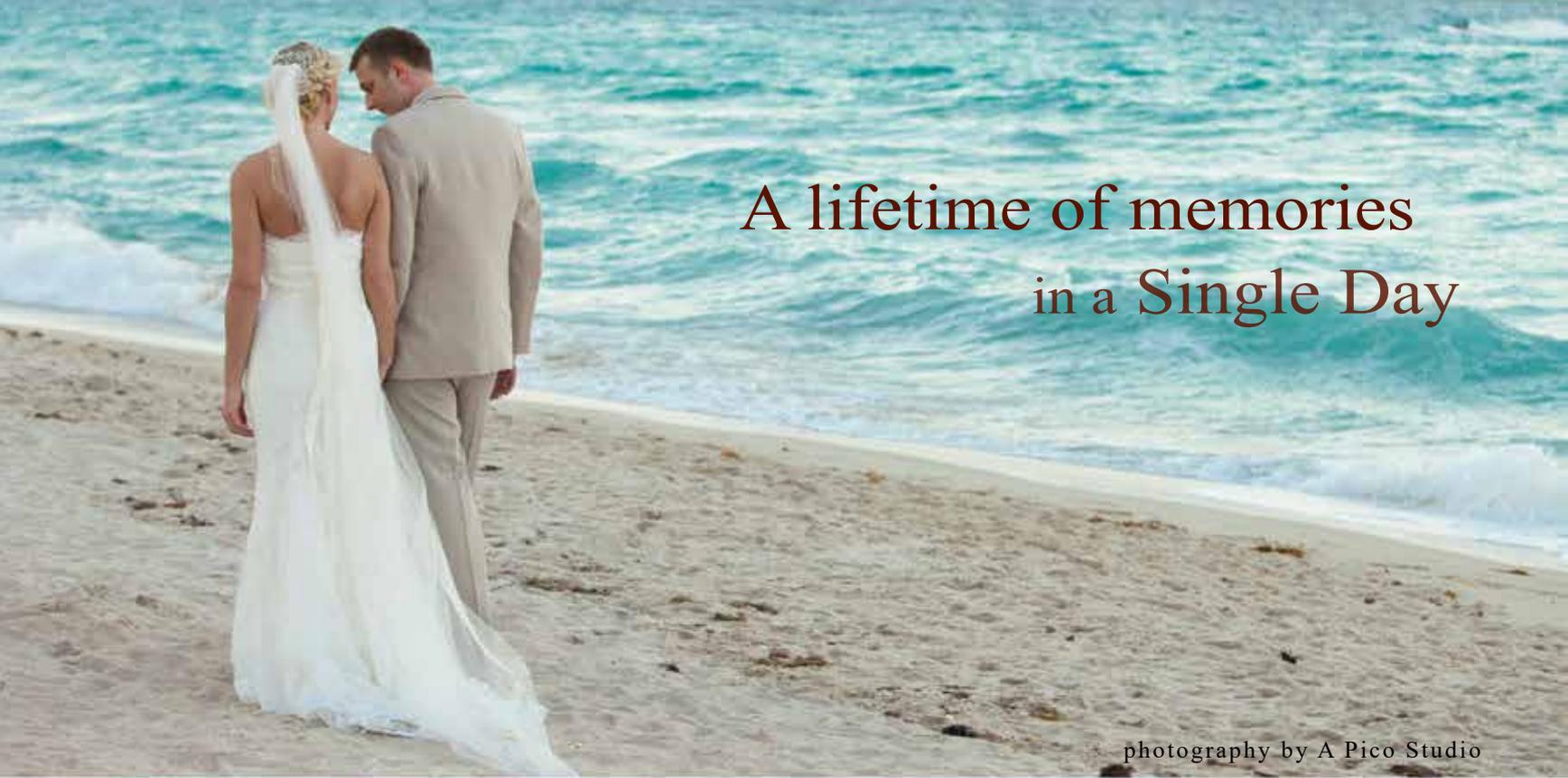
And I don't say they were dream clients just because of their jaw-dropping pink floral and chiffon wrapped archway. It wasn't just because I got goosebumps and dreamt about marrying Jordon as I photographed their incredibly beautiful wedding. It wasn't just because of how absolutely gorgeous Ashlee and Matt were or how stunning their images were turning out.



It was because as I photographed their wedding with the closest family and friends from around the country, I had a feeling in my heart that just reconfirmed that I was meant to be there- that no one else was going to love and serve them more than I would ever be able to in that moment. They were dream clients because Ashlee and Matt's love was raw and authentic. Matt, though a bit quiet at first, couldn't help but to come out of his shell- probably because in the words of Matt, I run like I have had 7 5-hour energy's- and my goodness was it magic having him comfortable in front of my camera despite never being there before their wedding.



It was like they had done an engagement session with me and could just click instantaneously with me by knowing what I meant with posing and cuing. You would never guess that Ashlee claimed that they did not consider themselves to be photogenic to me, because not only are their images magical, but their images display the exact love, friendship, and legacy that they are building their new life upon.



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over theThreshold **DIY**
 by lifestyle editor Mar Jennings

Easy SPRING Centerpieces

As a designer (and gardener!) I always find myself thinking outside the box, and looking for inspiration and unexpected resources everywhere I go. With spring around the corner and Mother's Day not far away, I wondered: "Why show up with cut flowers?" Especially, when your local grocery store or gardens supply can offer many wonderful gardening resources. You can create a breathtaking arrangement that is both easy and fun to make. Plus, unlike traditional flowers, they also make a wonderfully long-lasting gift. You might even find you save money in the process.

You'll need only 3 types of vegetation: Forced flowers (be inspired by what's available: hydrangeas, grape hyacinths, roses, etc.), small plants (such as lush ferns or ivy,) and packaged moss. That's it.

I like to say that "The power of three can set you free." When you combine these simple items together with some potting soil, you can create a one-of-a-kind centerpiece that is both resourceful and long-lasting.

Get ready for the best part! After the flowers are spent, many of these plants are easily transplantable right into the garden! Double duty is economical and very Casual Luxury.

Here's how to create your own arrangement:



Find an interesting vessel to use as your container.

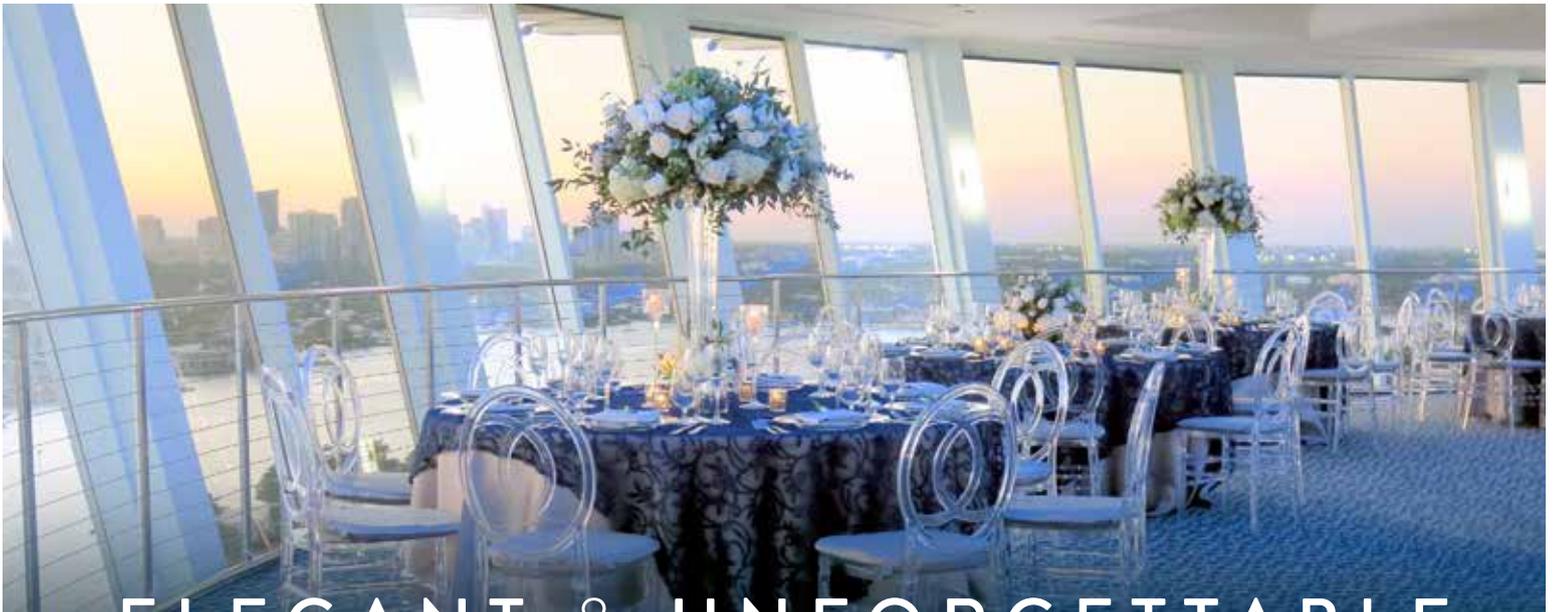
Fill with potting soil mid way then begin to insert plants from the center out. Allow each to overlap for a lush, dense look. Add moss to cover any visible soil. Water weekly.

Enjoy it longer:

Three to four weeks after Mother's Day, your arrangement will be looking a bit outgrown, so simply transplant the whole thing into the garden . You do this by simply inverting your container, popping out the contents, and inserting them right into the ground. How easy is that?

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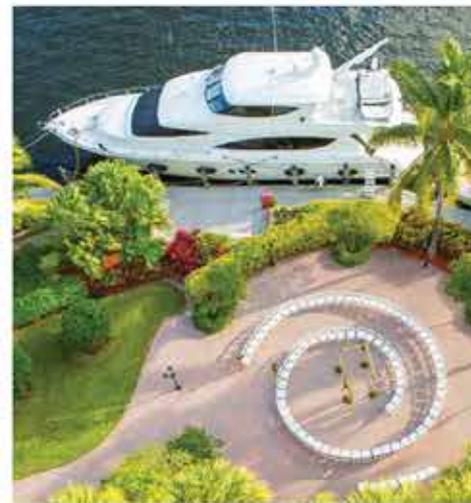


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We all are waiting for the bride to walk up the aisle. That special moment when we first see her in her gown and holding her bouquet. The bouquet is an iconic part of the wedding ceremony bridal march. However, if you are a bride with allergies it can also be a scary moment. What bride wants to have watery eyes from allergens when they should be from the special moment of seeing her groom waiting for her? How embarrassing it would be to start sneezing walking up the aisle!

Help is on the way, no not from medicine though it may help, but it could come with some side effects too. Have you considered a bouquet that is made with beautiful vintage brooches, silk flowers, pages from your favorite book?

They are all choices that won't have any pollen in them, and still look absolutely gorgeous and keep everyone's eyes focused on the bride. If you absolutely have to have flowers consider ones that have a low pollen count, or add a lot of greenery in your arrangement.



A florist will guide you to which ones would be best. However, ranunculuses and hydrangeas are a low risk for induced pollen sneezing. Roses that are unscented may be a choice as are orchids because the pollen on them is stickier.

Here are some other choices to consider: dahlias, hyacinth, tulips, iris and bird of paradise. All are beautiful flowers and allergy friendly.

The Mother of the GROOM

Since weddings are considered to be all about the bride, the mother of the bride tends to get more attention than the mother of the groom. This can make her feel left out, especially if her son the groom does not want much to do with the planning process. You don't want her to feel left out, remember the grooms parents are excited also. He may be their only son, or they may not have had any daughters. We have put together a few tips you may want to use to incorporate your future mother-in-law into the wedding.

1 Find out what her interests are, this is a good way to get to know her better. Does she like music? If so, perhaps she can have some input into the ceremony music. Does she like to bake, if so take her along to the cake tasting.



2 If you are from different cultural backgrounds, reach out to her to learn about their traditions and find out how to incorporate them.



6 Include her in the bridal shower and let her help with the planning.



3 The registry would also be a good idea to talk to her about. She may know which appliances are longer lasting, and what brands are the best quality.



5 Bridal prep is another way to include her in the wedding day. Treat her to her hair and makeup.



4 If the grooms parents are hosting the rehearsal dinner, let her have the freedom to plan it if she wants to.

If she asks you if she can help, always say yes so she doesn't feel like you don't want her help. There is always something in the planning process you can use help with. Let her do it.



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inspiration for brides who are hosting an indoor ceremony, try this unique twist on the cake table adding sweets and goodies with a spot of champagne.



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2 pounds cubed watermelon, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 large bunch basil, stems and leaves roughly chopped, Juice of 3 lemons.

How to Make It:

Place the watermelon in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet, and freeze until completely frozen, like ice cubes, about 2 hours. Meanwhile, cook the sugar and 1/2 cup water in a small saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the sugar is completely melted, about 5 minutes. Turn off the heat, add the chopped basil and stir until completely wilted. Cool completely at room temperature, at least 1 hour. Strain the basil syrup into the blender, use the back of a wooden spoon or spatula to press down on the basil to extract as much flavor as possible, and discard the basil. Add the lemon juice, and blend until the mixture is mostly smooth, pushing it down with a wooden spoon or spatula if needed.

What You Need:

1/3 cup sugar, 12 ounces tequila, chilled, 1 cup fresh lime juice, chilled (from about 8 limes), plus 2 limes, cut into wedges, for serving. 4 teaspoons orange-flavored liqueur, chilled. Kosher or rimming salt, for serving .

How to Make It:

Special equipment: an ice cream maker

Combine the sugar and 1/3 cup water in a small saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring, until the sugar dissolves, about 5 minutes. Let cool completely.

Whisk together the tequila, lime juice, cooled sugar syrup, orange liqueur and 1 cup cold water in a medium bowl. Freeze until slushy in an ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's instructions, about 45 minutes (see Cook's Note). Transfer the frozen margaritas to a chilled pitcher. Store in the freezer until ready to serve. Fill a small plate with an even layer of salt. Moisten the rims of 4 chilled rocks or wine glasses and press into the salt to rim the edges. Divide the margaritas among the glasses. Serve with lime wedges.

MOJITO



LIMEADE

What You Need:

1/2 cup fresh mint leaves, plus sprigs for garnish. 2 limes, cut into wedges, plus more for garnish. 2 cups crushed ice, plus more for serving. 1 cup Lime-Mint Syrup, 1 liter white rum, 1/2 cup fresh lime juice.

Lime-Mint Syrup:

2 cups sugar, 2 cups water, 2 limes, zested. 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves.

How to Make It:

Muddle the mint leaves and lime wedges with 2 cups crushed ice in the bottom of a large pitcher. Add Lime-Mint Syrup, rum, lime juice, and more ice. Top off with club soda, to taste. Pour into glasses over ice and serve. Garnish each glass with a lime wedge and mint sprigs, if desired.

Lime-Mint Syrup:

Bring the sugar and water to a boil in a medium saucepan and cook until the sugar is completely dissolved, about 1 minute. Remove from the heat, stir in the lime zest and mint, and let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes to infuse the syrup with the flavor of lime and mint. Strain out the mint and zest and refrigerate the syrup, covered, until cold.

ICE CREAM



MARGARITAS

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CUCUMBER



PINEAPPLE TEQUILA

What You Need:

1 cup fresh pineapple cubes, 2 limes, skin removed. 1 seedless European cucumber, peeled, plus cucumber slices for garnish, 4 ounces silver (blanco) tequila, 1 1/2 cups ice cubes, plus more for serving. 1 tablespoon agave nectar. Pinch kosher salt.

How to Make It:

Prepare a vegetable juicer (or blender if unavailable). Run the pineapple, limes and cucumber through the juicer, letting all the juices combine. Pour the tequila into a cocktail shaker or pitcher, and then add the juices, ice, agave and salt. Shake or stir vigorously until chilled. Line up 4 tall Tom Collins glasses filled with ice, and pour the tequila cooler over. Serve with straws and cucumber slices for garnish.

Drink Like a Royal *on Your Wedding Day*

From Area 31, Miami

Created by Lead Bartender Benny Hernandez

DIAMOND



HEART

Ingredients

½ oz. Jameson Irish Whiskey, 2 oz. Fresh Pineapple Juice, ¾ oz. Simple Syrup, 1 oz. Fresh Lemon Juice, ½ oz. Crème Violette, 2 Dashes of Burlesque Bitters, Activated charcoal and small micro flowers.

Directions

Combine all ingredients in a shaker with ice; shake vigorously for 20 seconds. Double strain into a purple teacup. Garnish with activated charcoal and micro flowers.

Area 31, the sustainable seafood restaurant located on the sixteenth floor of the Kimpton EPIC Hotel, celebrates the recent royal engagement with a special cocktail, Diamond Heart. Inspired by the beautiful engagement ring and modern royal love story, Lead Bartender Benny Hernandez expertly crafted the whiskey cocktail, a refreshing and strong libation, a liquid representation of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's whirlwind romance. The whimsical cocktail features Jameson Irish Whiskey, fresh pineapple juice, simple syrup, Crème Violette and Burlesque bitters, all vigorously shaken with ice for 20 seconds and double strained into a purple teacup.

From Outlier in Seattle, WA

The Princess and the Tea

PRINCESS



AND THE TEA

Ingredients

1 ¾ oz. Absolut Vodka, ¼ oz. Crème de Violette, ¾ oz. Chamomile Syrup, ¾ oz. Lemon Juice, 2 dashes Bitter Truth Lemon Bitters.

Directions

Shake, Double Strain into Teacup & Saucer – garnish with loose chamomile tea. This royal engagement-inspired cocktail features crème de violette, created from two distinct flower breeds, including the 'Queen Charlotte' blossom. Chamomile syrup gives a nod to the British love for tea, and when served in a gorgeous teacup and saucer, induces a royal vibe to all who sip.

From Dirty Habit in Washington, D.C.

Created by Head Bartender Sarah Ruiz

HARRY MET



MEGHAN

Ingredients

1 oz One Eight Distilling Untilted No. 3 Gin, 1 oz Chamomile Honey Syrup, .5 oz Pear Brandy, 3 dashes baked apple bitters. Top with Earl Grey Tea, Dehydrated pear, for garnish.

Directions

Preheat glass with hot water; build ingredients in glass; add hot water and stir.

Inspiration: Head Bartender Sarah Ruiz created this cocktail keeping in mind that Earl Grey is a popular British tea and many Brits love to drink gin. She uses One Eight, an American gin distilled in Washington, D.C., as a representation of blending Harry's British heritage with Meghan's American roots.

From Stratus Lounge in Philadelphia, PA

Harry Matrimony

HARRY



MATRIMONY

Ingredients

1½ oz. Tanqueray London Dry Gin. ¾ oz. earl grey infused honey, ½ oz. fresh lemon juice, 4-5 fresh blackberries, 1 lemon wheel, 4-5 mint leaves, Club soda.

Directions

Add honey, lemon juice, and berries to shaker tin, muddle. Add gin, shake with ice, double strain into glass. Add expressed mint leaves, top with rocks and soda to fill glass.

Stratus Lounge is located on the rooftop of Kimpton Hotel Monaco Philadelphia. They are celebrating the momentous royal engagement with Harry Matrimony, a cocktail that nods to the English tradition of afternoon tea. Cocktail expert Mirek Struniaski has shaken up a cocktail that represents the occasion using Earl Grey tea infused honey.

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The resort’s One Particular Harbor space is a spectacular 8,800 square foot pre-function space with waterfront views and floor to ceiling windows that would add a breathtaking backdrop to any wedding’s cocktail reception.

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The resort’s dedicated wedding professionals help couples create the setting of their dreams – whether it’s an oceanfront elegant wedding, a sophisticated coastal wedding or a beachside casual wedding. The atmosphere of Margaritaville Hollywood Beach Resort invites everyone to check in, chill out and get ready to celebrate the big day.





FLORID BRIDE MAGAZINE'S



TOP CHEF

CHICKEN FENNEL STEW

-- Isaac Mizrahi



What you need:

8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs, at room temperature, rinsed, dried and chunkily cubed, salted and peppered (I've never measured the amount. I'd solve this by saying "to taste" which doesn't exactly work in this context. Sorry!)

¼ cup of flour plus 1 tablespoon, 3 tablespoons, plus 2 teaspoons of fennel seed rub (blend of ground fennel seed, coriander, white pepper. Should be the consistency of flour), 2 tablespoons olive oil, 1 large onion coarsely chopped. 5 cloves of garlic, sliced pepperoncino to taste, one fennel, cut into half moons. Chop the frond for garnish. 2 cups of medium sized brussels sprouts, cleaned and chopped in half. Small button mushrooms about two cups, cleaned and roughly chopped or left whole if they're really small. 2 tablespoons butter, 1.5 cups of dry white wine, 2 cups of chicken broth.

Preparation:

Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large enamel cast iron pot. Mix ¼ cup of flour with 3 tablespoons of fennel seed, rub in a shallow bowl and dredge the cubed chicken in it. Brown the dredged chicken about 3 to 5 minutes on each side. Remove the browned chicken from the pot and hold aside. Place the onions in with a bit of salt and saute those for 4 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for 30 seconds to a minute. Add pepperoncino and let those bloom for 30 seconds then place the rest of the vegetables in (fennel, brussel sprouts and mushrooms) and saute those for a minute or two.

Add two tablespoons of butter into the pot and stir until melted. Then add 1 tbsp flour in and stir, cooking for 2 minutes. Add the white wine and deglaze the pot for about 2 minutes, scraping down all the fond. Add the chicken stock, raise the heat to high and bring this to a boil. Replace chicken (and whatever residual juices that were rendered) inside the broth and cover almost completely with the lid and cook for 25 minutes on low heat. Let this stand till it gets to room temperature then reheat on medium high heat for as long as it takes to get hot. Serve with white or brown rice.

Simply Summery

Gazpacho

Mince up the garlic, cut the onion into slices, and dice up the tomatoes, celery, cucumber and zucchini. Throw all the garlic, all the onion, half of the remaining diced vegetables and the oil into the bowl of a food processor or, if you like, a blender.

Splash in the vinegar and add the sugar, hot sauce, salt and pepper. Finally pour in 2 cups of the tomato juice and blend well. You'll basically have a tomato base with a beautiful confetti of vegetables.

Pour the blended mixture into a large bowl and add in the other half of the diced vegetables. Stir it together. Then stir in the remaining 2 cups tomato juice. Give it a taste and make sure the seasoning is right. Adjust as needed. Refrigerate for an hour if possible. Grill or saute the shrimp until opaque. Set aside. Ladle the soup into bowls, add the grilled shrimp and garnish with avocado slices, egg and cilantro leaves. Serve with crusty bread on the side.

for the love of food...



If you are looking for your wedding to stand out, want a memorable experience for you and your guests or you simply love to be entertained in style, then a Silent Disco could be the perfect way to celebrate your big day. Have you ever heard of a Silent Disco? This one is new to us. It is a clubbing concept where dancers are given a personal wireless headphone which is tuned in to listen to a DJ, or it can be switched between DJ Channels.

It's concept earns it's name because any outsider that comes to the event would see a venue that is full of guests dancing, but there isn't any music: hence the name silent disco! It may seem odd at first, but it makes for a unique experience.

The idea of a silent disco has been around since eco-activists found the easiest way to have a group of people come to a certain area, like a forest being logged, was to put on a party. That could cause distress to animals that live in the area and be disruptive to them. So, they came up with a solution for sensitive areas, a solution that incorporated a party but limited impact on wildlife.

The silent disco was first introduced to the Uk at Glastonbury in 2005 as a response to noise restrictions in the area. They are being used in festivals all across the globe and taking festival goers by storm. Parties can continue late without disruption to locals in terms of noise.

Silent disco weddings?

Silent disco weddings are the perfect solution for entertaining all of your guests on your special day. Here are a few reasons why:

Don't cut your celebration short because of amplified music curfews. Continue celebrating late into the night without disturbing anyone nearby.

Provide guests with a choice. Not everyone has the same taste in music; some like Top 40, some enjoy electronic music. Some like it loud, others may have sensitive hearing. With 2 or 3-channel silent disco headphone models, your guests are able to switch between music channels with a flick of the switch. And with a personal volume dial on each headphone, your grandparents can enjoy a mellow dance to Django Reinhardt while your friends break it down to their favorite party jam on the other channel — all while staying together on the same dance floor.

Encourage conversation and connection. No one enjoys yelling over loud speakers. Guests can remove their headphones and enjoy catching up with family and friends without losing their voices or hearing. And there's no better conversation piece than a full dance floor of people dancing and singing to what appears to be silence!



The biggest advantage of a silent disco is that it can take place virtually anywhere. There is no noise pollution as no actual music is being transmitted through speakers. Silent Noize have held silent discos in function halls, hotels, restaurants, warehouses, gardens, forests, festivals as well as nightclubs, pubs, bars and house parties.

So why not make your special day one to remember by having a Silent Disco at the reception? You can either switch the speakers over to the headphones to offer your family and friends something different, or have a completely silent party. It's what's trending!



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Soda Shoppe Pop

Soda Shoppe Pop was designed to merge modern youthfulness with a 1940's classic vibe. The linen colors from Connie Duglin Linen were the primary inspiration as they are a modern spin on the primary colors that are frequently seen in 40's memorabilia.

Centerpieces

Pops of color with fuchsia and yellows. Contrast the colors with deep blues and add a few pastels as a backdrop.



the best bridal shower

Beautiful lace dresses are a perfect combination for a fun colorful bridal shower. Your maids and your guests will talk about it for years. Don't forget to have fun with this style and incorporate your own color and style.



Soda Style

Colorful soda bottles with signature drinks really will give your guests a party to remember!



Streamers

Yes! Colorful streamers on the guest chairs in vibrant colors will flow in the wind for your unique garden party experience.



Soda Bar!

Set your table with all the welcome colors of this serve yourself Soda Bar. With a glass decanter, vintage bottles and of course, paper straws in vibrant colors. This will be a party to remember.



the color

Keep the colors bright. Incorporate Blue, Yellow, Fuchsia and Violets. Have your guests wear colorful dresses and the men wear matching color bowties.

decor

Use the creative colors in the straws as the base for the color inspiration. Cool pastels, candies, cakes and of course sweet drinks, make for a very retro styled shower.



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THE MAGIC OF MIZRAHI

By: Grace Crompton - Managing Editor

The Isaac Mizrahi brand is the epitome of iconic American fashion and stands for timeless, cosmopolitan style. Isaac Mizrahi launched his eponymous label in 1987 to critical acclaim including four Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) awards. Since its inception, it has achieved international acclaim for its colorful and stylish designs. The shapes and silhouettes are classic, clean and refined, while the execution is exuberant, bold and confident.

As the Chief Designer for his namesake brand, Isaac Mizrahi's vision continues to inform the creative direction of the brand. Additionally, his presence as spokesperson for the ISAACMIZRAHILIVE! on QVC as well as television appearances including Project Runway All-Stars, Good Morning America, and others help promote the brand to over 100 million households across North America and 350 million households worldwide.

UP CLOSE &
PERSONAL

Q In the beginning, your father Zeke Mizrahi who worked in the clothing business gave you a gift of a sewing machine, when you were only 10 years old. I would say that was probably the most important gift you were ever given, since it lead you into the remarkable career that you have today. Would you agree?

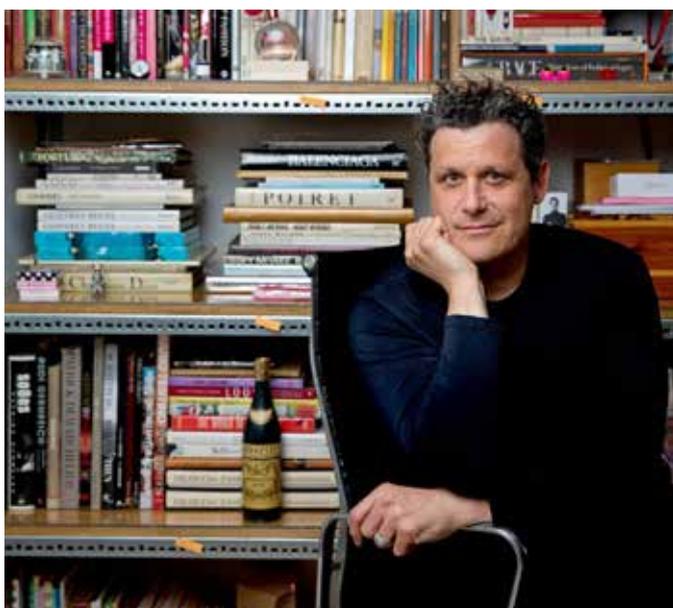
A It was more of a consultation than a gift, and I was a little bit older about 12 or 13. I saved up for the machine, and he went with me to buy it, and actually saw a better machine. They had beautiful machines there, older ones as well as newer ones. He insisted that I buy the older machine, and gave me the extra dollars to get it. We already had sewing machines in the house, but this one was more of a beginner sewing machine. It was a beautiful 1920's or 1930's style, and that's the real story.

Q You are familiar with the up's and down's of the business, it certainly can't be an easy one. What advice do you have for young people who want to break into the business?

A The point is that if you need too much advice you are in the wrong business. I think people can give you helpful points here and there, but really it's about passion. Nothing can stop you from doing what you are suppose to do, and doing what you need to. In order to have a good career in fashion, you must be passionate about. It's such a hard job, it's not simple. It has so many up's and down's, so unless you really love it and have passion for it, it's not going to work.

Q On Project Runway the judges are always saying to the contestants "who are you" when they speak about their designs. When you first began your collections, did you have a hard time focusing on where you wanted to take them?

A No, not really. It's not hard to know what you want to do, the hard part is editing. For the judges to know who the designer is, I will sometimes say "you can go a little bit simplistic", then sometimes that becomes a formula and it's not good either. There really is a balance, like in the case of Picasso let's say, in the period of abstract expressionism. He understood proportion and sense of color, the hand was there. Take a court like Chanel, with their gold buttons and frays. That is what they stand for, it became her brand trade. If you look at her career, she has literally done so many things until the 50's when she got into bags. That became her stock and trade. History kind of decided what Chanel would be remembered for, the things we all remember.



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THE MAGIC OF MIZRAHI

Q You have dressed A list celebrities and even a First Lady, but you haven't forgotten the masses with your line on QVC, Lord & Taylor, Hudson's Bay, Dillard's and in your past in Bloomingdale's and Target. You have branched into bedding, eyewear and grooming. How is it going for you?

A It's going great, I have so much fun with it! I feel like that's the most important part of the whole thing, that I am actually enjoying it. I don't know how to put it to you. At this age, you keep thinking my legacy, my legacy, but in the end it's not so much about your legacy but the story you tend to tell yourself about your life, and what it meant or what it means. I feel like I have so much success, but the real success to me all these years is that I have not been bored, and I'm having fun branching in all different areas.

Q A lot of people may not know this about you, but you have been in many movies and love to act, don't you?

A I love to perform, I have a wonderful cabaret act that I do, and I like doing it because I like it and I'm not bored by it, it's real challenging. I probably will be at Café Carlyle next year, and do a couple of gigs at City Winery at some point over the summer. I've been doing it for a very long time now with some of the same dance numbers that I absolutely love.

Q We are big fans of Project Runway All Stars and have been watching it since Season 1. What lead you to becoming a judge on Project Runway All Stars?

A I was doing a show called The Fashion Show on Bravo with Kelly Rowland and Iman, and someone thought of me for being a judge on Project Runway All Stars. I think if I am good at something, I should do it, so I took the job.

Q Do you have any new projects on the horizon that you would like to share with our readers?

A I have a few serious and important things going on. I am in the midst of writing a memoir which is very forward thinking and liberating in a lot of ways, and it's the most important of the projects I can talk about. I can't speak about some of them just yet.

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Q & A

Q You have designed a bridal collection in the past, do you think you may want to do another in the future?

A Yes, absolutely! Actually, bridal was the first thing I did when I started my collection. I had a bridal gown commissioned for a society girl that was getting married, it was a big media kind of thing and that was my first job.

Q Which major change in the fashion industry, since you began your career, is the most disturbing to you?

A The most disturbing thing to me is when people don't wear their clothes more than once, it's very upsetting. Especially in terms of what's happening in the world. This idea of conservation, and not trying to correct rack shelves of garbage, I'm very concerned about that. It first started with *Sex and the City*, every single frame she had something else on. All the young girls growing up thought they had to wear different things everyday. For me, it's the opposite. I think you are suppose to collect things, and re-wear them all the time, it bothers me. When I was a kid watching *Mary Tyler Moore*, she would have the same dresses that she wore regularly, it was called continuity. The character *Mary Richards* went to work, and she wore that suit.



Q Not only do you have a Passion for Fashion, but you also have a Passion for Food! Please share with our readers what some of your favorite recipes are.

A I have some great recipes! I have a really great recipe for a strawberry mousse cake, it's divine. It took me such a long time to develop that recipe. I also have a really good recipe for chicken fennel stew that I made up, it's delicious, and I have a really, really, really good recipe for tomato sauce. I make very, very good tomato sauce. It's usually each summer I make 70 jars. 70 is my record, I do it for days.

Editor's Note:

Isaac was kind enough to share his Chicken Fennel Stew recipe with us, and can be seen in our Top Chef's section.



From the bride

The theme for our wedding was a “sophisticated fairy tale” since the wedding was in Manhattan and we had in mind a Twilight-like wedding. We had actual Manzanita trees with twinkling lights and crystals hanging from them as centerpieces. I decided to purchase a pink dress because I have a “pink” personality.

I thought that I would never be able to pull off such a dress; but I did! It fit my body and my personality like a glove.

MANHATTAN Style

Photographer: True Love Wedding

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I walked down the aisle to the violin version of “A Thousand Years” by Christina Perri and we got married under an arch made with flowers and crystals, which matched the top of my dress. My bouquet also had crystals matching the dress.

We followed our photographer to Central Park where we had pictures taken. Little girls stopped me on the street thinking I was a princess. I made their day and they made mine! Afterwards, when we arrived at the reception, my dress just perfectly matched our theme. I was somewhat worried about being able to dance with such a big/sleeved dress, but I did not stop dancing throughout the night. In addition, people still mention how stunning I looked in that dress, and how well it fit me. Of course, my husband looked stunning, too.



details

Floral Designer: Dalsimer Spitz and Peck

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Dress Designer: Hayley Paige

Dress Designer: JLM Couture

Reception Venue: Le Parker Meridien



RUSTIC COASTAL



This styled shoot incorporated rustic coastal elements indicative of Tampa, Florida with beautiful colors of gold, blush, and pops of cranberry! We wanted to showcase a beautiful indoor ballroom ceremony with views of the water. This shoot features a stunning blossom branch arch with crystal chandelier and a ceremony aisle facing floor-to-ceiling windows of the water, along with an intimate reception setup with a feasting table of romantic flora, coastal details like a message-in-a-bottle guestbook and starfish escort card, plus one of the most unique cakes you've ever seen, with gumpaste net and shells and shadowbox stand!! So many beautiful and unique details that will inspire brides-to-be!



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HOW TO USE CRYSTALS @ Your Wedding...

Heather Askinosie and Timmi Jandro authors of Crystal Muse
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For one of the most special days of your life, your wedding day can cause a lot of stress. Crystals not only bring beauty to your wedding, they also infuse the occasion with a dose of nature's calm, grounding essence—which every bride could use on their big day! Whether you're a bohemian bride looking to lend positive energy to the warm aesthetic of your day, or you just want to add a touch of earthly charm to your centerpieces, crystals offer a unique way to express yourself.

Let these accents inspire welcoming vibes, and create a loving ambiance to commemorate your lasting bond.

How can you include crystals on your wedding day?

Give crystals to your wedding party: Rose Quartz is the ultimate stone of love, which makes it the perfect gift to express love and gratitude for your bridesmaids standing with you on your special day. It's also ideal for anyone of your bridesmaids looking to manifest love in their lives -- so give it to any of the single bridesmaids. On my wedding day, I gave all my single bridesmaids a Rose Quartz and my married bridesmaids Moonstone (to promote fertility). Within a year, all of my bridesmaids who were single were engaged and my married bridesmaids were well on their way to expanding their family. Give the groomsmen prosperity and abundance crystals like Malachite and Pyrite to bring them luck on their upcoming ventures. Ocean Jasper makes a beautiful gift for your in-laws to nurture their spirit and bring the families together.

Incorporate crystals into your wedding bouquet: Use crystals of love that connect with your heart to infuse your wedding bouquet with loving energy. I recommend Rose Quartz, Peridot, Malachite and Watermelon Tourmaline.

Use a crystal as your "something blue" accessory: Add a little blue stone (something subtle yet with meaning) as your "blue element." I personally love Aquamarine for calming and stress reduction or Celestite to connect you with the higher spiritual realms. Add it to your bouquet or attach a small stone or bead to the inside of your dress.

How can you use crystals before your wedding or even on the day of to calm your nerves?

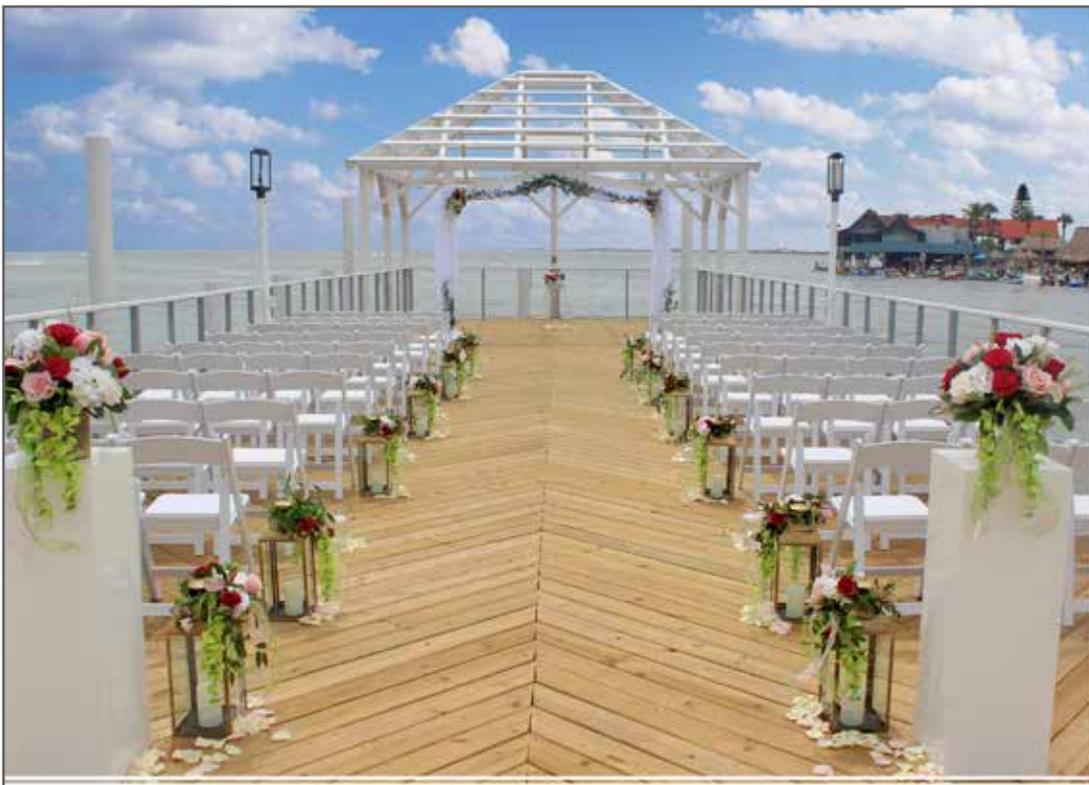
In the month before the wedding, anxiety and stress can be running high, so look to the soothing stones like Blue Lace Agate, Amethyst, Celestite and Fluorite to evoke peace and relaxation. If your mind is keeping you up at night with all the things you need to do, place a piece of Selenite near your bed or over your body before you go to sleep to clear, cleanse and calm your energy field. Also, soak in the love! Take baths with Rose Quartz + have it all around you.

On your big day, choose a crystal that represents the intention and energy you want to feel on your wedding day. Is it love? Choose Rose Quartz. Is it passion? Choose Garnet. Is it joy? Choose Citrine. Are you feeling overwhelmed and need to get back to a calm state? Choose Blue Lace Agate. Let whichever crystal you choose represent your intention for this important day, and if you begin to stray from it, let it take you back.

How can you incorporate crystals into their wedding décor?

Use crystals with your place settings or escort cards (and they can double as a wedding favor): Use an assortment of crystals and pair one with each guest's name on your escort card table or with your place settings. On the backside of the name card, have the crystal's special energy. You can theme the crystals to match any color scheme you may have! Create a crystallized centerpiece at the reception: Use large crystal clusters or geodes to create a beautiful addition to florals in your table centerpieces. We love to use Clear Quartz, white or peach toned Apophyllite, or Selenite to bring positive, high vibrational energy in the middle of the table. You can also use Selenite Candle holders with tea light candles in them to cast an ambient glow. Selenite constantly clears and cleanses the space.





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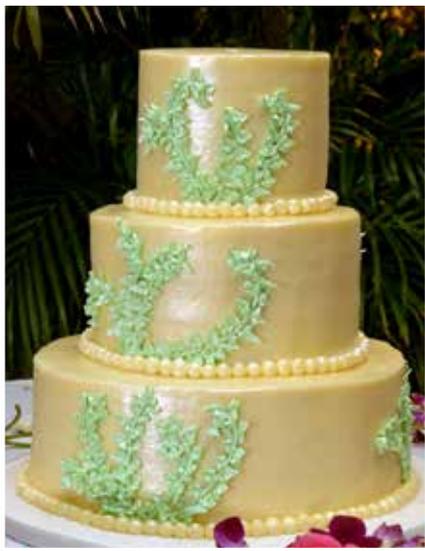


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Your wedding dress Pinterest board may be teeming with pins and ideas, news flash, that's not the only frock a bride-to-be needs. The year leading up to your wedding is full of mini celebrations, all leading up to the celebration. And a gal needs a head-turning look for all of them. (There will be photos. A lot of photos—trust.) But before you start hyperventilating over the thought of shopping for an engagement party dress, a bridal shower outfit, and a rehearsal dinner look—the list goes on and on—in addition to finding your wedding dress, take a breather, girlfriend. Rime Arodaky has already solved your dress dilemma with her Ready to Wear Rehearsal collection, a brand new line full of event-ready outfits—all in a wedding-white hue.

Your bride-to-be wardrobe is officially complete thanks to one of our fave go-tos for funky-yet-formal wedding dresses. Parisian bridal designer Rime Arodaky has just expanded her scope, now offering up ensembles that go beyond just the "I dos."

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I can see clearly now...total TRANSPARENCY

Most all brides ponder over the theme and colors they want to accentuate their wedding décor. They spend countless amounts of hours searching through dozens of pages on the web and in magazines. While others think outside of the box and incorporate old traditions with modern twists on them. If you have come to the point of seeing color swatches floating on your ceiling while you are trying to go to sleep you may find some relief in this idea! The “absence of color”, yes you read that right.

Have you ever considered not having any color at all? Once you take that idea in, it kind of gives you a sense of freedom. It relieves the stress of trying so hard to match everything. Adding crystals and clear objects in your details some may consider “futuristic”. It is fun and unique, and can be very creative. There are a lot of products that you can use to bring your clear thinking into your wedding day theme. From ghost chairs, to escort cards to chandeliers, and big engagement rings.

Enjoy this new concept and start seeing clearly now!



quick tip!

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A cake fit for the Queen

Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip married on November 20, 1947, and according to accounts, their four-tiered wedding cake was nine feet tall and weighed 500 pounds. The royal couple even cut the cake with Prince Philip's sword.

Bigger is always better

According to the Guinness World Records, the chefs at the Mohegan Sun Hotel and Casino in Connecticut built the largest wedding cake ever for their New England bridal showcase in 2004. The cake weighed 6.818 tons.

Looking for a husband? Just sleep with cake under your pillow

According to an old legend, a single woman who sleeps with a slice of the groom's cake under her pillow will dream of her future husband.

Grooms cakes

In the 17th century, grooms got their own wedding cakes, but these weren't as extravagant as brides' cake. A groom would have his own fruitcake that was served to his groomsmen.



Cake design by: Johnson's Custom Cakes

Instead of a traditional fruitcake, this royal couple went in another direction and chose a cake that took 515 hours to make

Prince Edward and Sophie Rhys-Jones tied the knot on June 19, 1999 and had a seven-tier Devil's Food cake that was ten feet tall. It took baker Linda Fripp and her staff at Upper Crusts Country Kitchen 515 hours to make. The cake was topped with tennis rackets to symbolize where the couple first met.

Diamonds are forever

In March of 2013, Cake, a bakery in Chester, England, displayed the world's most expensive wedding cake, valued at \$52.7 million. The eight-tiered cake had 4,000 diamonds from Russell and Case of Liverpool, England.

Wedding cake toppers have come a long way

Wedding cake toppers became famous in the 1950s and represented the couple's bond. Regarding their origin, an old story claims that a baker's daughter asked her father to create a symbol of her love for her groom. Her father created the bride and groom topper for the cake and his daughter loved it.

Thank Queen Victoria for the white wedding cake

White icing on a wedding cake symbolizes purity, a tradition that began in the seventeenth century. However, once the price of white sugar went up, white icing became a status symbol, showcasing the family's wealth. When Queen Victoria married Prince Albert, the white icing on her cake was known as "royal icing." The royal icing was made so it could hold the sugar paste models on top of the cake without the cake collapsing.

Tiered cakes started with piles of bread

The tiered wedding cake dates back to medieval times. Wedding guests would pile up scones, biscuits, and other breads, and the couple would have to kiss over the pile without it falling down. If they did it successfully, they were ensured a lifetime of prosperity.

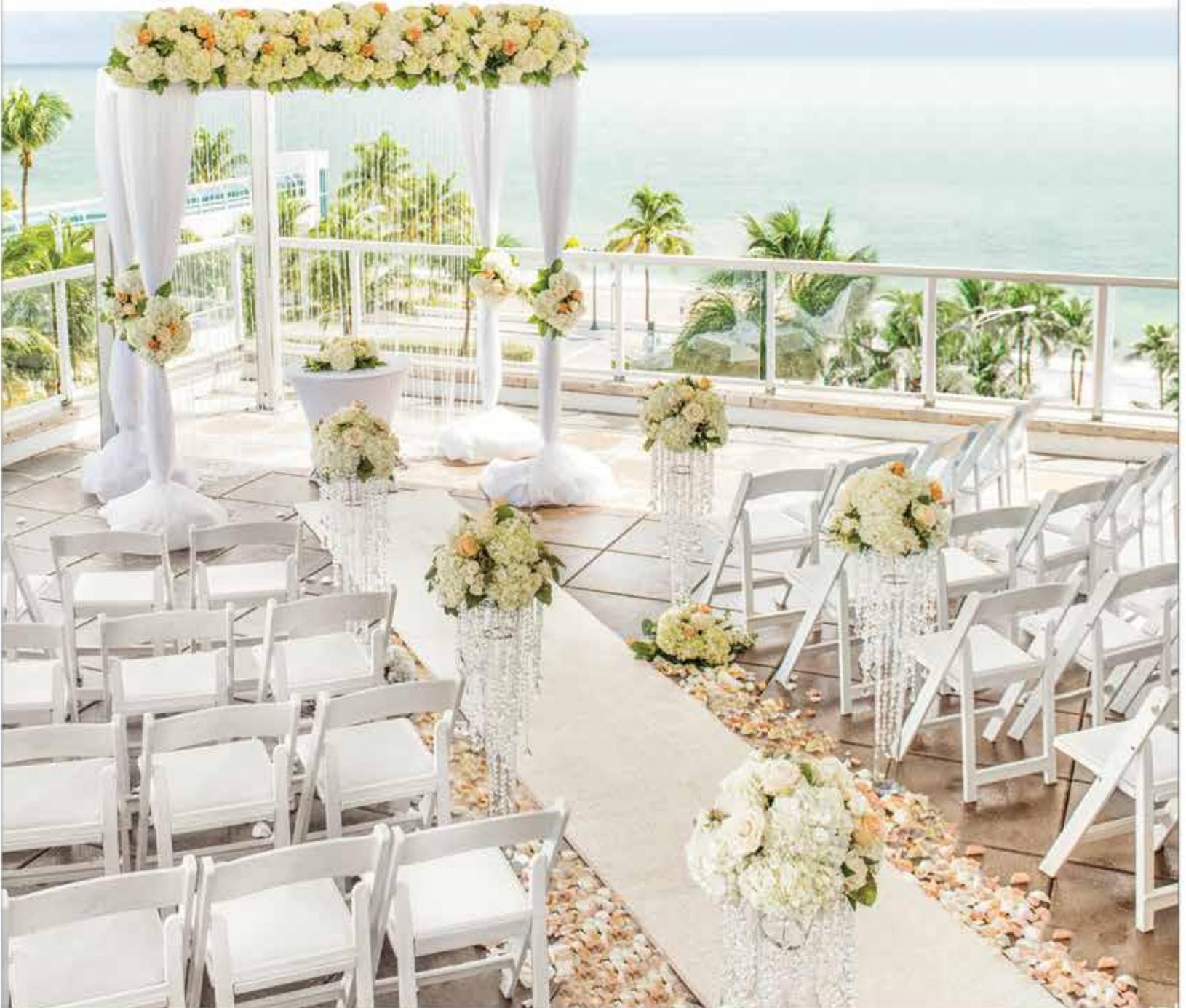


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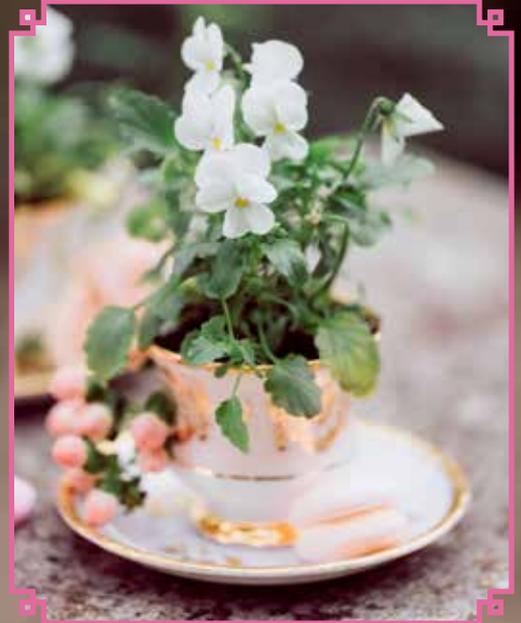
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My Fair Lady

Inspired by the timeless classic, My Fair Lady, this shoot focuses on a gently sophisticated color scheme of pale pinks, apricots and lilac. When most people think of My Fair Lady with regards to a wedding, they may think of Audrey Hepburn's iconic opera gown, but there were so many amazing outfits in the famous cinematographic version of the musical that we wanted to pull inspiration from other areas of the film as well.



The style of My Fair Lady is traditionally thought of as the epitome of feminine grace, so the focus is on soft feminine colors. Featuring beautiful dresses by two designers who specialize in that hint of color, Chantal Mallett and Katya Katya Shehurina.



My Fair
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Creating this shoot at the most beautiful secret location in London, we wanted to produce a unique concept to inspire brides and showcase how many original and beautiful bridal gown options are available for the fashion forward and unique bride. We wanted to celebrate the fact that you don't have to follow in other brides' footsteps and it is perfectly achievable to be classically elegant and beautiful, in a high fashion, colored wedding gown.

To complete this inspiration, Sanshine and I were joined by suppliers who shared our vision and wanted to create something beautiful and timeless: from the stunningly elegant stationery by Cuture to the incredibly delicate cake with sugar flowers by Judit Hellebrandt and classically beautiful florals by Miriam Faith, this shoot provides wonderful inspiration for any bride who loves musicals, My Fair Lady and all things Edwardian.





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What's that, you ask? The answer is really simple, by parting your hair. Did you know that there has even been a scientific study on it? The study suggests that parts subconsciously highlight our mental attributes. For instance, a part on your left side may send a message that we are more left-brained, while a part in the center of your head may show we are balanced or neutral. However, choosing a part doesn't necessarily mean you consider yourself as being right or left-brained. It simply means you want to do something that will make you feel and look great!



A center part highlights the angle of your face, but will also be less forgiving of asymmetry which means your cat-eye best be perfect.

Whereas, a side part will add asymmetry and soften features.

Now, this doesn't mean that you have to stick with one type of part. Experiment, you may want to put attention on your cheekbones, and you can do that by adding your part right where your cheekbones rise.

Still not sure which one is for you? Try taking selfies, lots and lots of selfies. Begin by starting your part far to the side, take your selfie, and start moving your part little by little to the center.

Then look at all of your pictures and see what it does to your looks, it's fun and easy to do. The pictures will tell you the truth.

The side part haircut is one of the few styles that has survived the test of time. It dates all the way back to the 1910s (and possibly before), and you can still see it on thousands and thousands of heads today.



8 reasons why you may not be getting the Manicure? you really want



Doesn't it just feel great when you get a great manicure? Whether you go to a salon or you prefer a diy one. Achieving the perfect manicure takes work, you know what I mean. The manicure that has no bubbles, all the color is perfectly distributed and lasts a long time. I love my gel manicure, it lasts much longer than a regular one and dries in super fast time. So why do gel manicures crack and split once the color starts to come off your natural nail? Well, here are a few reasons we have come across.

Nail Shape:

If the nail polish does not follow the natural structure of your nail shape, cracking can happen in the middle or on the side.

Over-filing:

Weakening of the sidewalls of your nail can happen when they are over-filed. When your nail becomes weak it is not able to hold the lacquer which leads to cracking. When filing your nails make sure you are filing them in one direction and not back and forth. When you file in a sawing motion it weakens the nail and makes it prone to splitting. When you file in one direction it will look better and is better for the health of your nails.

Structure:

If the nail polish does not follow the natural structure of your nail shape, cracking can happen in the middle or on the side. Lifting can happen if too much polish is put on the sides, tip or base. When applying polish use the most product in the middle and thin it out to the sides.

Gel Formula:

Certain gel formulas are more flexible than others are, meaning some work better than others. If you have weak or soft nails you need to opt for a more flexible formula. If your nails are strong, you will need a stronger gel formula. When you are not familiar with what the formula differences are ask a good nail technician and they will point you in the right direction.

Oily Nails:

An oily nail bed can cause a breakdown to your manicure. Our hands and fingers naturally have oils that can migrate onto our nail beds. If you apply polish over that it won't adhere right. Make sure you wash your hands with soap and water before having your nails painted. Then use a nail primer after you dry them to remove residue.

Aerated Polishes:

Lacquer formulas with too much air in them lead to bubbly manicures, and by using old nail polish you are going to end up with a sub-par manicure. If your polish has started to separate or smells funky get rid of it.



WITH ISAAC MIZRAHI

TIME TO ACCESSORIZE

There's no question about it: Designer Isaac Mizrahi is a household name. And that's because he's usually in your house, on your TV screen, talking about all things fashion. It's how he won over all of America (along with his designs, of course). Now, he's about to win us over yet again with his newest label IMNYC, exclusive fashions.

"It's my first foray into doors with stores, and I'm excited about it because it's a response to the idea of fast fashion," Mizrahi tells us. "All the pieces we're making for this collection are spot-on, but more than that, they're also classics—it will be something that you're going to wear forever."

His IMNYC collection, which comprises a whopping total of 100-plus designs, is available now. Unsure of where to start? We picked our favorites and helped you accessorize the look!



This Isaac Mizrahi Teal dress paired with White Slide Sandal Espadrilles are sure to please. Add this charming gold and bronze bracelet, and a teal braided leather watch to complete the look.



Isaac Mizrahi Light Pink dress paired with White Slide Sandals great for the reception. Accessorize with this great necklace, paired earrings and accent sunglasses..



Isaac Mizrahi White Lace Dress with white sneakers. Complete this look with a pair of white octagonal sunglasses and Mizrahi pearl and crystal link bracelet. A perfect ensemble for the after party.



Isaac Mizrahi Gingham Button Down Top with white pant and Red Slide Sandal. Pair with a Mizrahi skinny red strap watch and sunglasses. What a great rehearsal dinner casual look.

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NO MORE TEARS

This "happy tears" ceremony hankies display will pretty much guarantee that someone on your guest list is a wedding crier, so having handkerchiefs on hand is a great way to keep everyone's makeup from free-flowing down their face.



PERSONALIZE YOUR VOWS

Planning to write your own wedding vows? Tuck them away in a vow journal. These pocket-size books are perfect for hanging onto during the ceremony (don't you always feel less nervous when your hands are doing something?) and serve as a nice keepsake for years to come. Our favorites range from small leather-bound pages to wood. Pick a matching "his and hers" set or opt for separate designs that show off your own styles.

A NEW TAKE ON TRADITIONAL

Lanterns aren't just for reception decoration. They're a romantic replacement for the traditional bridesmaid bouquet that also adds a pretty glow to an evening ceremony. Then, once the photos are snapped, they can be repurposed into your cocktail and reception décor or gifted to your bridesmaids. Not really into the whole lantern idea? Have your maids carry matching clutches instead of the traditional bouquet. Either way you are sure to turn heads as you walk up the aisle.



HOW TO HANDLE WEDDING

CRASHERS

Image this: You're at your wedding reception, busy chatting with your guests, when you spot someone who you didn't invite—a stranger, a friend you had a falling out with, a plus-one. None of these people should be there.

When we think of wedding crashers we tend to think of Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn, but they were not the original ones to start it. Wedding crashers have been around for a long time. What do you do if someone shows up that's not on your guest list? After all, you painstakingly thought it out. Believe it or not, there are different types of wedding crashers and they need to be handled differently.

These could be plus ones that weren't on the RSVP, or children that showed up at an adults only reception. Bothersome yes, but it is probably best if you just do your best to accommodate them.

How about the ones that just saw a party and thought they would like to have some fun. You don't even know them! In other words, total strangers? Have your biggest and beefiest guy guest (an ex-linebacker or Marine will do) stand menacingly over the crashers and ask them who they are. Most uninviteds will take the hint and quickly take a hike. If not, have staff from the reception site (quietly) escort them out.

Some couples don't mind, the more the merrier as long as they are not eating food or taking drinks they bought for their invited guests. But, if someone shows up to start trouble because of an ex breakup just have them removed. Try not to get involved in a confrontation, you want everyone to enjoy this special day!



Boho Style

Many brides are embracing their Boho chic vibes!

Texture, colors and layers are the elements used to create this look. Starting with selecting fabric from Atlas Party Rental a mix of patterns in the same color family but not too matching. The wrought iron chairs brought in another element as did the copper silverware and Moscow mules.

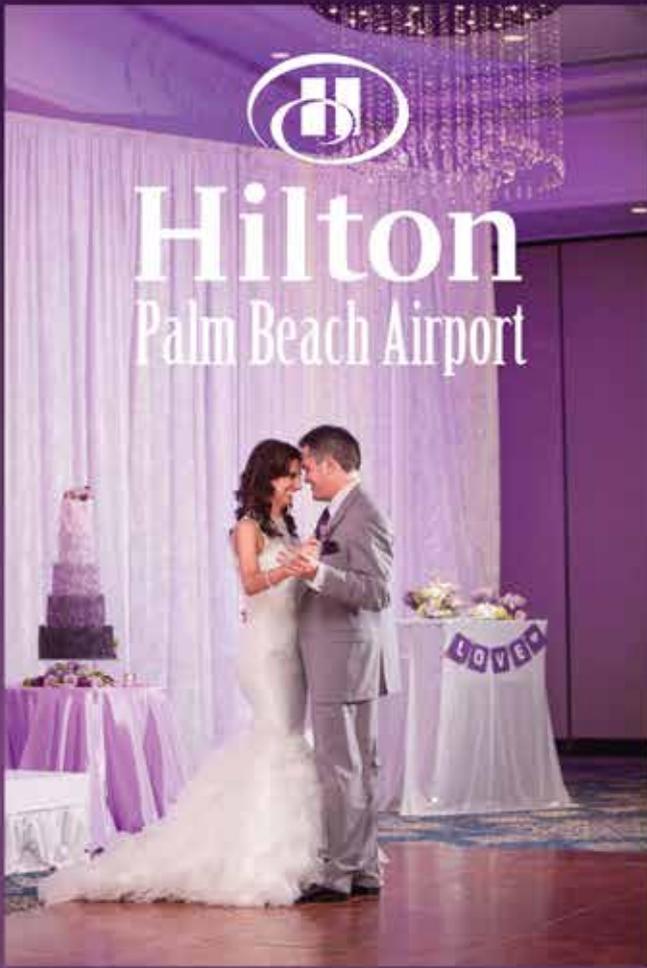
The center of the table is Mother nature herself presiding over the feast, she was covered in moss with blooms and greenery in vibrant colors to bring our eyes up. Along the table were Chinese wood and wicker spheres entwined with a mix of tropical blooms sourced from around the world bringing a global feel. All these elements layered perfectly to complete the perfect look and feel without competing with the Boho wedding dress and headpiece."





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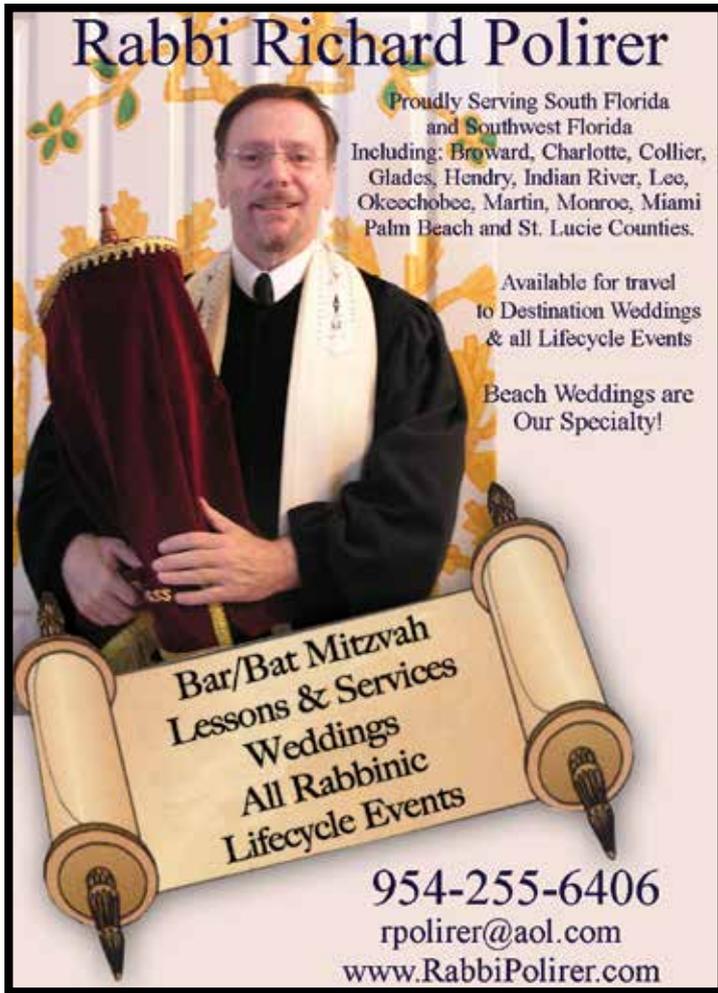
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THE SCENTS OF THE SEASON

By: Kristi Moe

Kristi Moe founded Zodica Perfumery in 2016. An avid lover of perfume, Kristi was often frustrated with perfume shopping. She wanted to discover a perfume that connected with her, but without being overwhelmed by headache-inducing smells and pushy salespeople. She set out to find a better way.

Kristi sought to take out some of the perfume guesswork with a concept that everyone can relate to, but that was also personalized. That's when she landed on the concept of zodiac personalities combined with aromatherapy and psychology principles. After three years of development, she risked her entire savings to bring the collection to market. Magically, her premise actually worked and has quickly obtained a cult following.

Zodica Perfumery is making perfume shopping a magical experience. The collection comprises of 12 eau de parfums, one for every zodiac sign. Each fine fragrance evokes a vibe reflecting the sign's personality, energy, and season.



ARIES

Firestarter Aries jumps into each day with bold determination and drive. She lives in the moment, making her intense desires a reality. Put a little extra pep in your step with notes of invigorating Cinnamon, Vanilla, Amber and Tobacco.

Element: Fire

Season: Spring

Vibe: Energy

Perfume Tip: Lightly spritz the perfume across the face (eyes closed), for an unstoppable, energetic aura.



TAURUS

Decadent Taurus patiently strives to create a beautiful life. She doesn't shy away from hard work to find security. Her reward is lavishing in the finer things on life. Invite beauty into your day with a note bouquet of Jasmine, Heliotrope, Iris, Neroli, and Geranium.

Element: Earth

Season: Spring

Vibe: Beauty

Perfume Tip: Spritz the neck for a sensual, illuminating aura.



GEMINI

Cheerful Gemini brightens everywhere she goes. Her duality nature helps her see all sides to a story. She can serve as a bridge, bringing people together in harmony. Uplifting mandarin, orange blossom, and mimosa flower shines sunshine into the darkest of days.

Element: Air

Season: Spring

Vibe: Harmony

Perfume Tip: Spritz arms for an uplifting, vibrant aura.



CANCER

Lovely Cancer leads with her heart. She nurtures her tribe and loves hard. Her cozy nest is a respite from the stormy world. Romantic rose sets the mood for this ultimate cuddle perfume.

Element: Water

Season: Summer

Vibe: Love

Perfume Tip: Spray the décolleté for a soft, romantic aura.



LEO

Glamorous Leo shines unlike any other. She brings the fun to any room and treats her tribe with royal loyalty and generosity. There's never a dull moment with a Leo. Bring on the spotlight with show-stopping Gardenia, Jasmine, Honeysuckle – it's a perfect summer day, bottled.

Element: Fire

Season: Summer

Vibe: Happiness

Perfume Tip: Spritz hair for a warm, dramatic aura.



VIRGO

Polished Virgo is the definition of flawless. She's a siren sweetheart who's always there with a helping hand. Her selfless nature makes her a friend you can count on. Just like a Virgo, the balance of summer flowers and autumn fruit is practical perfection.

Element: Earth

Vibe: Grace

Perfume Tip: Spritz your wrists for a subtle, elegant aura.



LIBRA

Charming Libra is all about spreading the good vibes. She's a social butterfly who's never met a stranger. You can count on her to get the party started - everyone loves a Libra! Pop, fizz, clink! Deliciously sweet peach and Brazilian mango is fun, flirty and almost good enough to drink.

Element: Air

Season: Autumn

Vibe: Charm

Perfume Tip: Spritz the hips for a deliciously flirty aura.



SCORPIO

Mysterious Scorpio has an intensity you can't resist. Once she reveals her complex layers, she's unforgettable. Intoxicating dark notes of ylang-ylang, oak moss, musk, and patchouli is best worn behind closed doors.

Element: Water

Season: Autumn

Vibe: Passion

Perfume Tip: Dab perfume across belly button for a hypnotic, passionate aura.



SAGITTARIUS

Straight-shooting Sagittarius lives the gypsy life; curiosity drives her to explore every corner. She's happiest with space to play and the freedom to chase dreams, regardless of risks. Sparks fly with her smile. Sweetest berries contrasts richly against exotic musks, inspiring visions of new horizons.

Element: Fire

Season: Autumn

Vibe: Adventure

Perfume Tip: Spray the lower back for an exotically sweet aura.



CAPRICORN

Fearless Capricorn is a born leader who's earned her bragging rights. She knows how to run the show and attracts an entourage along the way. Focusing yuzu clears the mind so you can power through your to-do list.

Element: Earth

Season: Winter

Vibe: Hustle

Perfume Tip: Spritz behind the knees for an unwavering, powerful aura.



AQUARIUS

Freedom-loving Aquarius radiates light, captivating others with an endlessly bright mind. As emotional rebels, they seek space to find clarity in their inner lives. Crisp verbena and cardamom helps Aquarius maintain their cool-head persona, the epitome of grace under pressure.

Element: Air

Season: Winter

Vibe: Moxie

Perfume Tip: Spritz the ankles for an unrestrictive, elevating aura.



PISCES

Ethereal Pisces floats in a world where time is lost and dreams are lived. Her hauntingly creative expression of what could be brings the stars within her grasp. Neroli, Cyclamen, and Light Musks is the ultimate chill-out perfume, calming your mind with spa-like relaxation.

Element: Water

Season: Winter

Vibe: Dream

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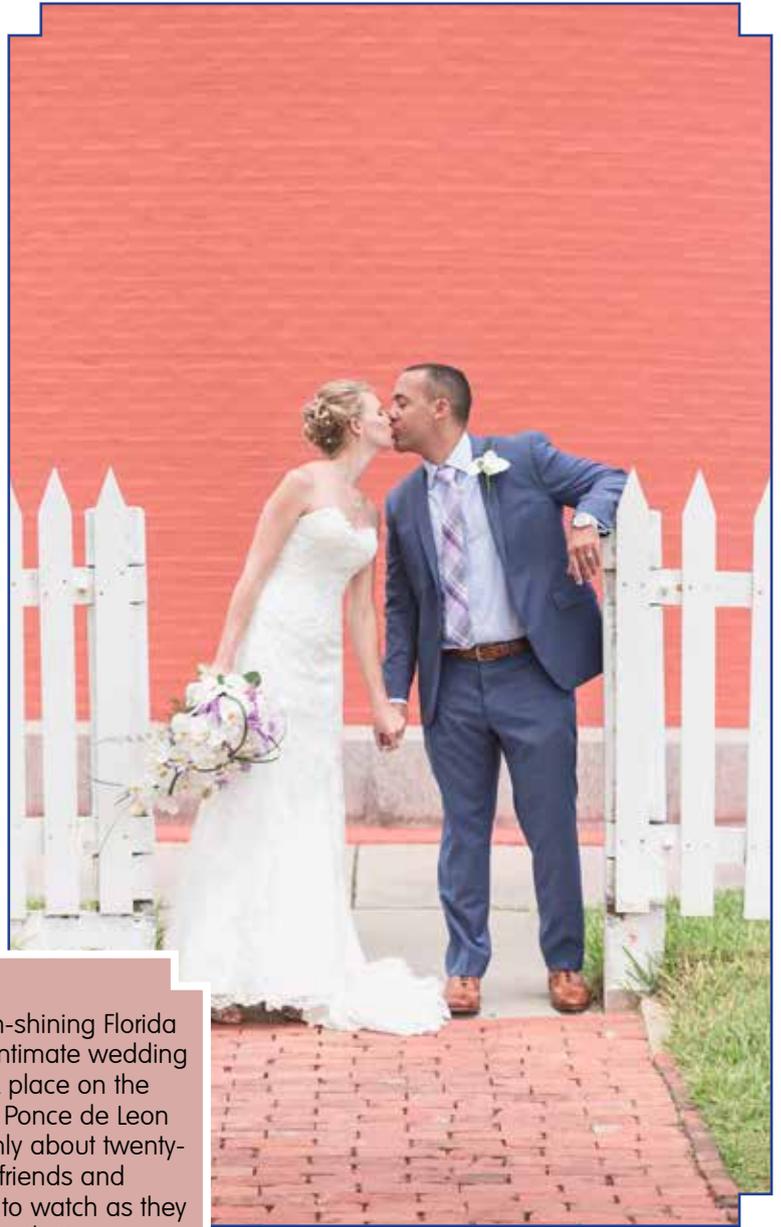
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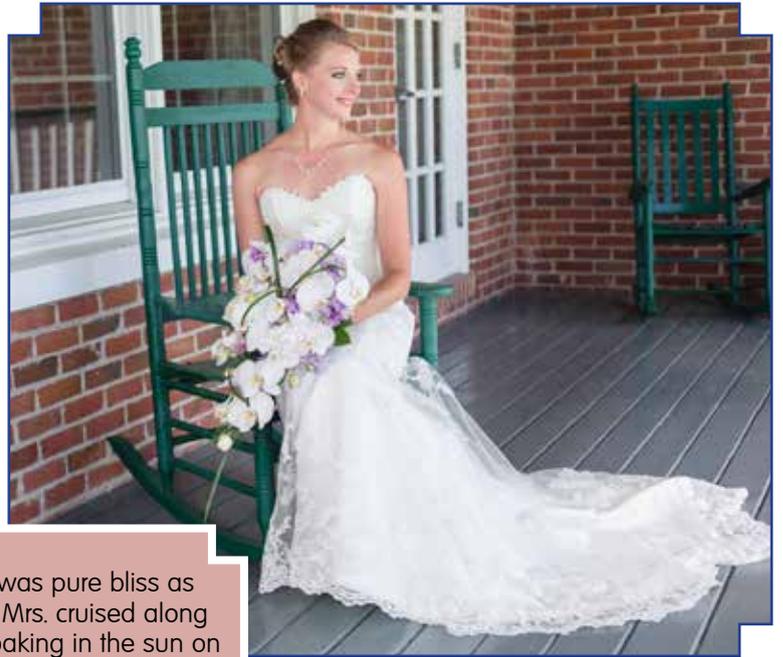
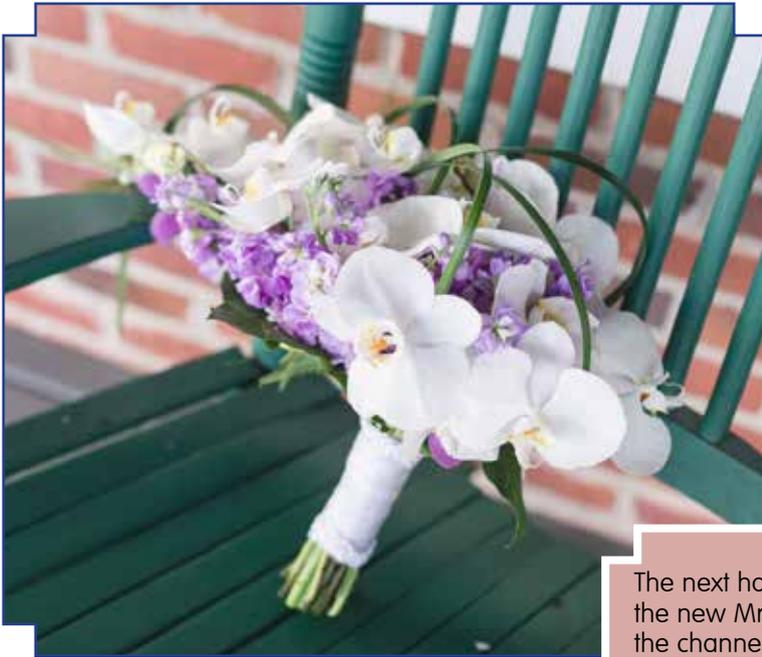


COASTAL BLISS



It was a breezy sun-shining Florida afternoon for their intimate wedding ceremony that took place on the lawn in front of the Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse. Only about twenty-five of their closest friends and family joined them to watch as they said "I do." Following their vows and a few portraits in and around the lighthouse, we headed down the street to the pier where they had a private yacht awaiting them.





The next hour was pure bliss as the new Mr. & Mrs. cruised along the channel soaking in the sun on the deck and spotting dolphins en route to their reception. When we arrived at the Smyrna Yacht club shortly before sunset, they made their grand entrance to dozens of cheering guests.



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Royal *Wedding Menus* Throughout The Years

With preparations for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's big day no doubt in full swing, we have decided to take a look back at some of the traditions used in past royal weddings. Following in the footsteps of Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, the nuptials will take place at St. George's Chapel in Windsor castle. The guest list will include fellow royals, foreign leaders, church officials and celebrities with Meghan carrying a bouquet made up of myrtle - a tradition set by Queen Victoria.



Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip (1947)

The couple married just two years after WWII ended, and the country was still in a period of rationing. Some dishes were made possible by donations, but chefs managed to create a luxe menu.

Filet de Sole Mountbatten

It's customary to name a dish after both the bride and groom. The filleted sole was Prince Philip's; Mountbatten is his family name.

Perdreau en Casserole

That means partridge in casserole, and it was served alongside green beans, salad, and pomme noisette - fried balls of pureed potatoes.

Bombe Glacée Princesse Elizabeth

A bombe glacée is a dome-shaped ice cream dessert. The one served at the wedding reception, named after then-Princess Elizabeth, was made with strawberries. The fruit was a major luxury for a November wedding; palace staff grew them in a hothouse.

DINE IN ROYAL STYLE...

Princess Margaret and Antony Armstrong-Jones (1960)

The couple's lavish wedding was the first to ever be televised. Now, you can watch Princess Margaret (Queen Elizabeth's sister) and photographer Armstrong-Jones' entire relationship play out on Netflix's *The Crown*.

Filet de Boeuf Princesse

Since this was the dish named after Princess Margaret, you can assume beef tenderloin was one of her favorite meals.

Haricot Verts

Green beans aren't just a popular wedding side now. They've been trending for decades. Both Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret served them at their receptions.

Soufflé Surprise Montmorency

Think of a soufflé as a puffy, egg-based pudding. They're notoriously hard to make.





Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips (1973)

Princess Anne, the queen's only daughter, and her first husband bonded over their love of horses. Their wedding meal featured two main courses, plus a wedding cake that was exactly the Princess's height.

Lobster

The extravagant feast kicked off with a plate of lobster for each guest - and that was for breakfast!

Partridge

Next came partridge, which Princess Anne's mother served at her own wedding. It was plated with fresh peas.

Peppermint Ice Cream

A November wedding would have meant 40 or 50 degree weather. Still, Princess Anne and Phillips served this frozen treat after their morning meal.

Prince Charles and Princess Diana (1981)

Around one billion people worldwide tuned in to watch the so-called fairytale wedding play out on television. Only 120 people were actually invited to the breakfast reception that followed.

Quenelles de Barbue Cardinal

Quenelles are like fish dumplings, and the ones served at this royal wedding were made from brill and served in lobster sauce.

Princess of Wales Chicken

This dish, named after Princess Di, wasn't ordinary, dry wedding chicken. It was stuffed with lamb mousse.

Strawberries with Cornish Cream

Unlike the strawberries served at Queen Elizabeth's wedding, the berries would have been in-season at Prince Charles and Princess Diana's wedding. They were topped with Cornish cream - another term for clotted cream.



Prince William and Kate Middleton (2011)

Rumor has it, this royal wedding cost 20 million euros to throw. But instead of accepting gifts, the couple asked that people donate to one of their 26 favorite charities. Only close guests were invited back to Buckingham Palace by the Queen for a lunchtime reception.

Marinated Salmon, Crab, and Langoustines

The first course was a local seafood triple whammy, served with an herb salad.

Lamb Saddle

The organic lamb Prince William and Kate chose was a bold choice compared to standard chicken or beef. It came out with spring vegetables, asparagus, potatoes, and Windsor sauce.

Chocolate Parfait

Guests at the reception were treated to a trio of desserts: a chocolate parfait, a sherry trifle, and ice cream made with honey from the English county where Kate Middleton grew up.

New York Fall 2018's

New York Fashion Week Fall 2018 saw a lot of exits and swan songs, small, intimate presentations and big buck productions—but we're getting down to the fashion. See the ten best looks of the season, from Carolina Herrera to Calvin Klein.



1

CALVIN KLEIN

The American Stock Exchange was a hot spot at NYFW, but Raf Simons' approach for Calvin Klein was less sleek Milanese dinner party and more creepy rural Americana farmscape on a bed of popcorn.



2

BOTTEGA VENETA

Bottega Veneta brought the elegance of Milan to the runway of New York City—and the New York Stock Exchange in particular. The best looks were all rich boudoir, like this sunshine yellow textural gown with bra detail showing through.



3

ALEXANDER WANG

Wang's swan song to NYFW took place at the old Conde Nast building amidst flickering fluorescent lights and standard gray office cubicle walls—but the looks were all modernized "Working Girl" and the most polished the designer has been in seasons.



4

BROCK COLLECTION

Wang's swan song to NYFW Brock designers Kristopher Brock and Laura Vassar have made a duo name for themselves in denim and ultra-feminine dressing—melding the two perfectly for Fall 2018.



5

OSCAR DE LA RENTA

Laura Kim and Fernando Garcia delved into the Oscar archives and embraced the label's identity as a house of gowns this season more than ever before—bringing home the idea with unabashedly pretty strapless dresses with billowing skirts with utterly whimsical prints.



10 Biggest Runway Hits

From big names like Oscar de la Renta to newcomers like Brock...



6

CAROLINA HERRERA

Carolina Herrera handed Wes Gordon the reigns of her empire as he handed her a bouquet fit for a queen. A fantasyland of stunning gowns including this '80s inspired red off-the-shoulder dress that shows the always-regal designer's affinity for a little drama and a lot of class.



7

MARC JACOBS

The New York native went all-80s-all-the-way, effectively convincing a crowd of runway-worn fashion folk that the future is all about the past for the last show of the week. A black patent trench with exaggerated shoulders wasn't the most over-the-top look.



8

MICHAEL KORS

Kors had a little something for everyone at his Fall 2018 show—from ball gowns to plaid suiting and a leopard coat. This leather trench and flares is part of Kors calling card of exacting basics worth collecting.



9

BRANDON MAXWELL

Maxwell showed a collection that was all about casual elegance for Fall 2018—complete with models spinning in perfect Pat Cleveland style. This finale look of a hoodie on an embroidered ball gown skirt, worn by Gigi Hadid drove the idea home.

2018



10

THE ROW

The restrained beauty of the Isamu Noguchi sculptures on the runway at The Row is the perfect metaphor for the label's understated, beautifully executed looks. This flowing white top and drop-waist maxi skirt with just the right sheerness drives the idea home.



Guest list

making...the B list

The Guest list... this can be a sensitive and controversial subject. It is not an easy part of the planning process, especially when you are working with a tight budget for the reception. Of course, you want your closest family and friends to be there, but then your parents begin to add on more family members from out of state and people who work with you or them.

Inevitably, the guest list will get cut down, and feelings may be hurt. A lot of times guests from other states are not able to attend. You never know who will ultimately RSVP, so having a second list on hand may be a good idea.

Be very careful the way you handle this second list, and everything will work out fine, and no one will know any different. The way to work this is not to send invitations on list number one to anyone that knows guests on list number 2. You will need to make another response card with a later date on it. Send your list number one out early with an earlier RSVP date, then you will know how many guests will actually be attending. You don't want a guest to know they didn't receive their card at the same time as other guests did.





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Isaac Mizrahi Live! Short Sleeve Peplum Flounce Knit Top

Manhattan's Soho neighborhood is of particular significance to the Mizrahi fashion story. For Isaac, it was where he bought a studio on Greene Street to first house his business in 1986; for his father Zeke, it was the location of the clothing factory he worked in during the late '30s. "I have to say that my father's business didn't appeal to me, but of course, the sewing machines and the craft of making clothes did," says Mizrahi. "What I gleaned from all of that was that he literally put his life into the idea of the manufacturing of these suits."

Mizrahi has found his niche. His QVC items colorful trench coats, patterned blouses, and statement accessories are affordable, but still priced higher than your average Macy's brand, and so they propose a certain level of luxury to shoppers. Plus, he gets to leverage his outsized personality on TV.

"Isaac is truly a renaissance man," says Steven Kolb, president and CEO of the Council of Fashion Designers of America. "He is a rare talent that has never been tied to one singular idea. The status quo is not him. A willingness to adapt in our industry is important and that is Isaac."



Fancy-free and feminine, this short-sleeved tee takes on a sweet style with a peplum flounce detail below the waist seam. From Isaac Mizrahi Live!(TM).

"I guess I want them to understand that I never made a formula that designers are supposed to create. I only did things that were interesting to me, and I hope they will notice the humanity in that"

ANATOMY

of a wedding dress

NECKLINE

The neckline of a gown defines the feeling and tone of the dress. Be sure to try on different necklines to see which looks best on you.

SLEEVE

Sleeves are the oft-forgotten part of the wedding gown, especially as strapless gowns have become more and more popular.

WAISTLINE

The waistline is a focal point of the dress. Different body types will look dramatically better in certain waistlines. For instance, an empire waist will add length to a petite figure.

BODICE

The bodice refers to the area of the gown above the waist. It is often used by designers to add dramatic elements, such as beading or ruching.

SILHOUETTE

The silhouette refers to the overall shape of the gown. The most popular are Ball Gown, Mermaid, Sheath and A-Line.

FABRIC

Fabric dictates the look and weight of the dress. Various types of materials are used to create a luxurious look and feel, but the type of fabric can also add to the price tag. The venue, time of the year and your style should help you decide the fabric to choose.

THE TRAIN

The skirt style and train set the formality of a gown. Trains may vary in length from short (sweep train) to very long (cathedral train).



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Rachel Zoe Names the Five Best Celeb Wedding Gowns Ever...

Rachel Zoe has some major fashion news.

After creating her own line, styling Hollywood's stars for some of the biggest red carpet events and lending her sartorial secrets to women everywhere, the fashion mogul is taking her expertise to new levels, launching her own bridal collection.

The line, which will include dresses that range from \$595-\$1,000, will be available for sale on shoprachelzoe.com. So in honor of her foray into the bridal industry, we get her take on all things bridal.

What are your five favorite wedding dresses of all time?

In no particular order...



in Honor of Her Newly Launched Bridal Collection!



Princess Diana

She completely epitomized the opulence of the '80s, with the tradition of a true princess. Only she could pull it off.

Diana's ring consisted of 14 solitaire diamonds elegantly surrounding a 12-carat oval blue Ceylon sapphire set in 18-carat white gold. It now sits on Kate Middleton's finger.

Kate Middleton

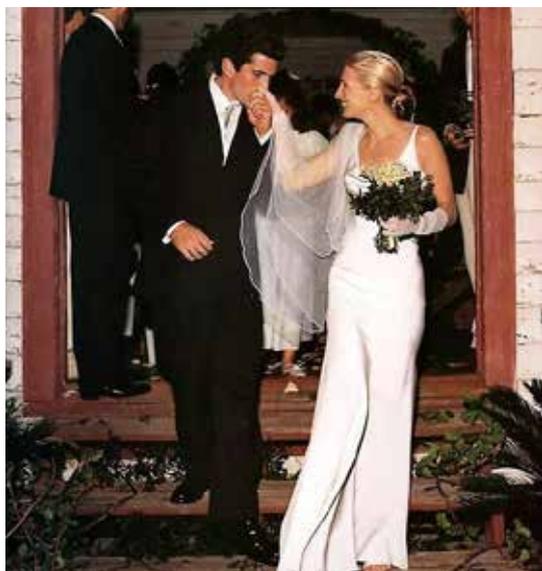
I love that she wore McQueen, an English designer. The femininity and tradition of it all epitomized her as our modern day princess



Carolyn Bessette Kennedy

The Calvin Klein slip dress she wore epitomized simplistic elegance and gave brides the confidence to be understated.

Kate gave a sweet nod to Will with her bouquet. The arrangement featured hyacinth, lily of the valley, ivy, and one flower called sweet William.



Poppy Delevingne

Poppy epitomized modern romance with her couture Emilio Pucci and Chanel gowns.

Poppy's Maid of Honor wore a Chanel Couture dress, and she was one of 17 bridesmaids.



Margherita Missoni

It was so ethereal and bohemian with her rosette-covered off-the-shoulder frock. Guests enjoyed the party while lounging Marrakech-style in the Italian hillside.

Margherita's Groom was also very elegant as were the bridesmaids with daisy wreaths.



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FEARS

This is supposed to be the happiest day of your life, but you are downright petrified! Some brides love being the center of attention while others shy away from it. If you are one of those brides we have some tips that we hope will calm those wedding day fears.

Trim your guest list

A boutique wedding may be more your style and make you feel more comfortable. Invite immediate family and only close friends that have been an important part of your life journey.



Moral Support

Having both parents walk you up the aisle or two people that are close to you will help you feel more confident and help ease the tension of that walk up the aisle. You can also opt to be standing upfront with the groom and bridal party rather than actually walking up the aisle.

The First Dance

Start the first dance together and have the bridal party join in after a few notes. Your DJ will be happy to invite your maids and their significant others to join in.



Choosing a head table instead of a sweetheart table will make you feel more blended in. Confidence: Remember those that are there on your wedding day are there to celebrate it with you and your new spouse. Thank them accordingly.

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Go for a simple point collar, and a **bow tie** is crucial. florida-bride.com in the Groom's section shows you how to tie it.

Sacrifice free-throw mobility and select a high **armhole**

For single breasted suits, two **buttons** are clean and contemporary

Go the Goldilocks route with **trousers** not too full, not too pegged

Point to point, the fit should hug a man's natural **shoulder** shape

Shawl **lapels** are dressier than the traditional peak lapel. Adding a more formal look

Guys let's not forget the perfect **pocket square**

A quarter inch to a half inch **reveal** is the preference

Cuffs have no place on a tuxedo, the leg should end with a modest break

A **calf lace-up** is an acceptable alternative to the traditional pump

Spring Summer 2018 Trend Forecast

Spring is upon us (finally!). To commence the much-anticipated season, SD Events in Boston, MA + South Florida just unveiled its Spring/Summer 2018 Trend Forecast. Including the top three wedding trends we're expecting to see a lot more of in the coming year.

WRISTLET

CASCADING

The cascading bouquet has made a big comeback in the floral world over the last few years. And now there's an added twist - the wristlet! It's a modern take on a classic style that's both elegant and versatile whether creating something more organic and small or a bit more dramatic and over-the-top.



TRIO TWIST

POP INSPIRED

This pop-inspired style is a nod to the 90's color craze that's making a huge comeback in 2018. The juxtaposition of the two different styles is what makes this look stand out, and the pop of color adds a bit of sass – allowing the bride to show off her fun, playful side. Try adding this style into your overall bridal look.

PATTERNS

GEOMETRIC

Geometric patterns and metal have emerged as popular accents for table top displays, to create a look that's clean and chic - yet slightly unexpected. First it started with incorporating metal vessels like vases and candle holders, but now things like metal chargers and menu cards are taking the look to the next level. You can either keep simple with smaller accents or carry the metal theme through your entire event design starting with metal save-the-dates or invitations.

Pro tip: Because metal accents can be pretty expensive, if you're looking to save, you can choose a thicker metallic paper. It'll achieve a similar look for a lot less!



MY FAIR LADY

BEHIND THE SCENES

The Editor's Shoot

My Fair Lady is a 1964 American musical film adapted from the Lerner and Loewe eponymous stage musical based on the 1913 stage play Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw. With a screenplay by Alan Jay Lerner and directed by George Cukor, the film depicts a poor Cockney flower seller named Eliza Doolittle who overhears an arrogant phonetics professor, Henry Higgins, as he casually wagers that he could teach her to speak "proper" English, thereby making her presentable in the high society of Edwardian London.

The film stars Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison as Eliza Doolittle and Henry Higgins respectively, with Stanley Holloway, Gladys Cooper and Wilfrid Hyde-White in supporting roles. A critical and commercial success, it won eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor, and Best Director. In 1998, the American Film Institute named it the 91st greatest American film of all time.



The photoshoot for our Editor was depicted using the original dress from the Broadway production of My Fair lady. The Ascot dress worn by Miss Hepburn in the most memorable scene in the film, is perhaps the most famous garment ever designed for a motion picture. We then added all the extras! We just had to have that iconic hat to match the dress and let's not forget the white gloves and parasol.



When we decided to recreate the My Fair Lady themed look there was only one choice the ascot race dress and Grace rocked it!. The silhouette, graphic detail and striped bow placement make the look so memorable. The black and white stripes are pure fashion genius.

Eliza Doolittle said it best.

"The difference between a lady and a flower girl is not how she behaves, but how she is treated. I shall always be a common flower girl to Professor Higgins, because he always treats me like a common flower girl, and always will. But I know that I shall always be a lady to Colonel Pickering, because he always treats me like a lady, and always will.



Grooms Corner

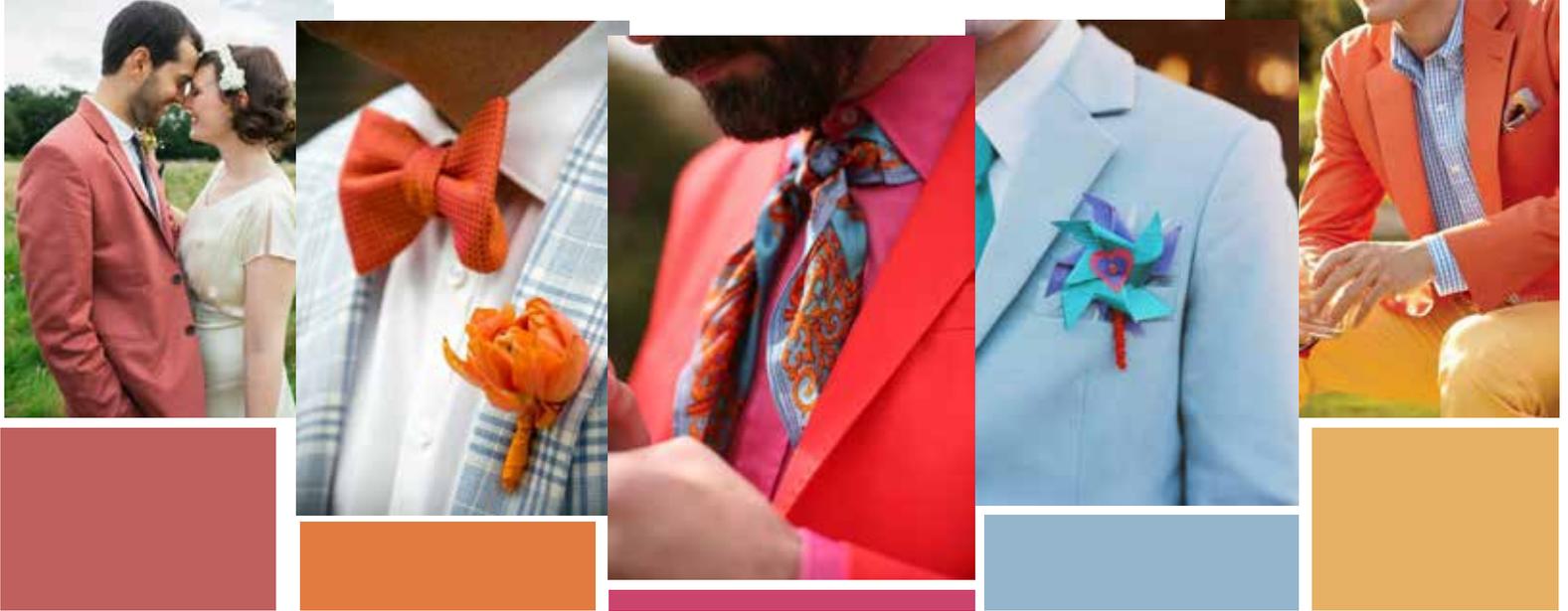
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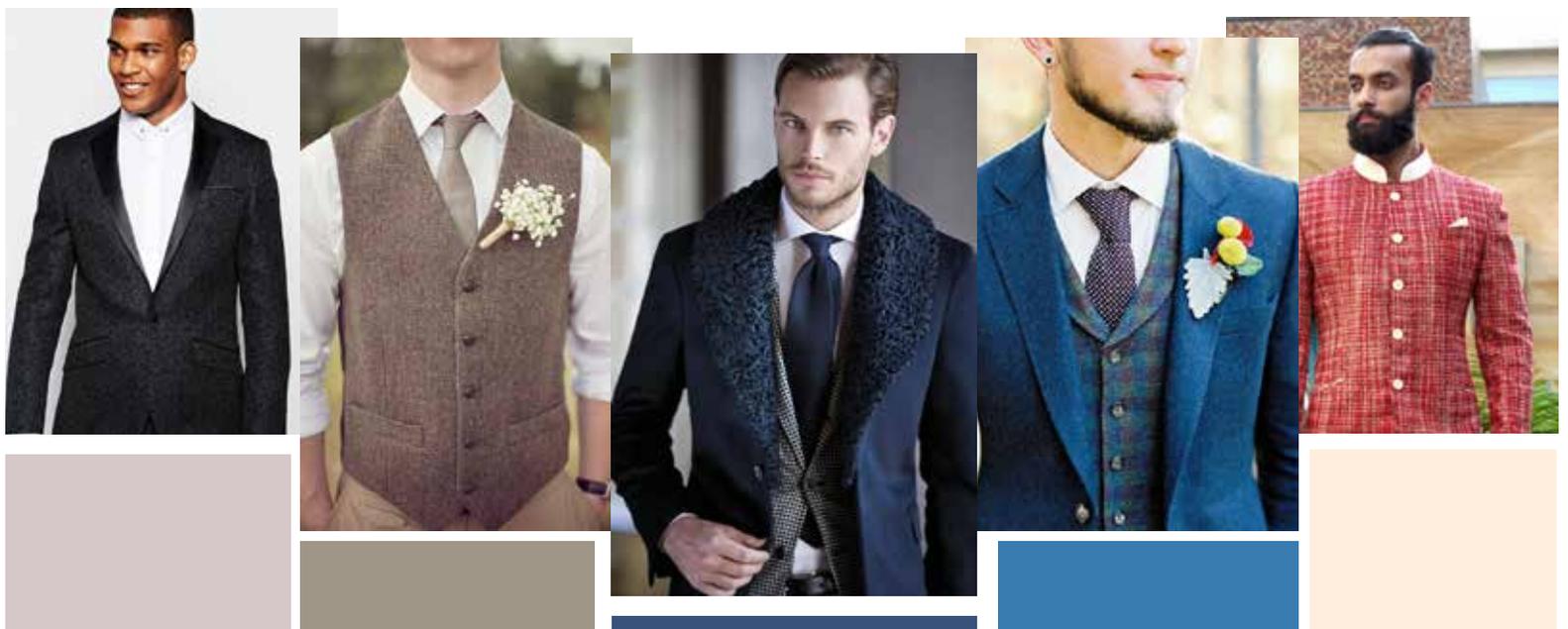
Bold, Bright Colors

Gone are the days of playing it safe for a groom's wedding day attire. Sure, we love a black and white tuxedo just as much as the next person, but today's groom has many more options when it comes to color. And it seems like in 2018, the bolder your color selection is, the better the look.



Textured Fabrics

Tired of the same old suit? Thankfully, designers are starting to present men with more options with their suit jackets, and they are starting to introduce more textures like velvet, linen, tweed, and brocade for the more fashion adventurous types. These suits will photograph well and add those extra little details to put your wedding look over the top.



Daring Ties

This is certainly the decade of the bold tie. If there's one fashion risk you should take at your wedding, it's ditching the solid tie for a bold pattern of your choice. This is also a really great option if you have two grooms and you're wearing the same tuxedo or suit—everyone gets to have a different style, but it's still one cohesive look



Beards

Wedding Facial Hair Styles for Grooms We're Loving

News flash: It's totally possible to find mustache and beard ideas for grooms that are nice enough for the wedding day. Yes, it's a dressy occasion that calls for a little cleaning up, but that doesn't mean you should sacrifice your personal style. And let's face it: Plenty of men look hella handsome when sporting facial hair. Just take a cue from these guys, who opted to go light on the razor and bypass the blades in favor of showing some serious scruff for their walk down the aisle.

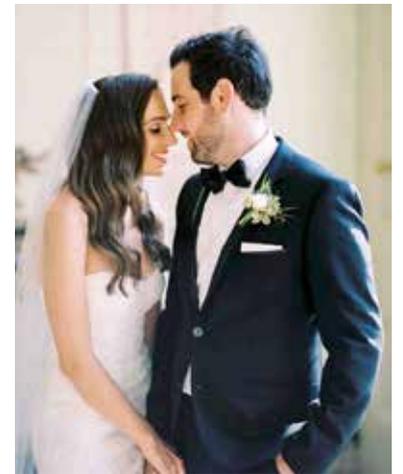


Handlebar Mustache

With his full beard and handlebar mustache, Alan looked every bit the classic gentleman when marrying Trish at their Toronto ceremony.

Big-Day Beard

Opting for a first look on their wedding day. What did Jackie see? Her hubby-to-be, outfitted in a Hugo Boss suit, Tod's shoes, and of course, a debonair facial hair style.

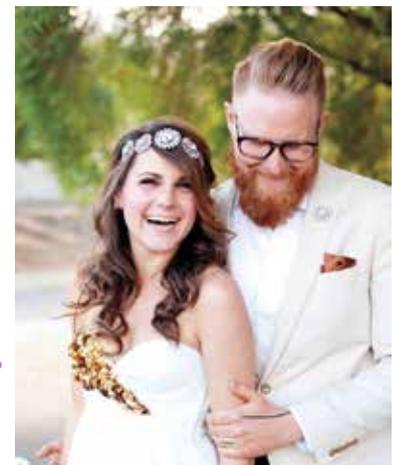


Scruffy Beard

Along with a traditional kilt and tweed jacket, Scotsman Jeffrey Hope sported some scruff for his rustic Maine wedding to Jayme.

Long Beard

At this Palm Springs soirée, Jared balanced his trendy, thick-rimmed glasses with an impressively long, full beard.



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IN AMERICAN

WEDDINGS

Weddings in America are just as diverse as the couple who comes together to share their lives forever. American Traditional weddings take place in a church with family and friends in attendance to help celebrate the joyous occasion. Weddings in America also take place in chapels scattered throughout the U.S. Some couples choose a wedding ceremony on a beach or in a garden. Whatever location you choose for your wedding ceremony, here is a look at some of the customs and traditions that seem to stay with couples no matter where they are.

Why a White Wedding Dress?

The wedding dress trend currently is white or ivory, as this symbolizes purity. This is a newer superstition because white was started to be worn as a wedding dress only during the Victorian age over a hundred years ago. And at that time, white was worn as an announcement of affluence because white dresses then were only worn once. A black wedding gown was considered taboo in the last decades, but recently, this is also becoming an option for brides. Black flatters a woman's figure and skin tone, and this flattery is appreciated on a bride's wedding day. A common superstition is that the groom is not suppose to see the bride in her wedding dress before the wedding day. There is also the superstition for the bride to avoid wearing the dress before the day and see herself in the mirror, because something that prevents the wedding may happen. This is a headache for the brides who want to make sure everything should be perfect on the day. All brides deserve a perfectly-fitting dress. Some who still want to follow this superstition fit the lining of the dress, and leave all trust to the dress maker. Some dress makers leave some stitches unfinished and only do the last finishing stitches before the bride leaves for the wedding.

Bridal Bouquet

The type of flowers the bride clutches during the wedding ceremony signify her emotions towards the marriage. In olden times, the bridal bouquet had herbs and spices instead of flowers. It was believed that these strongly aromatic plants will ward off evil spirits intent on possessing the bride. At present there are a lot of designs of bouquets the bride may decide to clutch throughout the ceremony. Some bouquets are cascading, others are pomander balls, some wrapped in delicate fabric. The designs are endless. Other brides decide to carry a bouquet of significant items that are special to her.

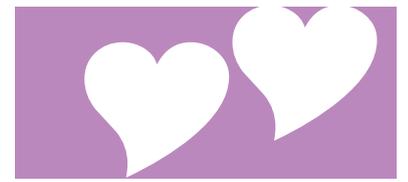
Wedding Car

The wedding car is just as important as the wedding rites. The wedding car is the first venue for a couple to be alone and have privacy after they leave the church or the reception. In older times, it is considered good luck to have the wedding carriage drawn by gray horses. It is also a good omen if the wedding carriage meets a gray horse on the way to the reception. It is considered bad luck if a horse refuses to move or walk after the ceremony.

These days, it is considered ill luck when the car won't start or breaks down. It is also believed that after the bride is set at the church door the car should travel for a short distance before going back. Not doing so would cause the bride or groom bad luck. Wedding cars are usually decorated with flowers, or a sign that says Just Married, or hung with tin cans. These tin cans clank along the pavement as the car moves. The noise it makes is believed to ward off evil spirits.



beauty unmasked for all to see!



When I was younger my mother never wanted me to wear makeup. She would always say that natural beauty is the ultimate beauty, and makeup makes you look older. Of course, like most teenage girls I couldn't wait to get together whatever money I could come up with to buy my first makeup kit. I fell in love with it the first time I put my eyeliner on, and experimented with color eyeshadow. My love affair with it has lasted for years.

no-makeup MAKEUP



Now that I am all grown up, the only thing that has changed is that I want to look more youthful like so many of us do. Luckily we are just in time for the "no makeup" trend! This bare lid gives us that smack of youthful innocence we crave. Actually, I have found out that by not wearing any eye makeup is the best way to change the emotional architecture of your face!!! People will wonder what the change is, but won't be able to figure out your new youthful appearance. The models have been wearing this nearly naked eyelid on the runways, and this is especially a great look in the warm summer months.



To achieve this "less is more look", a light hand while applying your products is best.

If you prefer a glossy natural shine look, dab a moisturizer on your lid or under your brow bone.

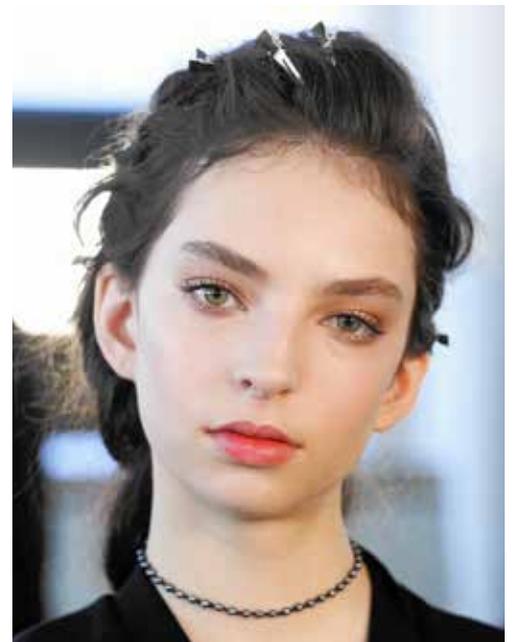
For a Shimmery glow that works for oily skin or skin that tends to sweat when it's hot, use a shimmery shadow instead of a gloss.



Like a no shine look on your eyelid which gives a more polished look, use a matte shadow on your lid. Choose a shade that matches your skin tone.

Diane Kendal, a New York-based makeup artist, has become known for creating muted runway looks for designers like Prabal Gurung, Alexander Wang and Thakoon.

Though Ms. Kendal says the look has always been part of her repertory, the scrubbed face "is definitely a nod to the '90s," she said. "That's when a lot of the designers now were growing up and that's something for them to reference. It looks much more modern and dynamic. Being fresh-faced gives you an air of confidence."



LOVE IS ETERNAL

Megan & Jim

Jim and I have known each other for 13 years. We lost touch for several of those years and saw each other again a few years ago. From the first weekend we spent together we did not leave each others side. The universe had completed its mission of bringing us together and in a short time, we knew it was written. It would be impossible to walk away from each other and dissolve the undeniable magic we both recognized.



Five months later, we were engaged in London. One month after that our love multiplied with the news of our pregnancy. About 18 months after that, we met at the alter in heavenly Ravello, Italy. And every single day we wake up, we are even more in love, more happy and more grateful for the life we have created together and what is to come.



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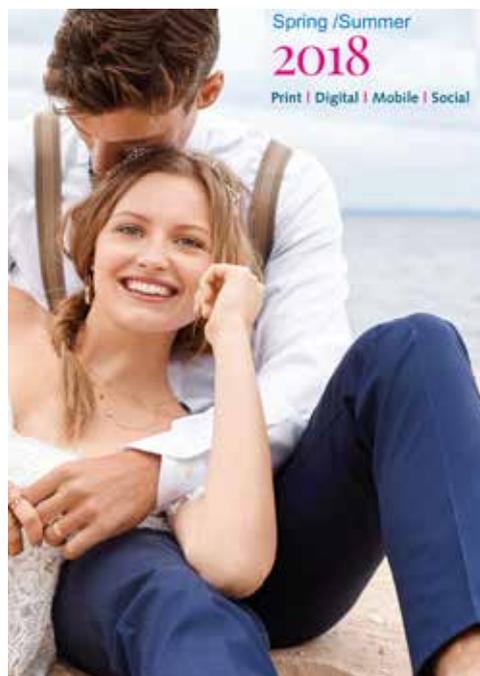
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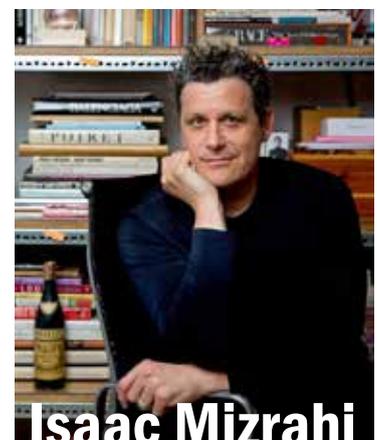
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