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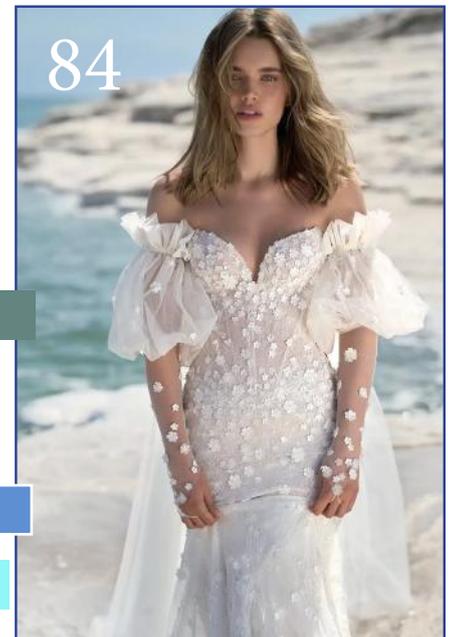
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Winter/Spring 2026

Letter from the Editor:

Welcome to our Winter/Spring 2026 edition

Here we go again ready to face a new year with a sense of hope and inspiration. As we look back over our past year, we remember our family and friends and those that have crossed our path.

In our Real Wedding section, we have a Yellowstone wedding, and who doesn't love Beth and Rip! Looking at the photos of the couple's wedding you would automatically think it was set in the west, but with the imagination of a great creative team the east coast was transformed.

I got caught up in the inspiration of the Yellowstone real wedding and decided to do my editors letter in that photo theme. The horse in the photo reminded me of "Trigger" in the Roy Rogers movies.

Talking about inspiration, check out the INSPIRATION section for some wonderful tips.

The cover dress was designed by Lee Petra Grebenau. Lee states 'her designs are a celebration of life's most beautiful moments' and her gowns truly reflect those words.

Our makeup section says it's "all about the eyes" and our makeup artists never disappoint with their imaginative artistry.

Designer Ines Di Santo's 2026 collection titled "Romanticism Unveiled" began with her studying the 5 core characteristics of intellectual and artistic movement. Find out what they are.

We can't forget the guys! Check out the "Sneak into the wedding" article in the Groom's corner. Also, how to incorporate colors, textures and accessories into your style.

As always, my wish for you is to have a Very, Happy and Healthy New Year filled with love everywhere around you.

Happy Trails...

Your Editor,

Grace Crompton

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There's a quiet kind of magic that happens as the sun begins to set. The sky shifts into shades of rose, amber, and gold, casting everything in a soft, romantic glow. For couples drawn to that golden hour warmth, a sunset-themed wedding is just perfect! It's a celebration



Glowing Sunset

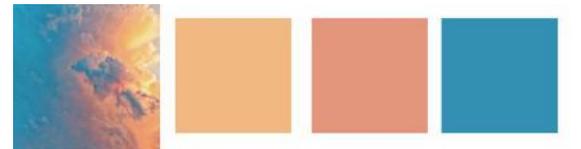


of color, mood, and the way love feels at its most poetic. In this guide, you'll find inspiration for every part of your day, from golden-hued florals to dreamy dessert bars and softly lit ceremonies, all designed to make your sunset celebration unforgettable. When planning a sunset-themed wedding, your venue plays a key role in setting the mood and capturing that golden-hour glow. The right location frames the entire experience of your ceremony and photos in the warmest, most flattering light.



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To create the Spring 2026 collection titled “Romanticism Unveiled,” I started by studying the Five core characteristics of the artistic and intellectual movement. Focus on Individuality, Emphasis on nature, Emotion over reason, Freedom of form, Exploration into the unknown

In this digital age of algorithms, AI, and an abundance of screens, I wanted to explore the expression of my imagination and the very essential human aspect of creativity amplified by modern technology, blending the two worlds as seamlessly as possible. It was our goal to use technology as a tool to enhance the viewers’ experience, so we designed an immersive environment utilizing projection mapping to showcase our collection of gowns that celebrate heritage craft and construction.

Our fabric developments this season led us to adapt and push the limits of modern embroidery and laser cutting machines to create new layered fabrications, pairing them with both hand painted and hand beaded details, a level of craft and artisanship that can never be fully substituted by machines.

Showing this collection in an immersive space really allows the audience to feel my intention of emotion on a grander scale and exhibits my vision for how the future of fashion can marry the art of hand craft, storytelling, and technology.
– Ines Di Santo

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SPRING INSPIRATION

look book seasonal table tops

Strawberries and various fruits are in season during the spring, so take advantage of the beautiful colors and textures they can add to your tabletops. We love how sweet Seasonal fruits looked beside the chamomile centerpiece and printed linens. If this isn't spring in a photo, we don't know what is.



SPRING INSPIRATION

Try Fruit cakes and bouquets



Fruit has been all the rage recently. However, in addition to turning to apples and oranges, we note that many couples are seeking unusual and unexpected types of produce, such as small melons, piles of figs, strawberries on the vine, or plums on the branch. And beyond the bright or moody colors, it's often the textural elements of the produce that draws soon-to-be newlyweds to such elements. Fruit that drapes, like dark grapes and ruby red currants, are always welcome because they add that flow and curve to your design, and they look fantastic in photography.

Dressing for your winter wonderland wedding is all about looking regal and elegant while still being comfortable AND warm even in chilly weather. We've compiled some great ideas to help you attain the perfect winter wonderland look for your big day.

Faux fur shawls, wraps, and jackets are a great option to add regality to your wedding look. Whether it be in the form of a shawl, wrap, or jacket worn for photos or for the whole ceremony and reception, faux fur creates an elegant winter wonderland look that elevates your wardrobe.



WINTER WONDERLAND

look book 1

Outdoor Fashion

Bridal capes. Whether you prefer a sequin lace capelet or a dramatic floor length sheer cape, adding this piece to your wedding dress is a fabulous way to make a simple dress even more chic while keeping warm. You can take the cape off for the reception and completely transform your look, giving you the feel of a second dress at no extra cost!



Unique sleeves

Sleeves come in all different styles from more traditional bridal lace to bohemian bell and romantic bishop sleeves. When you're dress shopping, try on a variety of sleeves so you can best decide what fits your personal style. You may be surprised at what you choose!



Winter Bouquets

From frosty whites to deep berry hues, winter wedding bouquets are a stunning fusion of seasonal charm and timeless elegance. Picture lush greenery like evergreen sprigs, soft blooms like roses and ranunculus, and accents of pinecones, berries, or even subtle metallic touches to bring your floral arrangement to life.



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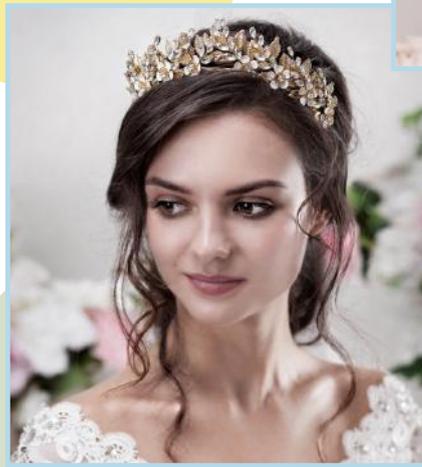
TIME FOR A TIARA AND CROWN

Revival!

Every bride dreams of looking like royalty on her wedding day, and what better way to achieve that regal look than with a stunning bridal tiara or crown?

From classic and timeless designs to modern and chic styles, wedding bridal crowns and tiaras have evolved to suit every bride's taste and budget.

We explore the best bridal crowns and tiaras making waves in 2026. Let's discover the magic of these exquisite accessories.



Why should I consider a bridal tiara or crown for my big day?

Think of a bridal tiara or crown as the final finish to your bridal look. It's not just about looking regal, it's about feeling like you're on top of the world. And with so many brides opting for that royal touch, you'll be right on trend!

How do I choose the best bridal tiaras that compliment my dress?

Balance is key! Choose a more understated bridal tiara crown if your dress is a showstopper. But if your dress is simple and elegant, a statement wedding crown for the bride might be the way to go. Let's not forget, it's all about creating a harmonious look.

CLASSIC AND TIMELESS

Can I pair a veil with my bridal crown?

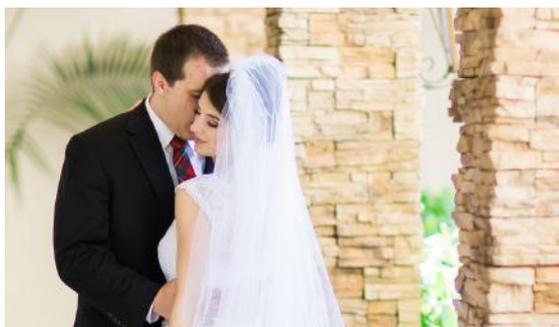
Yes you can! A bridal wedding crown paired with a veil is a match made in heaven. Just make sure they complement each other. For instance, a grand wedding crown might go well with a simpler veil and vice versa.



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Veggies and Herbs to Grow Indoors



Don't let winter or your lack of outdoor space hold you back from growing fresh vegetables and herbs. Root vegetables like carrots, beets and radishes, as well as greens like spinach, swiss chard and lettuces, can all be grown indoors. Growing fresh herbs such as parsley, cilantro, oregano, mint and thyme can help elevate your cooking and add some charm to your kitchen decor. Read on to find more tips on growing vegetables and herbs inside your home.

Use Smaller Plant Varieties

Space is often the biggest issue when it comes to growing vegetables indoors. Fast-growing leafy greens like arugula, kale, swiss chard, spinach, bibb lettuce and microgreens are a great option because they don't need a lot of space and can continually be harvested so they can be kept compact. If you have more space, consider growing root vegetables.

Try Microgreens for Mini Bursts of Flavor

Perfect for space-challenged indoor gardens, microgreens are simply baby versions of your favorite plants. Common greens such as mustard, kale and beets, as well as peas, chives and broccoli, are tasty and packed with nutrients when they are seedling size. You can grow microgreens from standard seeds or purchase seeds specially made for growing micro size. Microgreens need to be sowed frequently, so seeds sold for microgreens will come in larger quantities than seeds meant for outdoor gardens. Growing microgreens is fast and easy. They are usually ready to harvest in about a week or two. You don't need a lot of room or special containers; small, shallow pots a couple of inches deep will work great. You can buy special-made planters for microgreens, or watch a video on how to grow microgreens in a recycled plastic party tray from the supermarket. Be sure to use a seed-starting potting mix, give your microgreens plenty of sunlight and water frequently. Microgreens are used more as a condiment than a main dish. Sprinkle them over salads, omelets and stir-fry dishes.

Grow Root Veggies in Large Pots

Carrots, beets, onions, garlic and radishes can be grown indoors. Planting these beauties is not just about what grows below the dirt, their green tops (on some plants they're called scapes) are tasty in salads, sauteed and in pesto mixes. Look for smaller varieties, often called compact, petite or dwarf. Sow the seeds directly into large, deep pots so they have plenty of room to grow down as well as up. Standard potting soil will suffice. Also, using large pots means they'll dry out slower; remember container gardens need more water than in-ground gardens. Re-sow after harvest to keep the supply going all year long.





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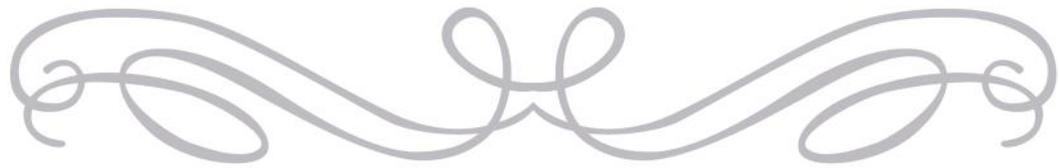


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Trends

Retro Cakes

It was a key 2025 wedding trend, but it's got even bigger - wedding cakes are becoming seriously nostalgic. Whether it's a single-tiered sheet wedding cake, a cute and kitsch Lambeth cake, or even a wedding cake table covered in retro desserts (we're talking 70s style jellies, mini meringues and more), love is seriously sweet. It's the drool-worthy wedding trend, we can't get enough of vintage wedding cakes! Vintage styles and retro aesthetics are having a serious moment right now, especially in the dessert world. With opulent piping and dreamy color palettes, these vintage cakes capture all the romance, whimsy, and nostalgia of a bygone era. And we are in love!

So if you're looking for some sweet ideas for your 2026 wedding, feast your eyes on these vintage inspired wedding cakes the best "something old" for your big day! Speaking of 2026 wedding trends, the Rococo aesthetic is having a serious moment this year, from elegant corset gowns to, yes, vintage wedding cakes! Pinterest even named Rococo Revival one of its top predicted trends for 2025, with opulent and ultra-feminine details taking center stage.

For the best Rococo inspiration for your big day, look no further than this three-tiered masterpiece. From the fun and feminine color palette to the flower-infused cake stand, it's a dreamy homage to the stylish era.



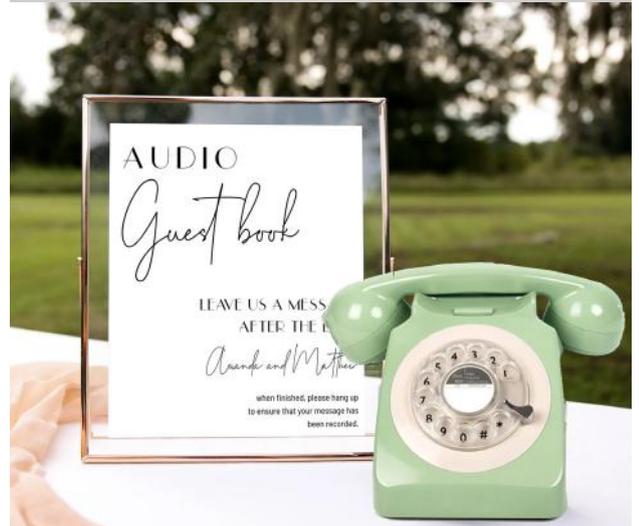
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Audio Guestbooks

Weddings are becoming more immersive, and couples are prioritizing guest experience like never before. From audio guest books, where couples can listen back to voice messages from guests and even overlay them over their videography, to themed catering and custom newspapers, including crosswords, quizzes and more, weddings are a full-on experience for all those who attend. Aidan, from the I Do Hotline team, explains why audio guest books are on the rise: “We believe that audio guestbooks are the future - guests leaving heartfelt messages filled with memories, marriage tips, and messages thanking the married couple for inviting them to their special day. “The days of paper form guestbooks are already out of fashion, and the ability of technology is allowing guestbooks to turn a corner into the next generation. There is never a day that goes by where someone doesn’t use a piece of technology, and this provides people with a perfect platform to capture the heartfelt messages in a digital form, and a much more sentimental approach.

“One thing we are seeing is the generation opting for the audio guestbook is somewhat younger and therefore those invited to their wedding are also of the younger generation. This is a perfect match and creates some amazing, funny and heartfelt memories more than you would ever get in a guest book of the traditional style.” Looking for a unique way to capture memories from your big day? An audio guest book is one of the biggest wedding trends right now, giving couples the chance to treasure their guests’ voices, laughter and well wishes long after the party’s over.

Instead of signing a traditional book, your loved ones simply pick up a phone, leave a message after the beep, and create a keepsake you’ll want to replay for years to come.



Twice Upon a Time Collection by Hayley Paige



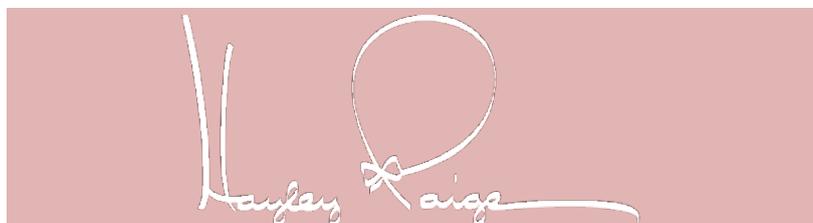
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Few names in bridal fashion evoke as much excitement as Hayley Paige, who's making her highly anticipated return to NYBFW. Having designed gowns for more than 10,000 brides (including stars like Kelsea Ballerini and Carrie Underwood), Paige says this year's collections are about fashion with feeling. "2026 is shaping up to be the year of intentional drama—not volume for volume's sake, but emotion you can wear and sense," she explains.

"The trend isn't a 'look' so much as a language: bridalwear as memoir." What this translates to is thoughtful moments of dramatic volume and detailing, like punchy peplums and bubble skirts. "It's no longer about dressing for a trend," says Paige, "It's about dressing for your own cinematic moment."



Twice Upon a Time is my return home — to the craft of bridal couture that made me whole. This is a defiant chapter in my story, built on humility, evolution, and honesty. Each gown was created with gratitude and awe that I get to do this (again) for a living: artful silhouettes, custom fabrics, and details that feel deeply personal, because that is exactly the kind of creativity and devotion this work deserves. I design for the bride who refuses to disappear into her dress — who's worn every version of herself to get here, and chooses to honor exactly who she is.





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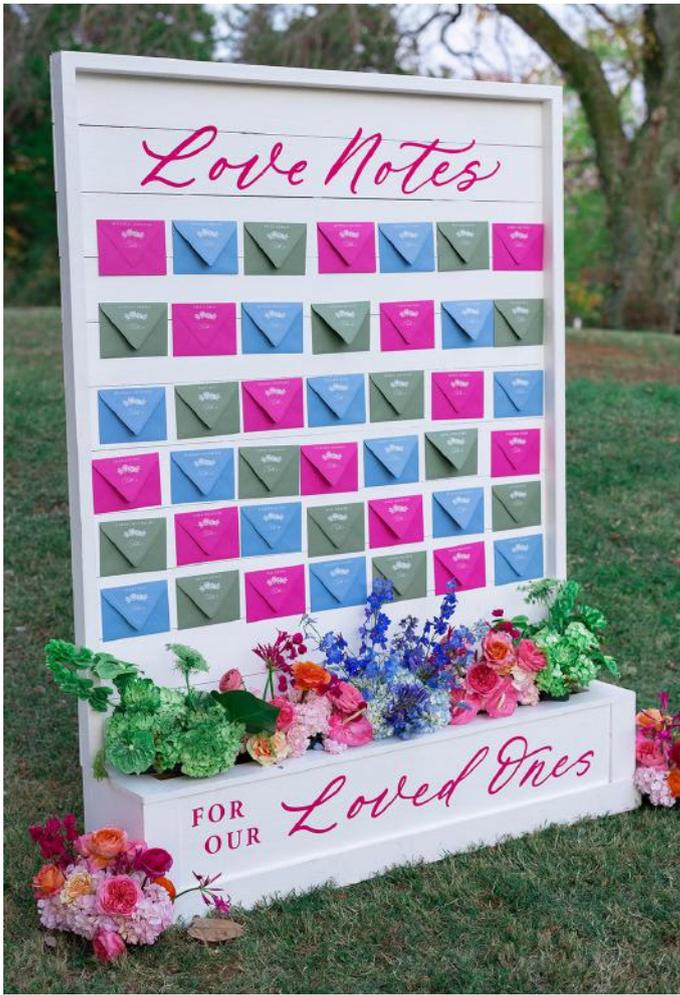
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WEDDING INSPIRATION
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INSPIRATION



The Inspiration

Drawing from the refined beauty of historic estates, this styled shoot sought to redefine classic by infusing it with a fresh, vibrant energy. By embracing a bold, unexpected color palette, we balanced timeless romance with a modern edge—perfect for couples eager to celebrate in style without sacrificing sophistication. The result was a wedding vision that felt alive, playful, and deeply memorable.



Wedding Colors

Nestled along the serene Maryland waterfront, the color story unfolded in a striking palette of coral, fuchsia, cobalt blue, and emerald green. These vivid hues mirrored the mesmerizing sunsets reflected in the water, bringing a dynamic contrast to the venue's more traditional tones. The rich saturation injected personality into every element, proving that color can transform a setting into something truly extraordinary.



Wedding Gown

The bride radiated sophistication in an ethereal floral-appliqué illusion gown, complete with delicate sleeves and a flowing train. Her statement veil and chic white heels reinforced the seamless blend of classic romance and contemporary refinement. This look epitomized the essence of the shoot—timeless yet daring.



Florals & Decor

A lush floral palette—featuring roses, ranunculus, delphiniums, and anthuriums—set the tone for the entire aesthetic. The arrangements brought a refined yet playful energy, harmonizing beautifully with the geometric-patterned linens. Together, these elements wove a story of vibrancy, movement, and modern elegance.

The Venue

Whitehall’s sprawling gardens and stately architecture provided the perfect canvas to push creative boundaries and steer away from the “norm.” While the venue is often celebrated for its classic, neutral tones, we stretched its possibilities by infusing bright, modern design elements that breathed new life into its historic charm.



Wedding Party

By foregoing a traditional wedding party, the couple centered their love story around intimacy and authenticity. This decision allowed each moment to feel intentional and deeply meaningful, highlighting their connection above all else.



Favorite Design Element

At the heart of the design was the serpentine tablescape, which created a fluid, organic flow that encouraged conversation and connection. The structured graphic color story played out across the winding table, with defined sections of pink, cobalt blue, emerald green, and coral making a bold yet harmonious statement. This dynamic concept gave the celebration an effortless cohesion, proving that bold color can be both artistic and timeless.



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Tips To Pull Off The Look

For couples looking to recreate this style, embracing color is key. Let hues tell the story, from floral selections to table settings, and balance statement pieces with elements of elegance. A serpentine table layout naturally enhances movement and interaction, while a graphic color story adds a modern, high-impact visual element. Outdoor spaces naturally elevate colorful palettes, making them ideal for this aesthetic.



DIY Moments

The hand-illustrated invitations featuring watercolor renderings of the Whitehall estate were a heartfelt DIY element. These personalized details not only set the tone for the event, but also captured the beauty of the venue as an heirloom keepsake for the couple. Another special DIY touch was using grass as the backdrop for detail photos, seamlessly incorporating nature into the design. This simple yet impactful choice grounded the shoot in its outdoor setting, creating a fresh, organic aesthetic that made the details feel uniquely connected to the environment.

With a fearless approach to color and a nod to classic refinement, this wedding design proves that tradition and innovation can beautifully coexist. It's an invitation for couples to embrace their boldest wedding dreams—where history meets modern-day magic.

THE DETAILS

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| Equipment Rentals: | Honeywood Rentals |
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| Makeup Artist: | Beauty By Gabby Woodrow |
| Dress Store: | Love Couture Bridal |
| Invitation Designer: | Ledgewood Fine |
| Floral Designer: | Sunset Florals |
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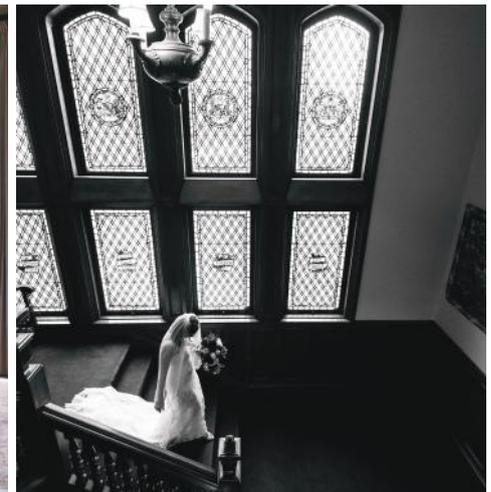
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INGREDIENTS

8 Oz Boiled Water, 1 Bag Black Tea, 2 Oz Blended Whiskey, ¼ Oz Lemon Juice, 2 tsp Honey, 1 Lemon Wedge for garnish.

DIRECTIONS

1. To make this, add your honey first so it will blend nicely with the hot water.
2. Then put the tea bag into a mug and pour over the boiled water.
3. Let it steep for a few minutes, then remove the tea bag and add your whisky and juice.

YULETIDE
SPICE



INGREDIENTS

1.5 ounces spiced rum, 1 ounce lime juice, 0.75 ounce pink grapefruit juice, 0.75 ounce cinnamon simple syrup, 0.5 ounce Amaro Amorino, 0.25 ounce ginger simple syrup, 2 dashes aromatic bitters)

DIRECTIONS

1. In a cocktail shaker, combine the spiced rum, Amaro Amorino, lime juice, pink grapefruit juice, cinnamon simple syrup, ginger simple syrup, and aromatic bitters.
2. Fill the shaker three-quarters full with ice, then shake vigorously until well chilled.
3. Open pour (unstrained) the mixture into a rocks glass, filling it halfway with crushed ice. Top with additional crushed ice to fill the glass.

POMEGRANATE
PUNCH



INGREDIENTS

2 oz light rum, 2 oz pomegranate juice, Lime soda to top, Pomegranate arils for garnish, Lime wheel for garnish.

DIRECTIONS

1. Pour the light rum and pomegranate juice over the ice. Add lime soda to fill the glass, giving the cocktail a fizzy, citrusy finish.
2. Gently stir with a bar spoon to blend the flavors without losing too many bubbles.
3. Add a lime wheel on the rim of the glass and sprinkle a few pomegranate arils on top for a festive look.

NAUGHTY
ELF



INGREDIENTS

1 oz peppermint schnapps, 1 oz chocolate liqueur, 2 oz cream, Crushed peppermint candy canes for rimming, Chocolate sauce for garnish.

DIRECTIONS

1. Spread crushed peppermint candy canes on a small plate. Run a bit of chocolate sauce along the rim of your glass, then dip the rim into the crushed candy canes to coat evenly. Add a small drizzle of chocolate sauce inside the glass for an extra touch of flavor and visual appeal. Set the glass aside.
2. In a cocktail shaker, combine the peppermint schnapps, chocolate liqueur, and cream. Fill the shaker with ice, secure the lid, and shake vigorously until the mixture is thoroughly chilled and creamy.

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LAVENDER



LEMONDROP

INGREDIENTS

2 oz vodka, 1 oz lavender syrup, 1 oz fresh lemon juice, ¼ oz orange liqueur, 2 dashes lavender bitters, Sugar (for rimming the glass), Lemon twist and sprig of lavender for garnish.

1. Spread sugar on a small plate. Rub the rim of a martini glass with a lemon wedge, then dip into the sugar to coat.
2. Set aside. Fill a cocktail shaker with ice. Add vodka, lavender syrup, lemon juice, orange liqueur, and lavender bitters.
3. Shake well until the outside of the shaker is frosty and cold. Strain the mixture into the prepared martini glass.

CHERRY BLOSSOM



SPRITZ

INGREDIENTS

2 oz gin, 1 oz cherry shrub, soda water to top, cherry for garnish.

DIRECTIONS

1. In a mixing glass filled with crushed ice, combine the gin and cherry shrub.
2. Stir gently to blend the flavors.
3. Pour the mixture into a glass, then top with soda water for a refreshing finish.
4. Garnish with a cherry or two for a touch of elegance.

KIWI



VODKA SOUR

INGREDIENTS

2 ripe kiwis peeled and diced, 2 oz vodka, 1 oz lemon juice, 1/2 oz simple syrup, Kiwi slice or lemon twist for garnish.

DIRECTIONS

Prepare the Kiwi: In a cocktail shaker, muddle the diced kiwis until well mashed and juicy. Mix the Cocktail: Add the vodka, fresh lemon juice, and simple syrup to the shaker. Fill the shaker with ice cubes. Shake: Shake well until the mixture is chilled, about 15-20 seconds. Strain: Strain the mixture into a rocks glass filled with ice. If you prefer a smoother texture, you can double strain the mixture to remove the kiwi seeds and pulp.

BLUEBERRY



LEMON SANGRIA

INGREDIENTS

1 oz blueberry vodka, 1 oz simple syrup, 1/2 oz orange liqueur, 1 oz fresh lemon juice
4 oz white wine, Soda water (to top), Lemon slices.

DIRECTIONS

1. Place lemon slices and blueberries in a glass. Add simple syrup and muddle to release the fruit's juices. Pour in blueberry vodka, orange liqueur, lemon juice, and white wine.
2. Fill the glass with ice. Top with soda water and stir gently. Garnish with a lemon wheel and extra blueberries.

To smash or not to smash ...

(“That is the question???)

from our Editor: Grace Crompton



It has been suggested that the Ancient Romans were the first to start this practice. In ancient Rome, they would actually crumble the cake over the bride's head! Oh NO, NO, NO!!!! Not today. Back then it was meant to enforce the husband's dominance. Others say that cake crumbling, which could have become cake smashing, was done to symbolize fertility.

However, there is another place where the tradition could have originated, good old Medieval England. When the newlyweds kissed for the first time it was over a bunch of sweet buns. It was believed to guarantee the couple a fruitful future with happiness and wealth.



In another part of England Yorkshire, a bride would taste the cake then she would throw a piece over her head.

This was suppose to mean a life filled without want.

In today's world, couples cut the cake together, feed it to one another and sometimes smash it onto each other's face. Other couples have chosen not to smash it on each other's face and just do away with the tradition altogether. Especially, when the bride has taken so much care with her makeup and hair. It really is becoming less and less popular. Not only can it mess up hair and makeup, but the chance of it getting all over an expensive gown or tuxedo is not a good idea. Also, grooms don't think it's a funny thing to just surprise your bride with doing it. It may hurt her feelings and that's not a good way to begin your marriage.

When a couple feeds a piece of cake to each other it symbolizes their commitment to one another to be partners and take care of each other for the rest of their lives. There is, however, that little bit of curiosity from the guests of will they or won't they?





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Editor's Choice...

Recipes for the Season

TOP CHEF

Twice Baked Potatoes

-- Ree Drummond



What you need:

3 tablespoons canola oil

2 sticks salted butter

1 cup bacon bits (fry your own!)

1 cup sour cream

1 cup Cheddar or Jack cheese (or a mix of both), plus more for topping

1 cup whole milk

2 teaspoons seasoned salt

3 green onions, sliced

Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

Place the potatoes on a baking sheet. Rub them with the canola oil and bake for 1 hour, making sure they're sufficiently cooked through.

Slice the butter into pats. Place in a large mixing bowl and add the bacon bits and sour cream. Remove the potatoes from the oven. Lower the heat to 350 degrees F.

With a sharp knife, cut each potato in half lengthwise. Scrape out the insides into the mixing bowl, being careful not to tear the shell. Leave a small rim of potato intact for support. Lay the hollowed out potato shells on a baking sheet.

Smash the potatoes into the butter, bacon and sour cream. Add the cheese, milk, seasoned salt, green onions and black pepper to taste and mix together well. (IMPORTANT: If you plan to freeze the twice-baked potatoes, do NOT add the green onions.)

Fill the potato shells with the filling. I like to fill the shells so they look abundant and heaping. Top each potato with a little more grated cheese and pop 'em in the oven until the potato is warmed through, 15 to 20 minutes.

for the love of food...



Revelry in Bloom

look book 1

Inspiration



Revelry in Bloom was a celebration of bold color, effortless joy, and unexpected elegance—set against the industrial charm of Bellwoods Brewery. Inspired by the carefree spirit of summer gatherings, this shoot combined vibrant florals with moody undertones, weaving in rich burgundies, inky grapes, and lush textures. The result was a playful-yet-refined contrast: bright pops of color blooming amidst shadowy hues, perfect for couples who crave something a little less traditional and a little more spirited.

INSPIRATION



THE CREATIVE DETAILS

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| Location: | Bellwoods Brewery |
| Equipment Rental: | All Pretty Events and Decor |
| Dress Store: | The Vintage Bride |
| Invitation Design: | For Your Delight |
| Model: | Kaikoura Gutteridge |
| Model: | Anastasia Tkachuk |
| Other: | Karensa McCarthy |
| Floral Designer: | Juicy Blooms |
| Makeup Artist | Victoria Barrett Hair |
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Short with pockets... yes we said pockets...

Meaningful Items to Keep in Your Wedding Dress Pockets

Pockets in wedding dresses might have started as a design trend, but they have also proven to be quite practical. When your bouquet moves to the head table and you have yet to be served a cocktail, empty hands feel less awkward while looking very sophisticated when placed into pockets. Items like lip gloss and tissues are easily stowed away in a quick grab and go pocket. We have narrowed it down to the sentimental items that you can discreetly carry with you on your day.

Heirloom Hankie...

Wipe away joyful tears with a vintage hankie passed down from a favorite female family member.



Meaningful Items...

Keep a folded love note from your soon-to-be spouse stowed away in your pocket to read in the hours before your first looks or ceremony.

pocket essentials

stress free

Worry Stone

Feeling a bit nervous on your wedding day is to be expected. Tuck a smooth stone to rub between your fingers when you need a touch of stress relief.



Sewing Kit

Let's not forget the compact sewing kit. Every bride knows a sudden zipper or button malfunction can be stressful. Keep this little item in your pocket as a stress reliever.



Mints

Remember what this day is about. opening the door to a new journey together.

stay fresh...



Lip Gloss...

Don't forget the lipgloss for that fast touch up between photos. It is also important to remember if you have an outdoor ceremony, lip gloss will keep your lips moist throughout the day.





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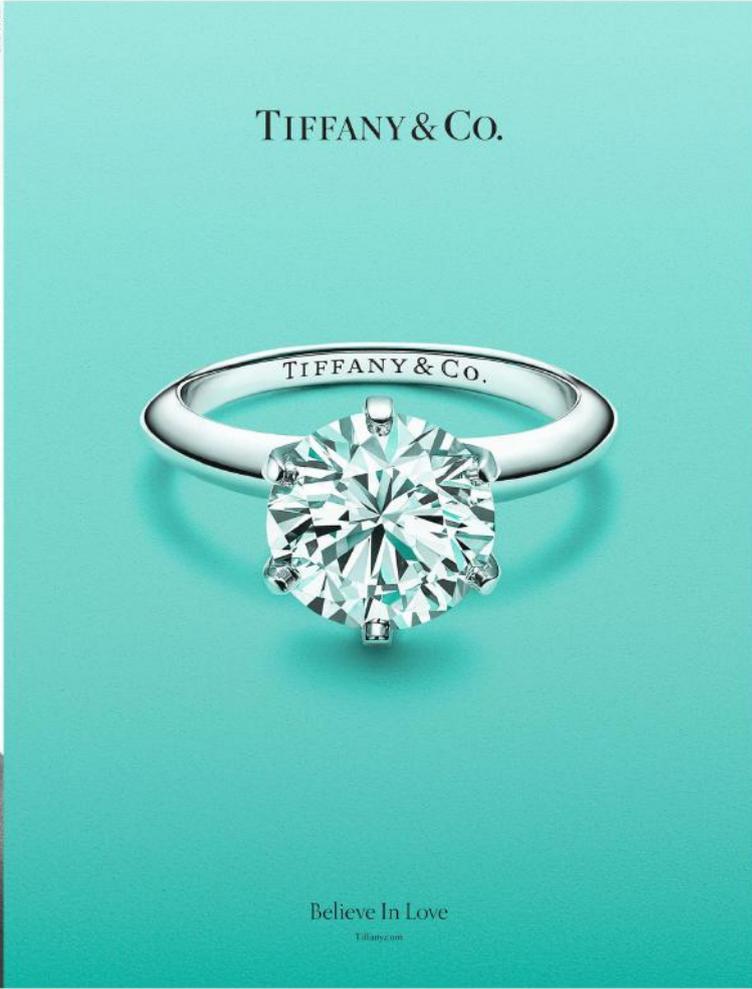
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Since the company's founding in January of 1999, Anne Barge wedding gowns have been renowned for combining timeless elegance with current trends for the discerning bride. The launch of Anne Barge established the perfect blend of contemporary and classic styles, with the use of the finest materials and detailed beading with modern interpretations of shapes and embellishments found in vintage couture designs throughout history. Serving as the President and Creative Director, Shawne Jacobs began her career at Anne Barge in 2002, learning every aspect of the bridal business and honing her design skills under the tutelage of the company's namesake, Anne Barge.

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

DETAILS, DETAILS!

The Coastal Romance Collection by Anne Barge captures the windswept romance and refined ease of a seaside escape. Set against the charming gray-shingled cottages and misty shores of Nantucket, this collection pays homage to coastal elegance through modern silhouettes and ocean-inspired textures.

Bayberry

Square neck tulle mini dress with beaded embroidery accented with 3D pleated tulle in Silk White.



Ash Mikado

Contour neckline mini dress of Mikado Scuba with asymmetric pleating in Silk White, Pearl, and Steel Blue.



“Vintage inspiration has always been my starting point but some bridal trends - the good ones - can always be adapted to today’s modern bride”

Burke

Box pleated ballgown of Mikado Scuba with skirt slit and cuff neckline accented with Faille and Silk Organza floral appliques in Silk White.

ANNE BARGE

COASTAL ROMANCE

Anne, let's start at the beginning. In 1999, you launched Anne Barge with a focus on classic yet modern designs. What was your vision for the brand back then, and did you ever imagine it would have the kind of longevity and influence it does today?

My vision in 1999 was classic and elegant design as it remains today. In 1999, we were about to celebrate the Millennium, and I introduced the first collection with many pieces adorned with metallic embroidery with vintage inspired designs. I was very focused on not being trendy but presenting this collection and those to follow with classic and timeless designs that always look current.... I expected and am so thankful for the longevity and influence it continues to have.

Brix

Long sleeve mini dress of hand crocheted beaded embroidery in Silk White/Nude



Baxter

Sweetheart modified A-line gown of Satin Back Faille with asymmetric pleating at the waist flowing into a cascading sash with pearls dotted along the neckline and sash in Silk White

Anne, you're known for being inspired by vintage glamour. How do you balance that vintage inspiration with contemporary bridal fashion trends?

Vintage inspiration has always been my starting point but some bridal trends - the good ones - can always be adapted to today's modern bride. All current trends may not work for our line, so we're careful to stay true to the timeless classic bride.

Anne, your brand has dressed numerous celebrity brides and red-carpet icons. Do you have any standout memories of a bride or moment that was particularly meaningful?

There have been so many special moments! Laura Benanti was one of the most special because we went on to do stage and award gowns as well as her daughter's christening gown.



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We're all obsessing over Rita Vinieris new collection.

Rita Vinieris is a fashion designer whose vision blends couture-level craftsmanship with a modern aesthetic that celebrates the women who wear her gowns. Her signature style emphasizes clean lines, rich fabrics and subtle yet striking detail, all crafted to bring out confidence and elegance. With a commitment to excellence and an eye for what makes each individual bride unique, she creates dresses that feel iconic yet personal.





Tribeca Dream

New York, New York

Nathan & Victoria

Our wedding was truly a labor of love - we stressed from the beginning that we wanted every detail to be deeply personal and thoughtfully crafted by us without a full-time planner. We wrote individual letters to each of our 200 guests, a gesture that set the tone for a celebration filled with sentiment and connection. The day began at The Roxy Hotel, where I got ready in a robe made from my mom's wedding dress, later changing into a second look featuring a bow from her headpiece.

The Pros

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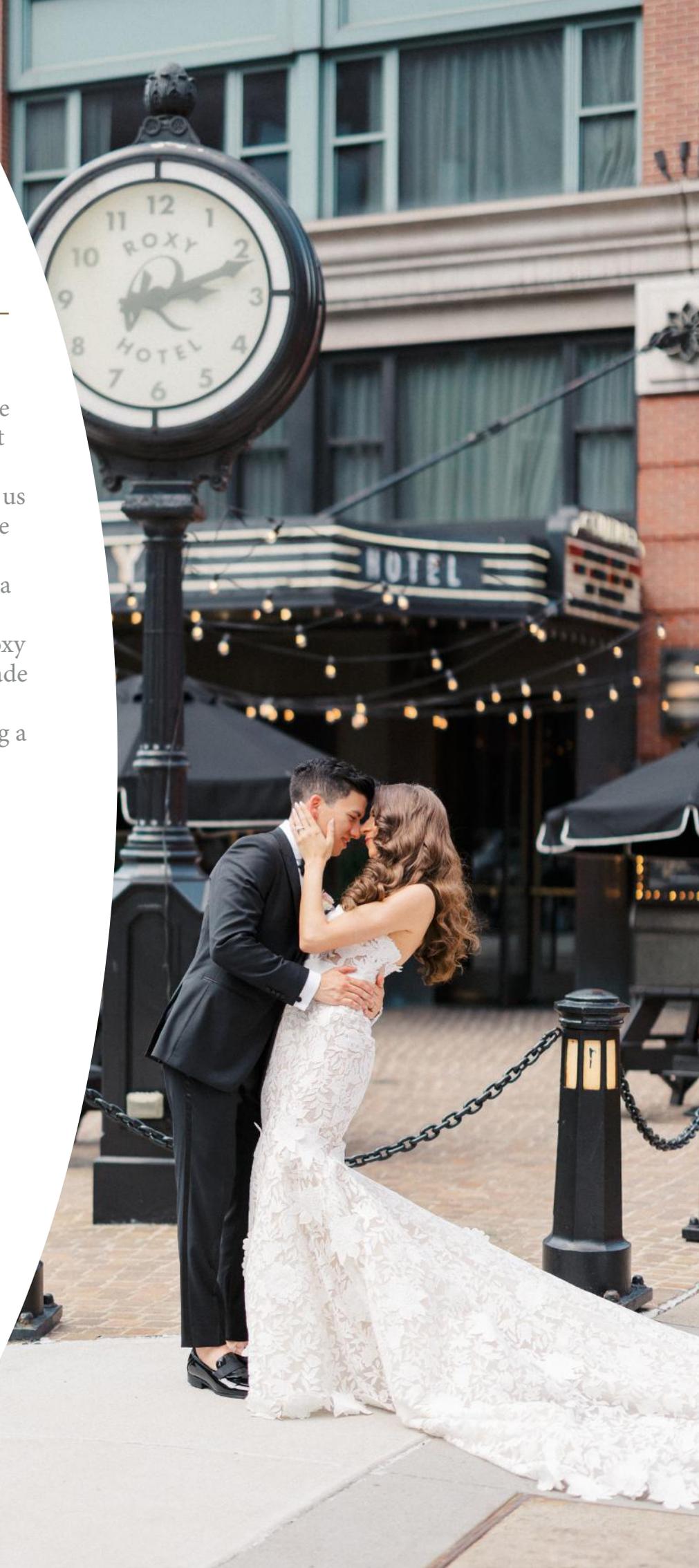
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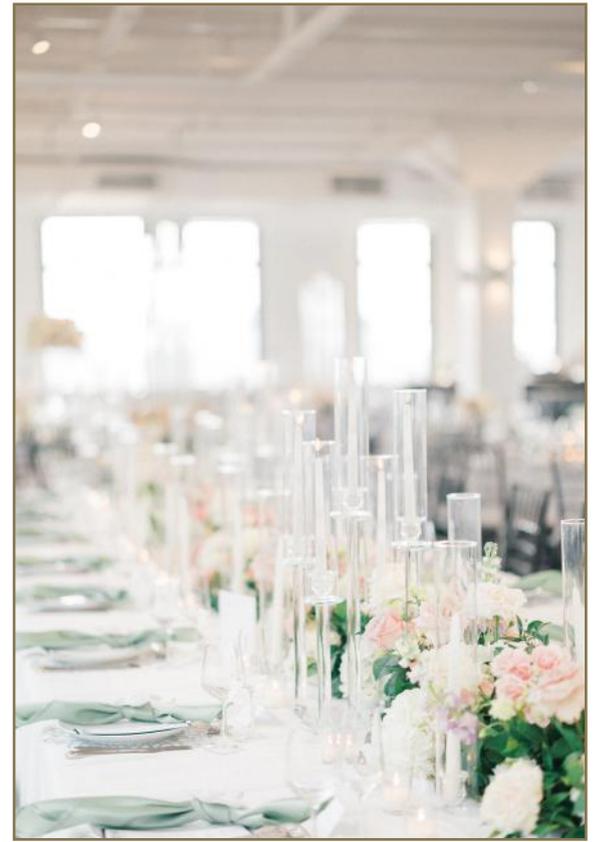




Guests traveled on a classic New York City double-decker bus to Tribeca Rooftop, where every element was DIYed to reflect our story, from handwritten love notes on napkins to city matchbooks to traditional European almond favors to custom Toronto Maple Leaf hats honoring my husband's hometown. One of the most meaningful moments was surprising my Nona with Croatian folk dancing, giving her the chance to share a dance with each of her grandchildren. It was an unforgettable and heartfelt celebration of love, family, and the city that brought our story to life.







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WHAT TO WEAR WHAT TO WEAR

If you think that the bride is the only one that's nervous about what dress to wear you haven't been shopping with the mother of the bride or groom. They very much want their child to be proud of them on their wedding day. I would suggest prior to going shopping you check with the couple to see if they have a preference of the color of your dress or not. Some couples may want you to blend in with the bridal party and some may say to choose whatever you like.

Mothers of the couple don't have to feel they need to be in a long dress anymore. It is becoming popular for them to dress in a pantsuit or shorter dress. In our previous article we spoke about dress codes so take into consideration if a tea-length dress or a cocktail one may work or not. Floor length gowns are usually preferred, but there's no set rule.

Now, let's talk about the shade of the outfit. Mother's should always be subtle so as not to stand out and overshadow the bride. Please don't be that mother that shows up wearing white unless it is an all white party! Some beautiful shades include navy blue, blush pink, taupe, beige and lavender. You do want to consider not clashing with the colors of the bridal party for pictures sake. Another alternative, would be to choose a different shade of the color the bridal party will be wearing which would look great in photos, too.

Also, you should want to shop for your attire a good six months prior to the wedding date to allow for alterations.

Does the mother of the bride and the mother of the groom have to match their clothing? Absolutely not, is the answer. They can both wear whatever they feel great in! Afterall, it's not only the bride and grooms day, it's theirs, too.

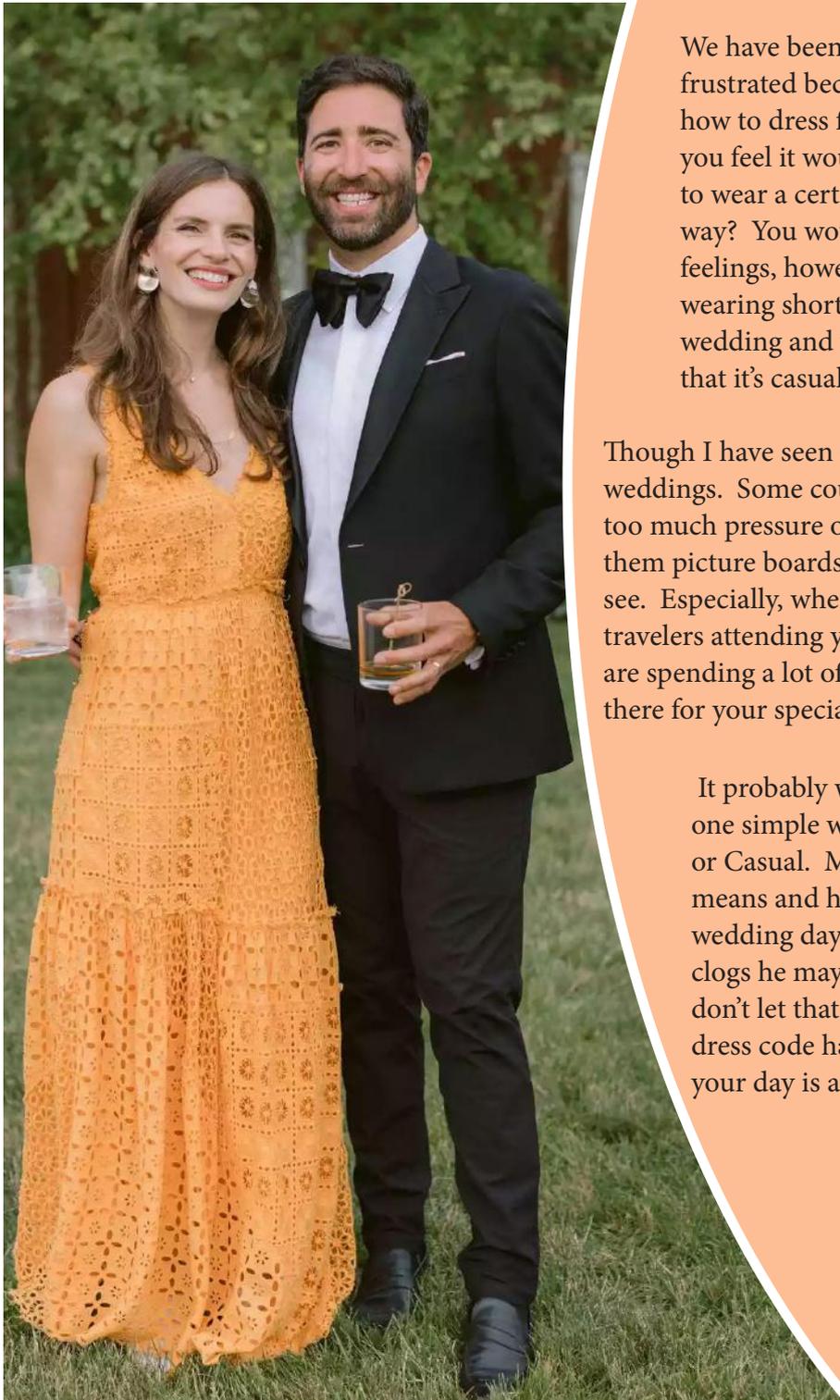
Remember to talk it over with your children to get their vision of their wedding day.



WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON WEDDING DRESS CODES?

Have you ever received a wedding invitation that left you completely clueless about the wedding guest dress code? Between “black-tie optional” and “semi-formal,” the language can be tricky to decipher. “While many couples would like their guests to arrive in black-tie attire, the most common wedding dress code is formal attire,” says Alicia Mae, CEO of the New Jersey-based wedding planning company ILÈ Events.

But, while formal attire may be a go-to for many couples, there are plenty of other dress codes that can (and will) appear on a wedding invitation. For instance, semi-formal and casual attire are also popular in the wedding space, but they’re a bit more ambiguous than, say, black-tie, and it can be tough for guests to settle on the level of formality if they don’t have a general understanding of each look. Luckily, we’re here to help.



We have been told that couples are getting frustrated because their guests don’t know how to dress for a wedding anymore. Do you feel it would be rude if you asked them to wear a certain color or dress a certain way? You wouldn’t want to hurt anyone’s feelings, however you don’t want them wearing shorts either, unless it’s a beach wedding and you have let everyone know that it’s casual dress.

Though I have seen some very elaborate beach weddings. Some couples have regretted putting too much pressure on their guests by showing them picture boards of exactly what they want to see. Especially, when you may have out-of town travelers attending your wedding. Afterall, they are spending a lot of time and money trying to be there for your special day.

It probably would be best if you just put one simple word on your invitation Formal or Casual. Most people know what that means and how it sets the tone for your wedding day. If cousin Joe shows up in clogs he may get a bit of attention, but don’t let that ruin your day. Remember, a dress code has very little meaning of what your day is all about. Relax and enjoy!

We've said it before, and we'll say it again: A traditional wedding cake will never go out of style. But if you want to depart from the tried-and-true classic confection and opt for a wedding cake alternative, we've got you covered. You may not consider yourself a "cake person" or find yourself drawn to integrating the lemon squares that you and your partner love from your favorite bakery into your big day. Regardless of your reason, know that your wedding dessert is completely up to you.

And whether you opt for brownies, half-baked cookies, or even popsicles, we're sure that your guests will be impressed (and eager to enjoy!) your treats. And if you're not ready to fully let go of the traditional tiered cake, consider dressing one up with additional desserts, such as macarons or doughnuts. However, you can also decide to opt for a different sweet treat entirely—and skip the classic cake-cutting. Below, find 30 of our favorite alternative ideas to the classic wedding cake.



Wedding Cake Alternatives

Wedding Pie

There are no rules when it comes to your wedding. That means that if you want to skip the wedding cake and serve wedding pie instead, you have every right to do so. Adding a small cake stand transforms the quintessential American dessert into something a bit more elevated. We love the rustic-inspired pie this couple served during their celebratory weekend.

Pick Up a Popsicle

While they may appear to be a simple childhood treat, popsicles can be transformed into a decadent dessert offering that's the perfect alternative to a traditional wedding cake. We love how this couple opted to decorate theirs with white and black icing at their California celebration.



Delicious Dessert Displays...

Create a Delicious Display

Instead of committing to just one dessert option, Field to Table Catering & Events filled a table with cupcakes, cookies, macarons, and other sweet treats at this couple's California celebration. We love how they decorated the set-up with tiny tea candles, creating an aesthetically-pleasing—and delicious—moment.



Create an amazing array of Desserts and let your guests choose their favorites.

Arrange an Array of Desserts

At their wedding full of DIY projects, this couple constructed the dessert table with the help of their families.

The bride tapped the many bakers in her family to make the couple's favorite sweet treats—creating the perfect alternative to a traditional decadent wedding cake.



THE HANDKERCHIEF

Let's step back in time to the 16th and 17th centuries in England and France. What we can expect to see are handkerchiefs everywhere. Not just an ordinary piece of cloth, but a very ornate one at that. These handkerchiefs were ordained with embroidery and fine lace. The aristocrats of the day poised with them to take their photos. The Tudor women of England even gave them to men to wear in their hats!

In renaissance poetry the handkerchief played a powerful symbol of a woman's romantic favor. Such as when a lady would deliberately drop her handkerchief for a knight to retrieve and keep as a token of her affection. Even in Shakespeare's Othello the handkerchief held a deep meaning.

When snuff became popular they were widely accepted by the general public. It is so nice to see these once highly loved and respected items which defined social elitism see the light once again. Brides and grooms are now including them as gifts to give to their guests at their wedding.



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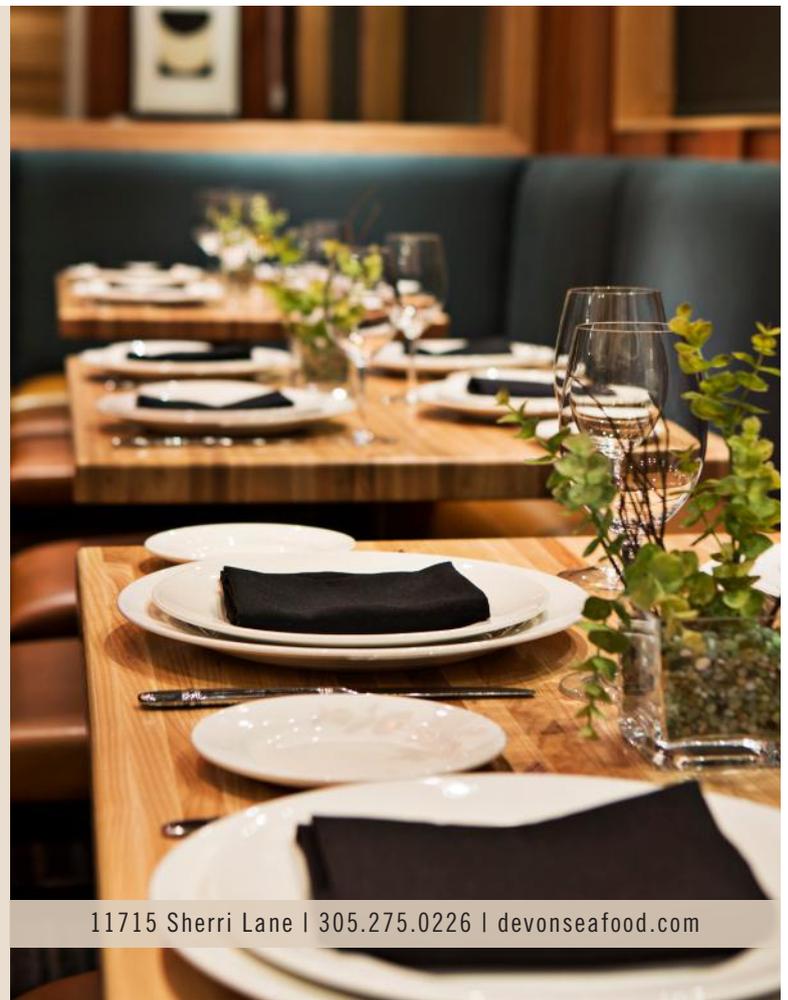
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Do's and Don'ts

When you are chosen as Maid/Matron of Honor



Congratulations this means that you're the chosen one, tapped to play one of the most crucial roles for your friend/sibling's upcoming nuptials. Being the maid can be daunting if you don't know what you're doing. On the day of the wedding, you're an emotional anchor for the bride, and her go to logistical support system. We asked wedding planners to walk us through the unspoken rules of being the best asset to the bride on her big day. Here is what they have to say...



Do:

Make sure the bride is picture perfect at all times. Fix her dress, hair and veil as and when needed. Carry reinforcements in your clutch if necessary.

Don't:

Never run or show panic! It exudes nervousness and sprouts concern. Remain calm and composed no matter what the situation.

Do:

Be decisive and solve issues without her knowing unless absolutely imperative. If the DJ's appearance is delayed, think of ways to fix it- rather than sharing the bad news with her.



Don't:

Lay off the bubbly until after the ceremony. You have an important duty to attend to and are required to remain sophisticated. Post reception, you're free to unwind!

Do:

Allow her to air her concerns and worries. She needs to vent. Offer words of wisdom which would work for her, not for you.

Don't:

The bride cannot afford fatigue. Be sure she is well fed and hydrated. You might have to wait on the bride.



Do:

Look at her eyes and her smile when she walks out of the dressing room. You will know if that dress she just tried on really is the one for her. If it is the right one for her then you love it, too.



Sunset Elopement



What a gorgeous evening for a sunset elopement at Utah's iconic pink lake. The couple stand elegantly under a floral arch, their reflection shimmering on the water's surface. The bride's gown sparkles in a soft light, while the groom gazes lovingly at her.



The serene lake, with its unique pink hue, provides a breathtaking backdrop for this intimate moment. As the sun sets, the sky transforms into a canvas of pastel colors, enhancing the romantic atmosphere. This enchanting scene captures the essence of love and the beauty of nature, creating memories to last a lifetime.



The Pros



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Pink Lake

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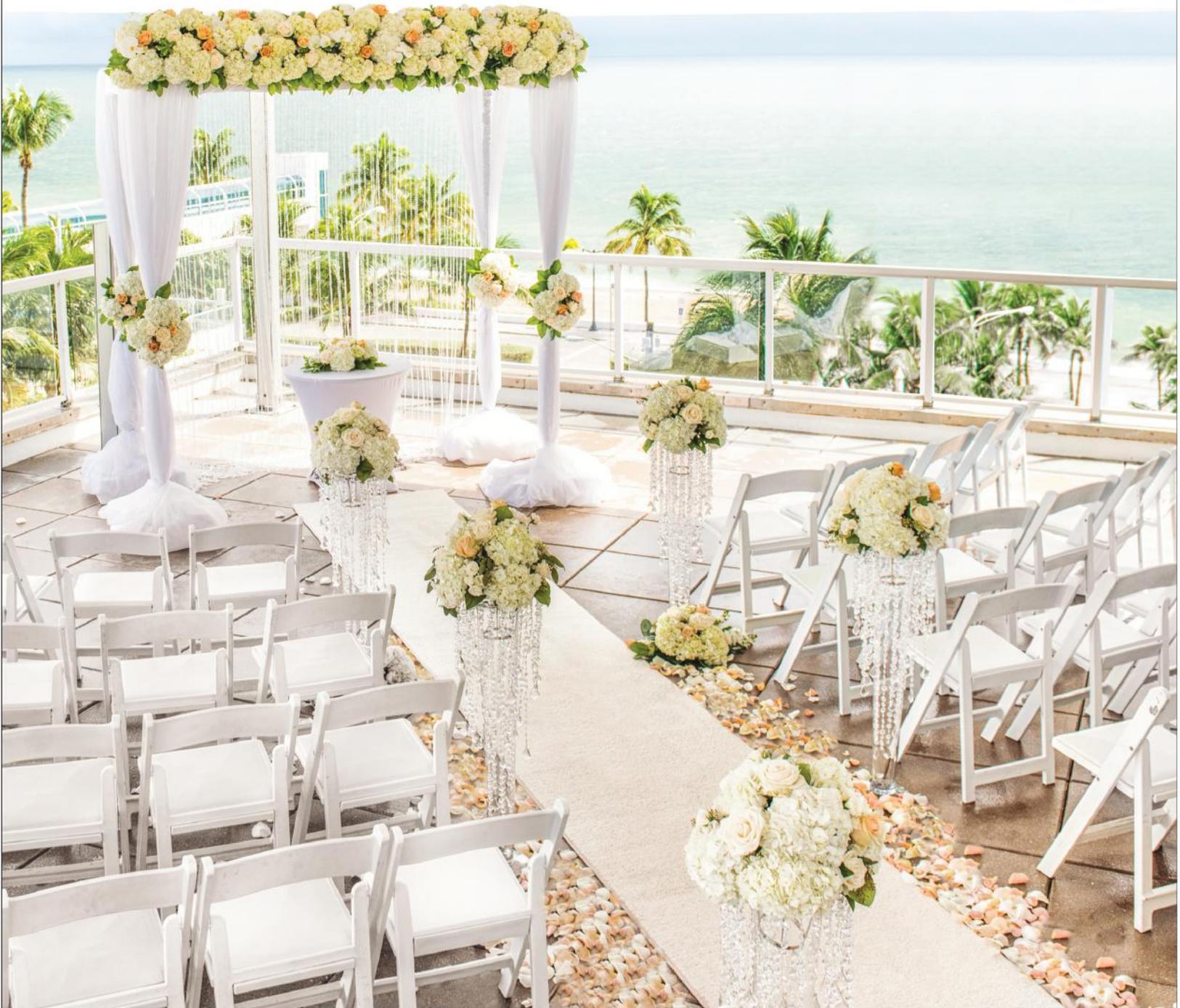


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YELLOWSTONE Wedding Inspiration

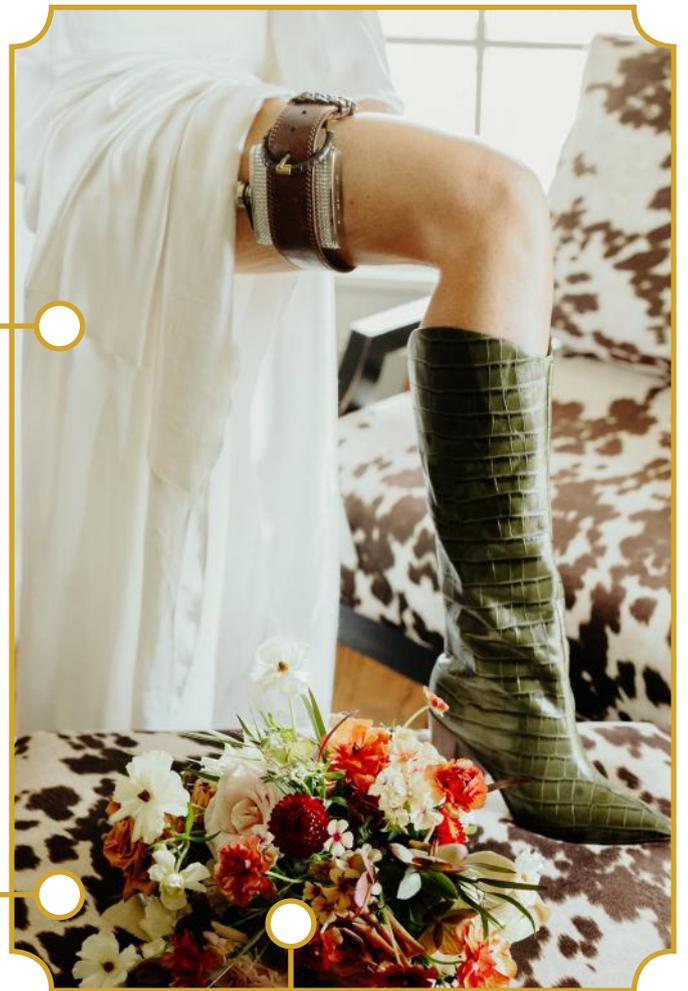
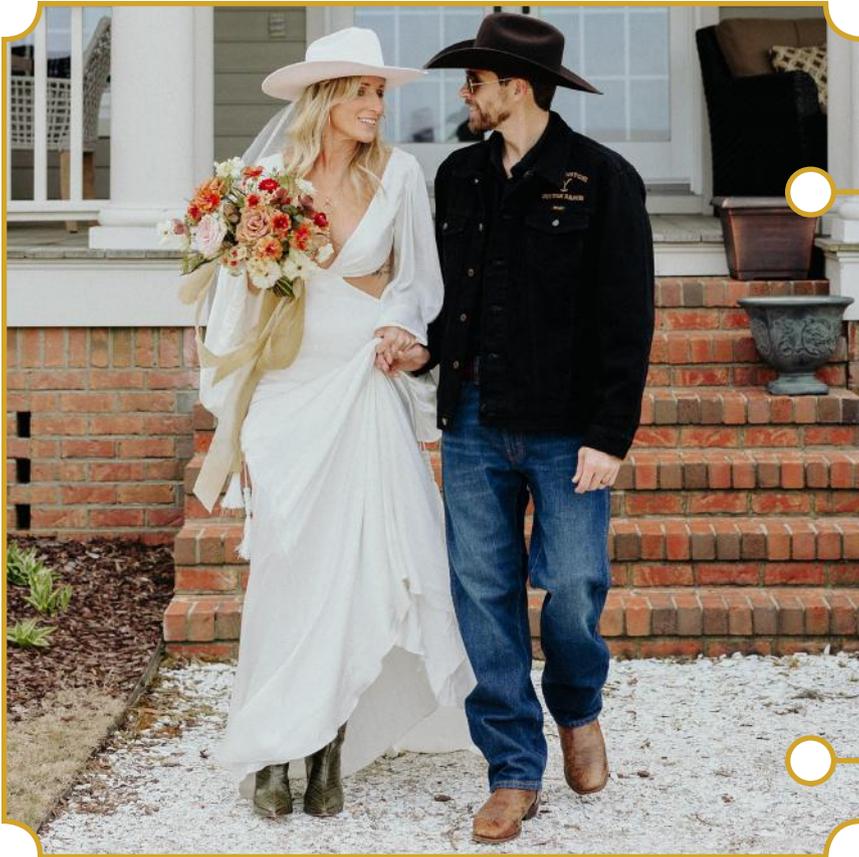
“There’s something magnetic about the rugged romance of Yellowstone with the untamed landscapes, the golden light, and the cinematic emotion.

This Yellowstone-inspired wedding editorial at Loblolly Estate brought that same cinematic energy to the East Coast, proving that wild luxury can live beautifully within a refined, coastal setting.

The result was a modern western wedding aesthetic that blended authenticity with sophistication, set against the natural beauty and sweeping grounds of Loblolly Estate.

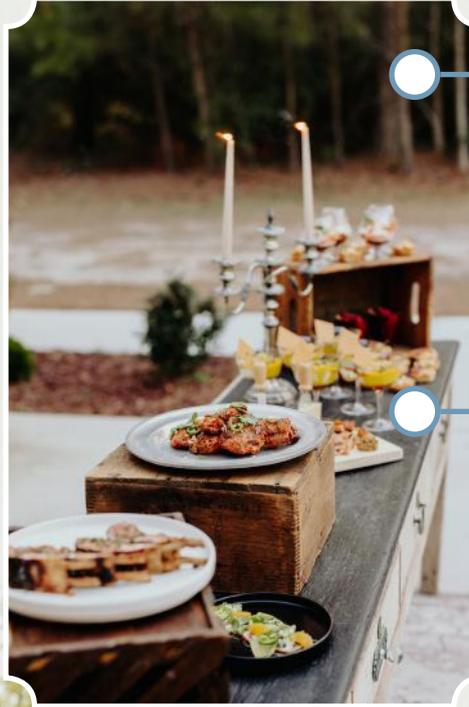


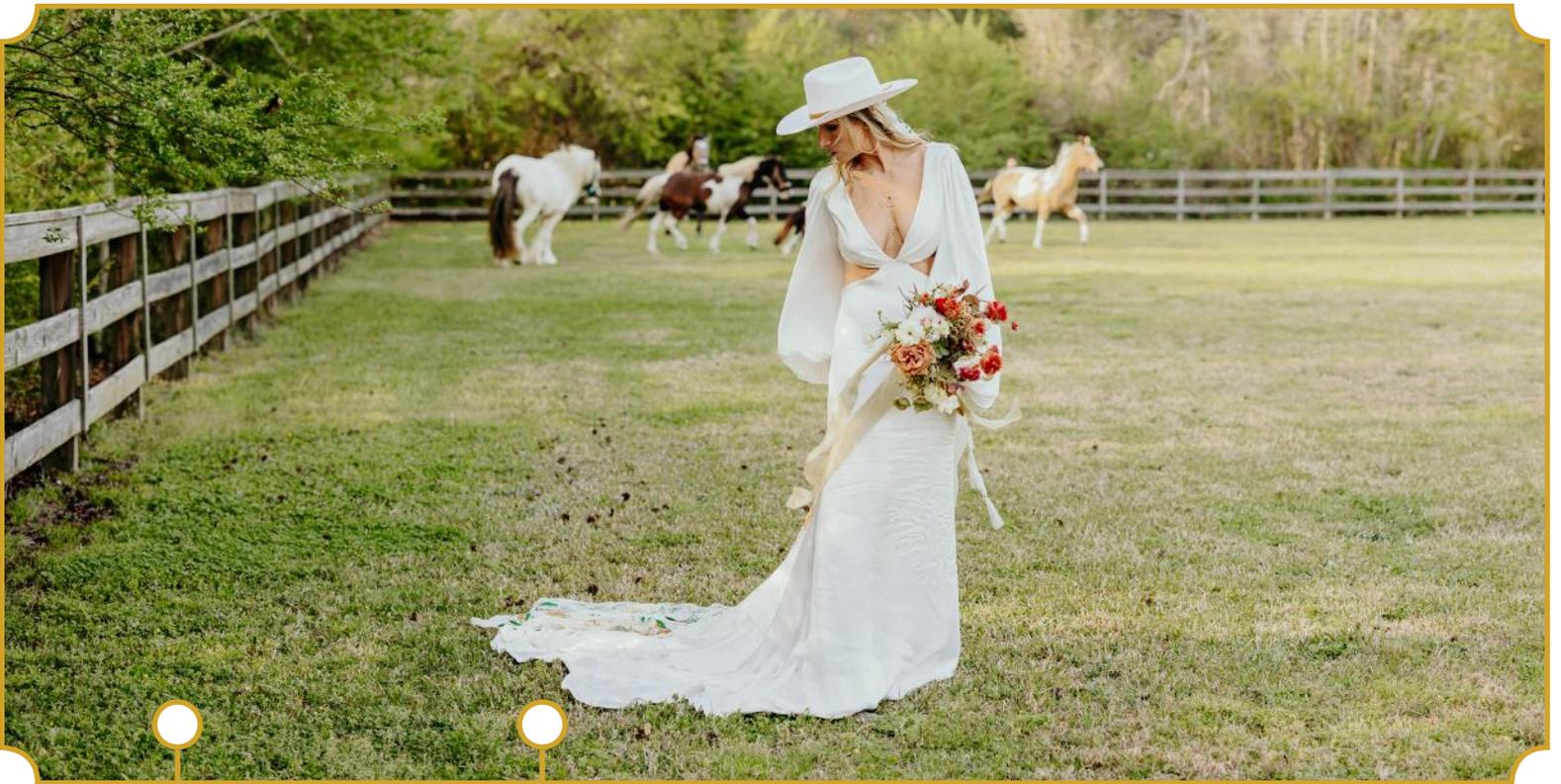
Wedding Inspiration



The Inspiration

This concept began with the spirit of Yellowstone the strength, freedom, and the romance of open-air living. We wanted to reimagine that feeling for East Coast destination wedding couples, showing how texture, tone, and styling could bring a touch of the West to any luxury event setting. Warm amber tones, rich leather accents, and layered neutrals played beautifully against the estate's refined architecture. Outer Banks Makeup Artist and Lovies Salon created a look that was both natural and powerful effortlessly glamorous with windswept textures and sunlit skin that captured that "wild west bride" feel in a high-fashion way.





The Styling + Design

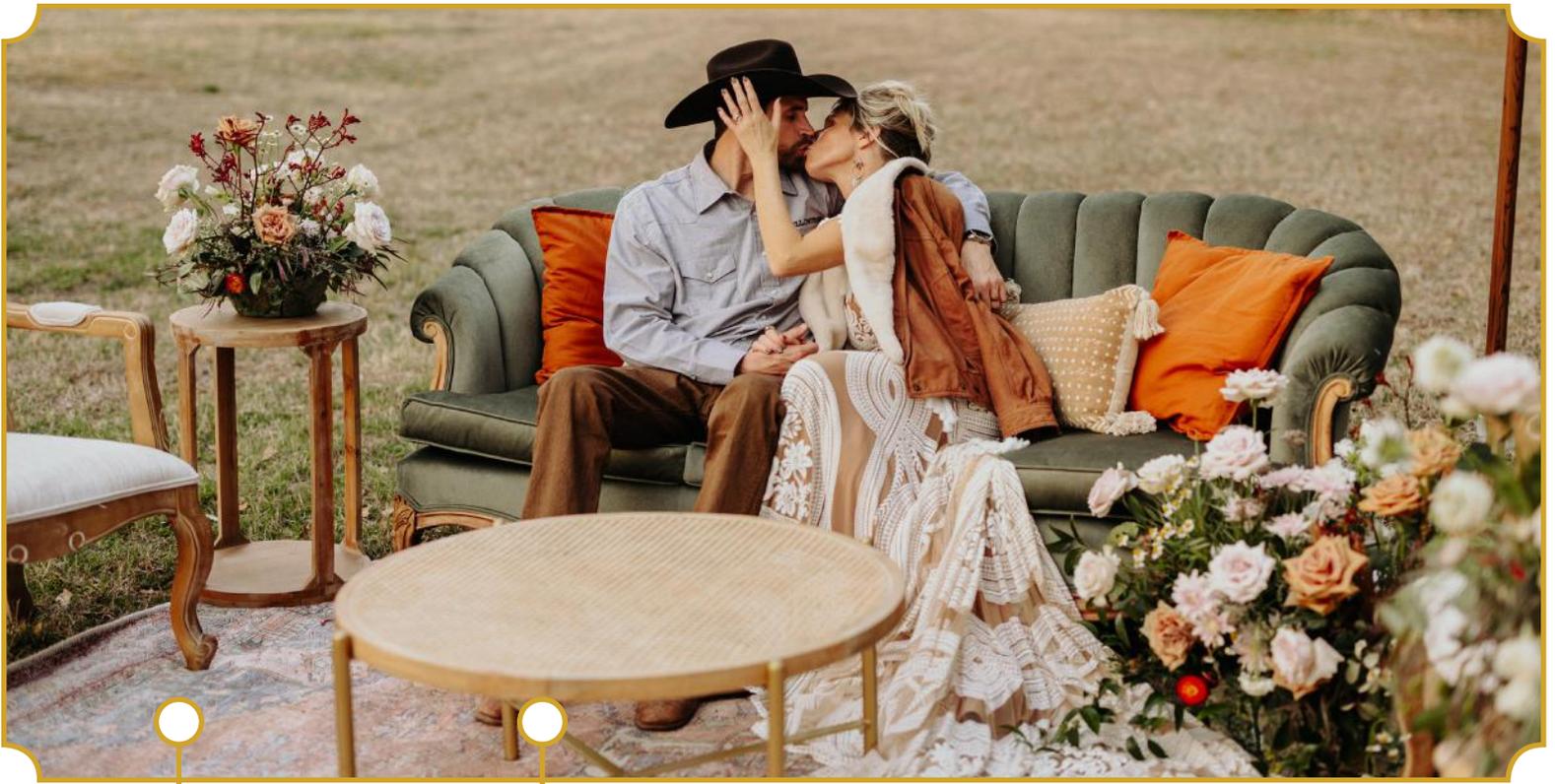
Event Savvy Planning + Design curated every element with thoughtful precision, blending Pretty Little Things tablescape rentals with Metro Rentals timeless furniture pieces and cozy lounges from Amaranth & Artifact. The mix of textures — leather, wood, linen, and glass — told a story of contrast and connection, perfectly mirroring the balance between western roots and modern refinement. Camp Cocktail crafted signature drinks that leaned into a smoky, fireside aesthetic, while Red Sky Catering brought rich, hearty flavors to life with a refined presentation. Holly's Creative Confections added a soft, romantic contrast with an artful, textured cake design that looked as beautiful as it tasted.

Every detail was captured in motion by Reel Love Weddings, who brought the cinematic energy of the day to life on film, perfectly complementing the editorial imagery by Sarah D'Ambra Photography.

The Vision

This Yellowstone-themed wedding editorial was about more than style — it was about storytelling. About bringing a feeling, a sense of place, and a cinematic edge to East Coast destination weddings. Whether you're dreaming of a destination wedding on the Outer Banks or at a historic estate along the coast, this shoot at Loblolly Estate proves that you don't need mountains or meadows to create a Yellowstone moment. With intentional design and a creative team who values vision as much as beauty, your wedding can feel wild, elegant, and entirely your own.





The Creative Team

Photographer: Sarah D'Ambra Photography

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Venue: Loblolly Estate

Full-Service Planning: Event Savvy Planning + Design

Makeup: Outer Banks Makeup Artist

Hair: Lovies Salon

Rentals: Metro Rentals

Lounges: Amaranth & Artifact

Tablescapes (plates, glassware): Pretty Little Things

Bar: Camp Cocktail

Catering: Red Sky Catering

Cake: Holly's Creative Confections

Videography: Reel Love Weddings

What's New for 2026?

It's all in the eyes for our Brides



A minimalist graphic eyeliner

The minimalist graphic eyeliner is one of the most innovative bridal makeup trends for 2026. It is an evolution of the classic eyeliner, incorporating creative and original lines that add a modern touch to the bridal look. This style is ideal for daring brides looking for something different but without losing elegance. The minimalist approach ensures that eyeliner will complement your makeup, not take over. Lines can be floating, double, or even include small touches of color, all while maintaining subtlety.

A gel or liquid eyeliner is ideal for creating defined lines that stay in place throughout the wedding. The key is to practice beforehand to get the perfect eyeliner.

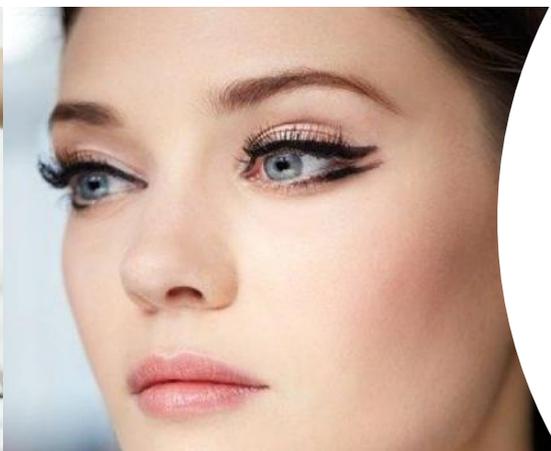
The rest of the makeup is kept natural to balance the look. Well-prepared skin, defined eyebrows and nude-toned lips are the perfect complement to a minimalist graphic eyeliner.

This is one of the bridal makeup trends for 2026 that allows you to play with creativity the most, but without losing the sophistication of bridal makeup. The first thing you will need to do is exfoliate your skin. Make sure it is clear of makeup, clean and dry.

When contouring with self-tanner pick a product that has a built-in bronzer in it. If you are looking for less definition don't leave it on as long as you would if you want more of a bronze effect. This can take up to eight hours. Don't get wet! Self-tanners that are made for the face and body tanners are virtually made up of the same formulas, so don't worry if you don't have one that is made specifically for the face.

For sensitive skin test the tanner on a small spot first and see how it reacts on you. You can apply it with a beauty blender using the number three pattern on each side starting by the temples, then the cheekbone and under the jawline. You can also use the larger end of a contour brush by dipping it into the tanner.

If you are brave try using your fingers, but wash your hands really good after.



an evolution
of the classic
eyeliner

Bold Lipstick Shades!

for that Bridal Glam



A bold lip is one of the most classic bride makeup ideas. While many brides choose soft neutrals, a strong lipstick shade makes a powerful statement. It highlights the smile, photographs beautifully, and instantly adds glamour to the overall bridal look.



Popular bold lipstick shades include:

Classic red: Timeless and elegant, perfect for both day and evening weddings. **Berry tones:** Romantic and flattering, especially for fall or winter weddings. **Deep plum or burgundy:** A dramatic wedding makeup option that feels rich and sophisticated. **Bright pinks:** Fun and playful for brides with a modern or bold style.

To make bold lipstick wedding-ready, prep the lips well. Exfoliate, hydrate, and use liner to prevent smudging. Layer color and choose long-wear formulas so the shade lasts through the ceremony and reception.

Balance is key with bold bridal makeup!

Pair strong lips with neutral eye makeup, soft eyeliner, and a flawless complexion. This ensures the look stays elegant and bridal, not overwhelming.

Bold lipstick is best for confident brides who want their personality to shine. It works especially well for black-tie weddings, vintage-inspired themes, or any bride who loves making a statement.

Pro lipstick picks for brides:

1. MAC Retro Matte Lipstick in Ruby Woo – the ultimate long-lasting red.
2. Charlotte Tilbury Matte Revolution in Walk of No Shame – a berry shade that flatters many skin tones.
3. Fenty Beauty Stunna Lip Paint in Uncensored – bold, smudge-proof red perfect for long wear.
4. Maybelline SuperStay Matte Ink in Lover – affordable, comfortable pink that won't budge.



Artistic Arrangements

Best Trends for 2026

Whimsical yet infused with contemporary sophistication, artistic arrangements are having a major moment right now, with experts predicting they'll become an even more popular choice in 2026. More florists are pushing the limits of traditional styles, crafting boldly unique centerpieces, bouquets, bar, and aisle arrangements that are true works of art in their own right.

A strong focal point on non-traditional fruit, vegetables and floral elements will be ramped up, along with a fuller effect in ambient candlelight stealing the focus en masse. Maria Figueira, the creative director of Oh, Maria Flores, also sees a shift towards more out-of-the-box floral arrangements. "I'm anticipating impactful flower installations, unexpected details paired with florals and vibrant shades will rule next year's wedding scene.

I believe we are now in a time when two completely different styles are ruling the most stylish and beautiful weddings, if on one spectrum we have the ultra organic, naturalistic wedding and decor, and on the opposite side we have the sculptural, minimal and avant-garde concepts."

*Whimsical yet infused
with contemporary
sophistication*



A little background on the bride & groom



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LPG's signature couture craftsmanship merges exquisite hand-sewn embroideries with innovative design techniques. By meticulously handcrafting each piece, the fashion house creates a contemporary vision of romanticism that connects the past with the future, elegance with effortlessness, and strength with sensitivity. As an innovator in the bridal world, the house of LPG has developed a distinctive gown design method that utilizes carved mannequins crafted for each client. This technique ensures that every dress is one-of-a-kind, sculpted to fit flawlessly to the individual silhouette.



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AZAZIE 2026



When it comes to wedding style, few duos define modern elegance like Bella and Gigi Hadid and their recent turn as bridesmaids for Alana Hadid's wedding proves it. The sisters stunned in a perfect shade of green, a color that's quickly cementing itself as the modern neutral for 2026 weddings. For bridesmaids trying to replicate the look without the couture price tag, Azazie offers silhouettes that channel the same understated glamour & proof that the ~perfect bridesmaid dress~ doesn't have to cost designer prices to deliver designer impact!



Adorable Ring Bearer Outfit Ideas for Every Wedding Theme

Classic Tuxedo Style

For a traditional look dress your ring bearer in a matching tuxedo. A black or navy tuxedo with satin peak lapels and a white shirt will exude that James Bond look. Pair it with a black bow tie and polished shoes for a formal, timeless vibe. The tuxedo is perfect for weddings with an elegant theme, creating a cohesive appearance alongside the groom and other groomsmen. Add a pocket square for that final touch.



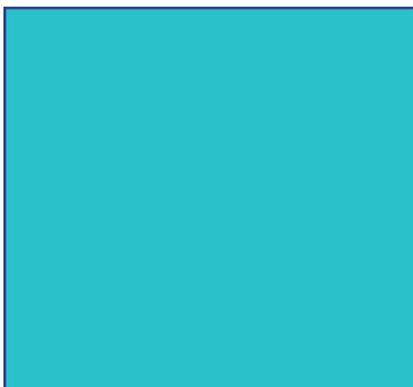
Bow Tie and Suspenders

For a stylish and playful option, outfit the ring bearer in a shirt with suspenders and a colorful bow tie. Choose a pattern or solid color that compliments the wedding parties theme. This look works especially well for outdoor or rustic weddings. Mix in khaki or navy pants and brown shoes to keep it casual and rustic. This outfit is both adorable and practical, ensuring comfort during the ceremony.



Beach Attire

If you're hosting a destination or beach wedding, keep your ring bearer comfortable and stylish with a linen shirt and lightweight shorts. Choose neutral colors such as white, beige, or soft blue to complement the beach atmosphere. You can finish the look with flip-flops or boat shoes to match the laid-back vibe of the occasion. A fun addition like a shell accessory can tie the entire look together, making it fitting for a beach celebration.



Vintage Inspired Suit

A vintage-inspired suit will add charm and character to your ring bearer's attire. Think classic patterns like plaid, houndstooth, or pinstripes in soft pastel colors like burgundy, navy, or charcoal. Pair it with a button-down shirt, a skinny tie or bow tie, and dress shoes. For added flair, a newsboy cap or pocket watch will complete the nostalgic look. This works great for weddings with a vintage or retro theme, providing a timeless and polished feel.



Superhero-Inspired Outfit

For a fun twist, dress your ring bearer in a superhero-themed outfit. A simple suit or shirt with a superhero logo hidden underneath a traditional jacket or vest creates an exciting surprise. You can even add a superhero cape for a more dramatic effect! This outfit is perfect for weddings with a more casual or quirky theme, allowing your ring bearer to showcase his personality while still looking put-together.



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The Bride and Groom

We came to the final look of our wedding day by just incorporating the favorite things we found during the planning process. We would describe the final result as a "vintage shipwreck in paradise"...if that is even a thing! Our wedding date just happened to land on the lunar new year! So we incorporated some lanterns to honor the bride's Chinese heritage.

Our venue was already gorgeous without any decorations, but we think the bistro lights we added to the courtyard where the dinner reception was held really gave the evening such a romantic vibe. Our furbaby, Kirby, could not join us but we had prints of his sweet face attached to compostable straws as a personal touch and they were an unexpected hit with our guests!

We wanted our wedding day looks to be really classic. The bride went with an A-line silhouette gown that had a flowing but simple skirt. The veil was a cathedral length and a simple single-layer sheer tulle. We incorporated a floral crown to accent the amazing bouquet. The groom is usually very casual in his day-to-day life, so it was fun seeing him in a full tux! We went with a classic black one that was well-tailored. We finished it off with simple gold cuff links (for good luck in Chinese culture) and polished black shoes.

If we had to narrow down just one most special moment of the day, it would have to be the ceremony. It meant a lot to have all of the most important people to us in our lives in the same room witnessing us enter this new chapter.



THE CREATIVE DETAILS

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Event Planner:
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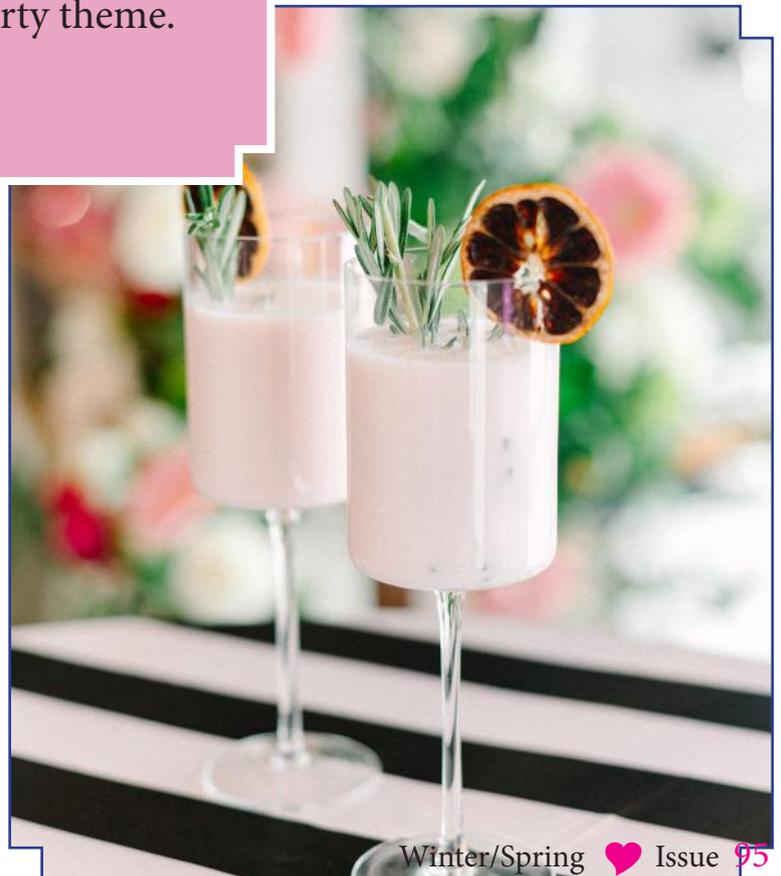
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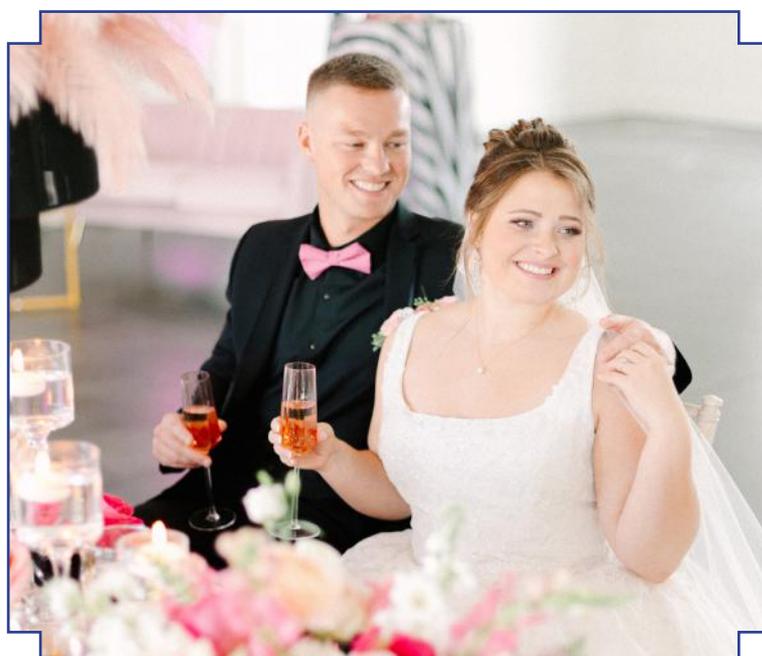
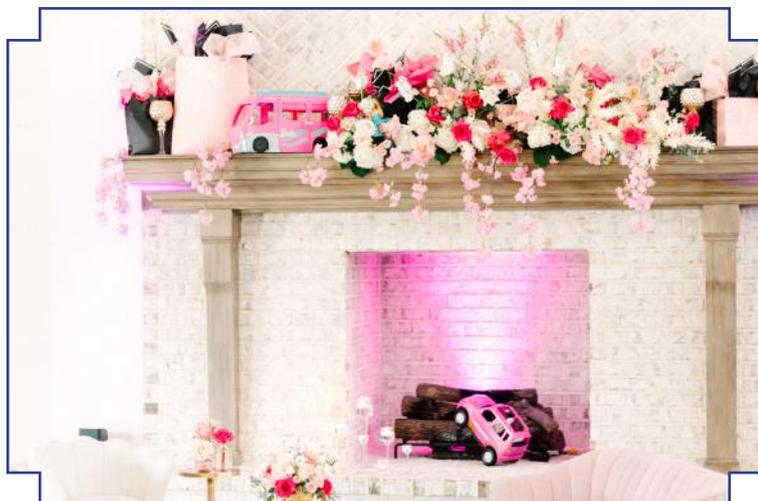
Barbie offers an extensive range of themes and characters, from princesses to superheroes, fashionistas to career women which allow for a wide variety of party ideas to suit every child's interests and preferences.



Barbie is such a positive role model and has evolved over the years to embrace diversity and inclusivity. A Barbie party can help promote positive messages of self-acceptance, diversity, and empowerment.

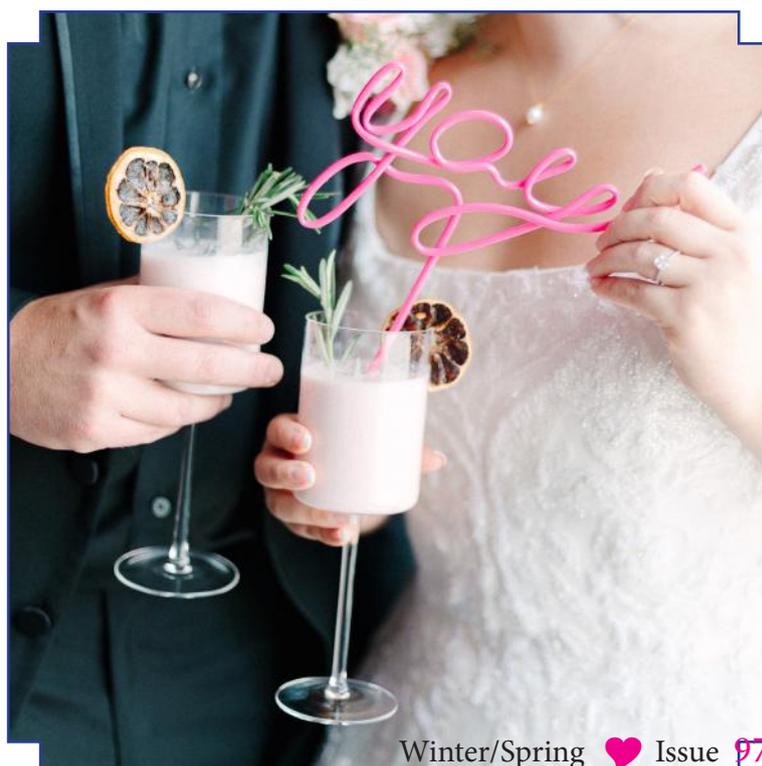
Beloved for generations, a Barbie-themed party can evoke a sense of nostalgia for both parents and guests, allowing you to share your own childhood memories and experiences with your daughter.

Barbie parties are everywhere and a massive trend since the release of the new Barbie movie!



The Details

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| Model: | Kacy Cole Atwood |
| Other: | Sugar Wagen Rosie |
| Other: | 67mustangsallyNC |
| Cinema: | Lovecraft |
| Apparel: | Peninsula Cleaners |
| Favors: | Decadence Popcorn LLC |
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Artsy

style guide

Style Files



Artsy style, often referred to as eclectic or bohemian, is a fashion aesthetic that draws inspiration from various artistic and cultural influences. It's characterized by its unique and creative approach to dressing, often incorporating unconventional combinations of colors, patterns, textures, and accessories.

1. **Mixing Patterns and Textures:** Artsy fashion embraces the mixing and matching of different patterns, textures, and fabrics. This can include pairing floral prints with geometric patterns, combining velvet with denim, or layering different fabrics like lace, chiffon, and knitwear.

2. **Bold Colors and Prints:** Artsy dressers are not afraid to experiment with bold and vibrant colors, as well as eye-catching prints and graphics. This might include wearing bright hues like turquoise, magenta, or mustard yellow, as well as playful prints such as tie-dye, tribal motifs, or abstract designs.

3. **Vintage and Retro Inspiration:** The artsy style often incorporates vintage and retro elements, drawing inspiration from various decades such as the '60s, '70s, and '80s. This can include vintage dresses, flared jeans, retro sunglasses, and statement accessories reminiscent of past eras.



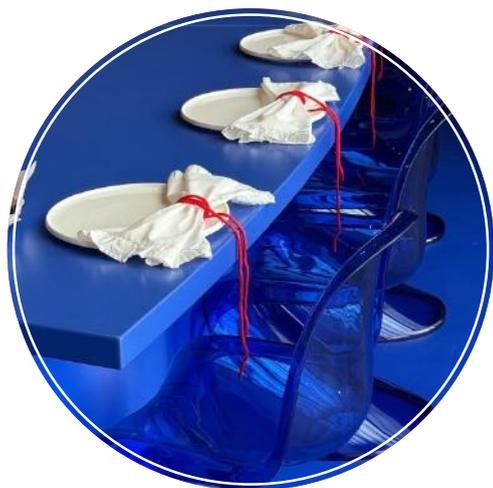
4. **Bohemian Influence:** Bohemian or boho-chic elements are common in artsy fashion, characterized by flowy silhouettes, loose and relaxed fits, and earthy, natural tones. This might include maxi dresses, peasant blouses, fringe details, crochet knits, and ethnic-inspired prints.

5. **Artistic Details and Handcrafted Pieces:** Artsy style often incorporates handmade or artisanal pieces, as well as items with artistic details such as embroidery, beading, appliqué, or hand-painted motifs. This adds a unique and personal touch to the overall look.

What's Trending For 2026

Guess what's trending in weddings:

What's next for weddings? Here's your front-row seat to the trends that will shape the year ahead.



Colors: Cobalt

If there's one color set to have a main-character moment in 2026 weddings, it's cobalt blue. Electric, modern, and impossible to ignore, this shade is forecasted to become one of the year's most defining signatures. We expect rich tones like chocolate brown and burgundy to remain strong, with cobalt blue emerging as an exciting accent color for the season.



Tropical Weddings

Tropical weddings are predicted to surge in 2026, with Bali, Thailand, Vietnam, Hawaii and more lush destinations becoming sought-after backdrops. Designs will draw directly from the raw beauty of the landscapes, embracing exotic fruit and floral varieties.



Landscapes

Landscapes will become the ultimate canvas for wedding design in 2026. Rather than competing with nature, couples are expected to let it take center stage, framing celebrations within its natural drama. More and more, the landscape itself becomes the main character of the design. Mediterranean gardens, coastal cliffs, or even untamed fields serve as the backdrop.



Twisted Florals

In 2026, more couples will be saying "yes" to twisted stems and curly centerpieces. Playful, twisted floral compositions bring a sense of motion to the tablescape, adding rhythm and depth to what can otherwise feel like a static scene. The beauty of twisted blooms is in their dynamic quality—they bend, curl, and spiral in ways that feel organic yet artistic.



Lotus Flowers

With the rising love for tropical weddings, lotus pods and flowers are forecasted to become a go-to pick for bouquets and floral compositions in 2026. Valued for their unique, sculptural shape and earthy texture, lotus pods add a quirky, unexpected touch to centerpiece arrangements. The lotus flower itself, with its layered petals and symbolic resonance, brings both drama and meaning.



Edible Lace

Remember that flash on your 1990s-era The boho revival is making its way into cakes, too. One of the upcoming trends cake artist Atelier Flora anticipates for 2026 is edible lace and crochet-inspired textures—delicate, intricate designs that blur the line between pastry and textile.

New York Fashion Week 2026

The Best Runway Looks at New York Fashion Week 2026



Christian Siriano

Designer Christian Siriano looked to the future for his fall/winter 2025 collection. It was all about the marriage of humans and technology and what can breed between the two. It's no wonder why hybrid garments, like a blazer-mermaid skirt combo, and saturated colorways that looked straight from a computer screen.



Collina Strada

Collina Strada opened the fall/winter 2025 show with a quirky cover of Enya's "Only Time," transforming the lyrics into some of the brand's signature mementos. It's a move that's made designer Hilary Taymour more than a designer, but a standout voice in the New York Fashion Week community as she tackles issues like climate change, consumerism, and patriarchy.



Christopher John Rogers

In Collection 015, Christopher John Rogers brought fun to the New York Fashion Week runways, opening with the sounds of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. With candy-coded stripes and fringes, relaxed tailoring, and tiered dresses, the collection—titled "Exhale"—pushed the designer's work further cementing his signature codes.



Calvin Klein

Designer Veronica Leoni's debut at Calvin Klein came with a nostalgic trip to the '90s, with the man himself—the real Calvin Klein—sitting front row. Leoni wanted to explore what sensuality meant in 2025, attempting to de-objectify the way women's sexuality is portrayed in fashion. The result was a collection of chic A-line dresses, floor-length gray coats, and cape-style tops that are ready-made for today's women.



Akvas

Designer Christian Juul Nielsen's enchanting "Fragmented Royalty" collection featured bloomers, bonnets, and frothy gowns. The regal-looking lineup was inspired by Danish princesses Alexandra, Dagmar, and Thyna, with models clad in fairytale-like ruffled jumpsuits, tiered dresses, and lace frocks.



Campillo

Patricio Campillo's sophomore collection, which he described as "demi-couture" was the epitome of luxury. The Mexican designer's knack for tailoring and embedding his heritage in his designs was shining bright throughout the show. It was all inspired by magical realism—a literary genre made famous by writers like Gabriel García Márquez and Juan Rulfo—finding extraordinary beauty in the ordinary clothes of Campillo's life.

New York Fashion Week 2026

Here are our Editor's Picks...



Altuzarra

Guests at Altuzarra's fall/winter 2025 show received copies of *Wuthering Heights*, ushering in a collection that was straight out of a novel. Caped coats, tweed sets, and polka-dot frocks were all featured throughout the collection as the designer explored the wardrobe "a woman who wears her history as armor and is not afraid to display her scars."



Anna Sui

Anna Sui had wealth on her mind when crafting her fall/winter 2025 collection. Luxe textures, maximalist styling, and old-world silhouettes exhibit the type of opulence that comes with being rich and fabulous. In fact, Sui thought of a universe for a "madcap heiress," displaying an array of teal, magentas, greens, and purples, as well as velvet and fuzzy textures.



Prabal Gurung

For his fall/winter 2025 collection, Prabal Gurung explored moments lived in between. Those who require someone to change in and out of their clothes with the simple act of unbuttoning a jacket to reveal an entirely different outfit. That resulted in layered outfits like an asymmetrical blazer styled with a flouncy skirt over trousers, as well as a cut-out corseted satin dress that looked as if it was coming undone.



LaPointe

Titled "Endurance," designer Sally LaPointe set out to exhibit the codes that have made her New York-based label a standout over the past 15 years. The anniversary collection was shown at court inside the National Basketball Players Association in Manhattan as models carried basketball-shaped bags. Standouts included furry chaps, sequined leggings, and metallic trench coats.



Brandon Maxwell

For his 10th anniversary collection, Brandon Maxwell delivered a powerhouse collection that reminded us that high fashion doesn't have to be ostracizing or obtuse. Instead, Maxwell sent down the runway pieces that were meant to be worn and adored. Sumptuously layered outerwear, abstract animal print, and tenacious textiles made us want to shed our boring basics and upgrade to his vision of wardrobe essentials.



Carolina Herrera

After nearly seven years at the helm of Carolina Herrera, Creative Director Wes Gordon continues to steer the storied house into the future while honoring its roots with unapologetically romantic, feminine designs that feel modern for today's woman. For Fall, Gordon combined beautiful botanical motifs with grey pinstriped tailoring, rich knits, and eveningwear, all of which felt like an early Valentine's Day present.

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From Sketch to Dress

This is such a magical season. The leaves are changing, the air is crisp, and our favorite bridal designers are back in New York City to showcase their newest wedding dress collections. New York Bridal Fashion Week is upon us, and for brides-to-be and wedding fashion enthusiasts alike, it's the most exciting time of the year. This multi-day affair is where the dreams of soon-to-be-weds begin to take shape, as the industry's top bridal designers unveil their latest creations for individuals planning to walk down the aisle next wedding season.

This year's lineup includes iconic names and rising stars—from Anne Barge and Mark Ingram to Andrea Osei BRIDE and Harleen Kaur—all of whom are set to showcase gowns and ensembles that are at once classic and elegant, but also modern and chic. We asked each designer to share an exclusive sneak peek into what the world can expect during the 2025 season.



Anne Barge

“Timeless elegance meets modern romance in our 25th Anniversary Spring 2026 bridal collection, where luxurious fabrics and intricate floral designs celebrate the individuality and confidence of today's bride.” - The Anne Barge team



Arava Polak

“The Delphine gown is a sweetheart, strapless neckline lace gown with a basque waistline. Delphine has a beautiful ivory lace top, a mid-open back, and a gathered ivory lace skirt. The gown can be paired with an elegant detachable, ivory lace, long sleeve bodysuit” - The Arava Polak team



Claire Pettibone

“Inspired by the classic story, a rambling hidden garden is discovered and the world opens. Welcome to the Secret Garden.” - Claire Pettibone, designer and creative director



Alexandra Grecco

“This special piece was developed exclusively for our Alexandra Grecco flagship boutique that just opened in SoHo. I'm excited to introduce a number of new pieces that will be offered at our store, ranging from mini dresses and separates to couture gowns. “I feel is so fun and versatile.” - Alexandra Grecco, founder and designer



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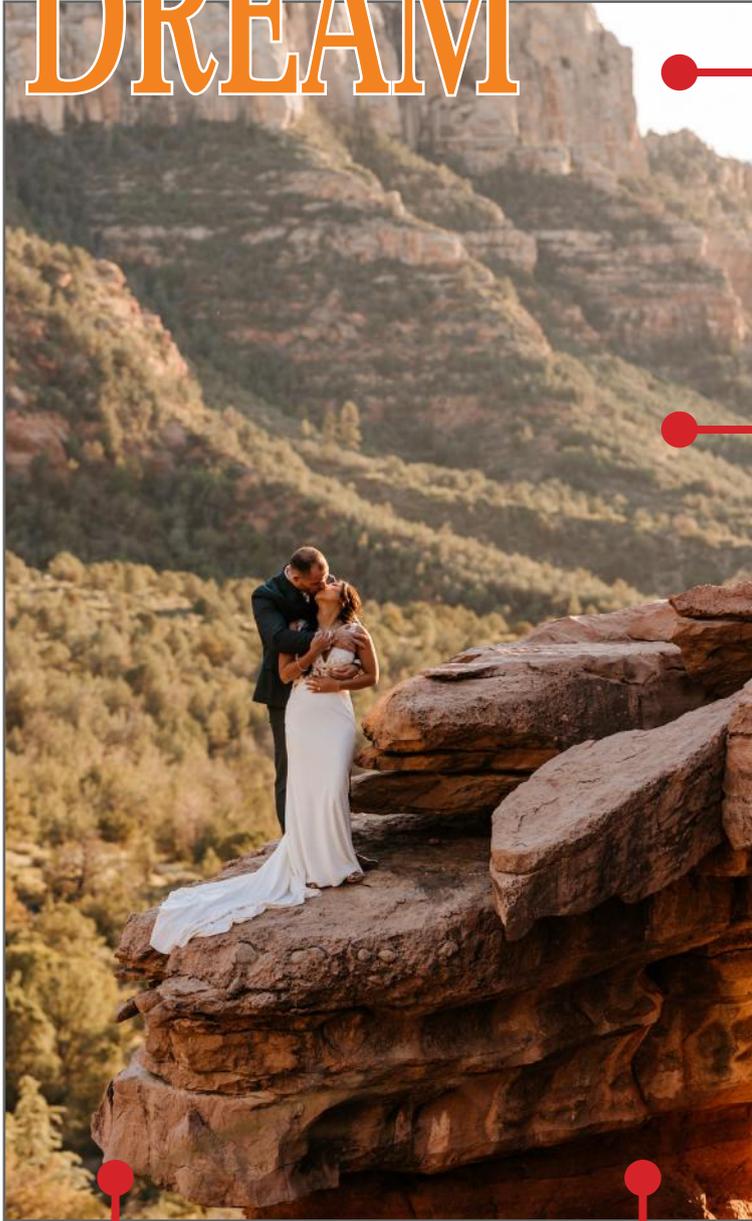
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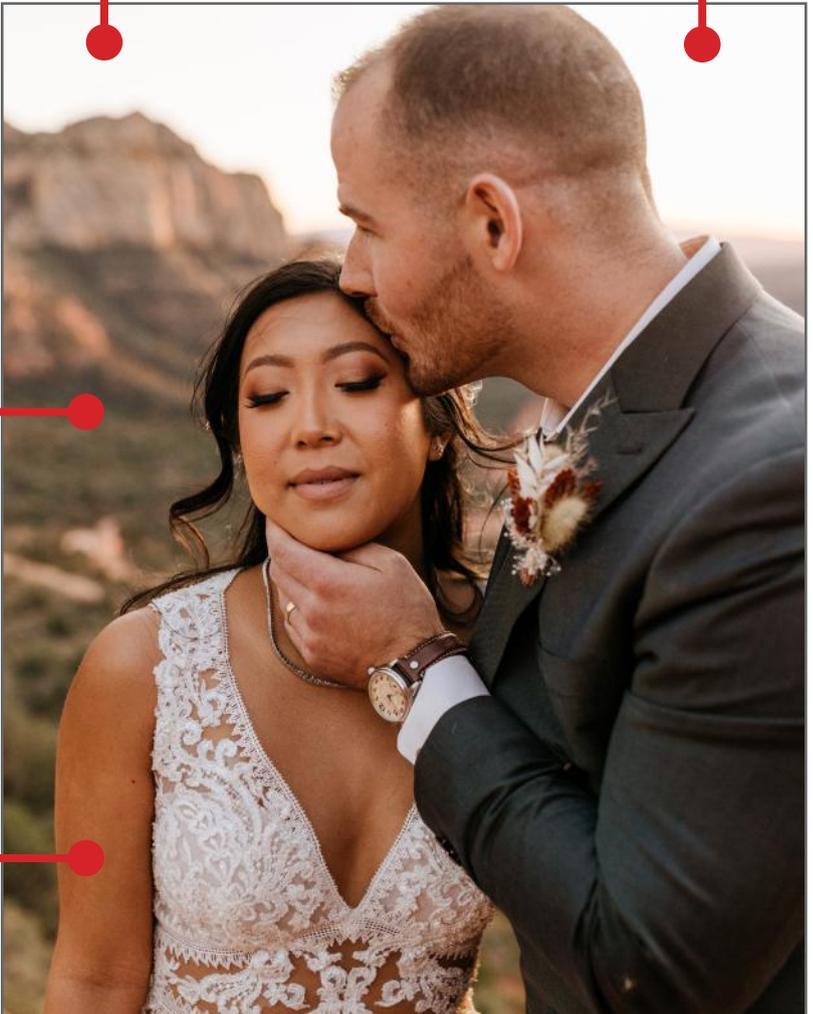
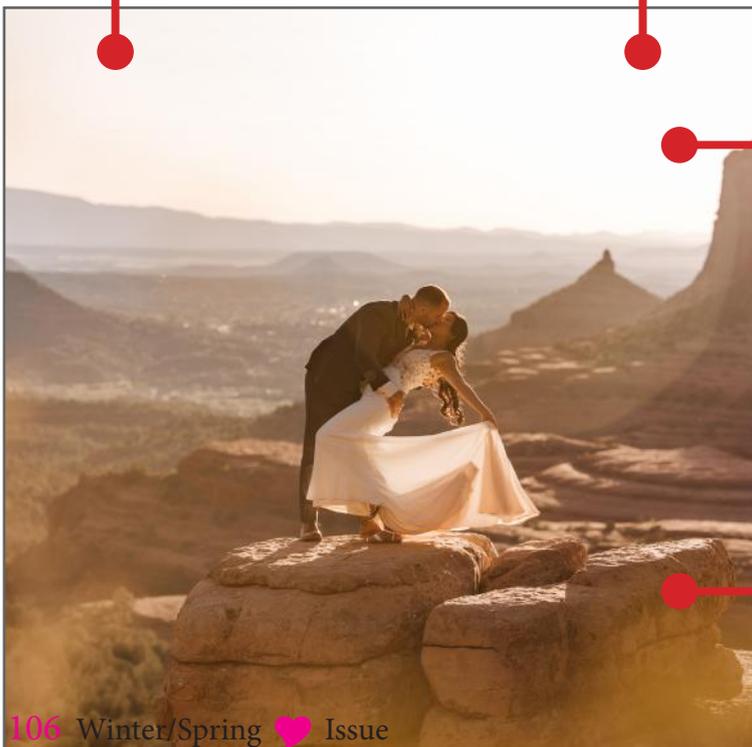
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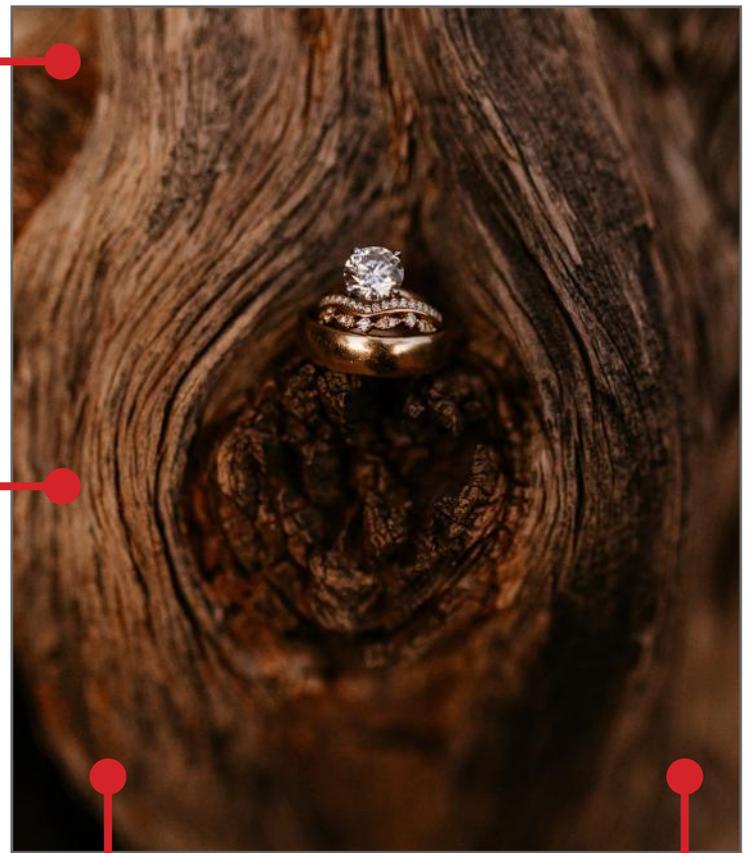
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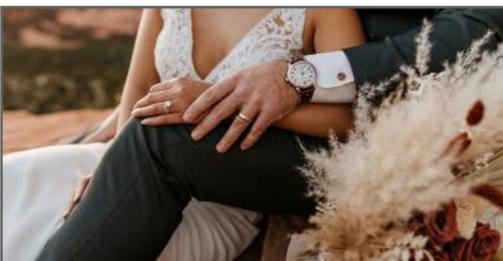
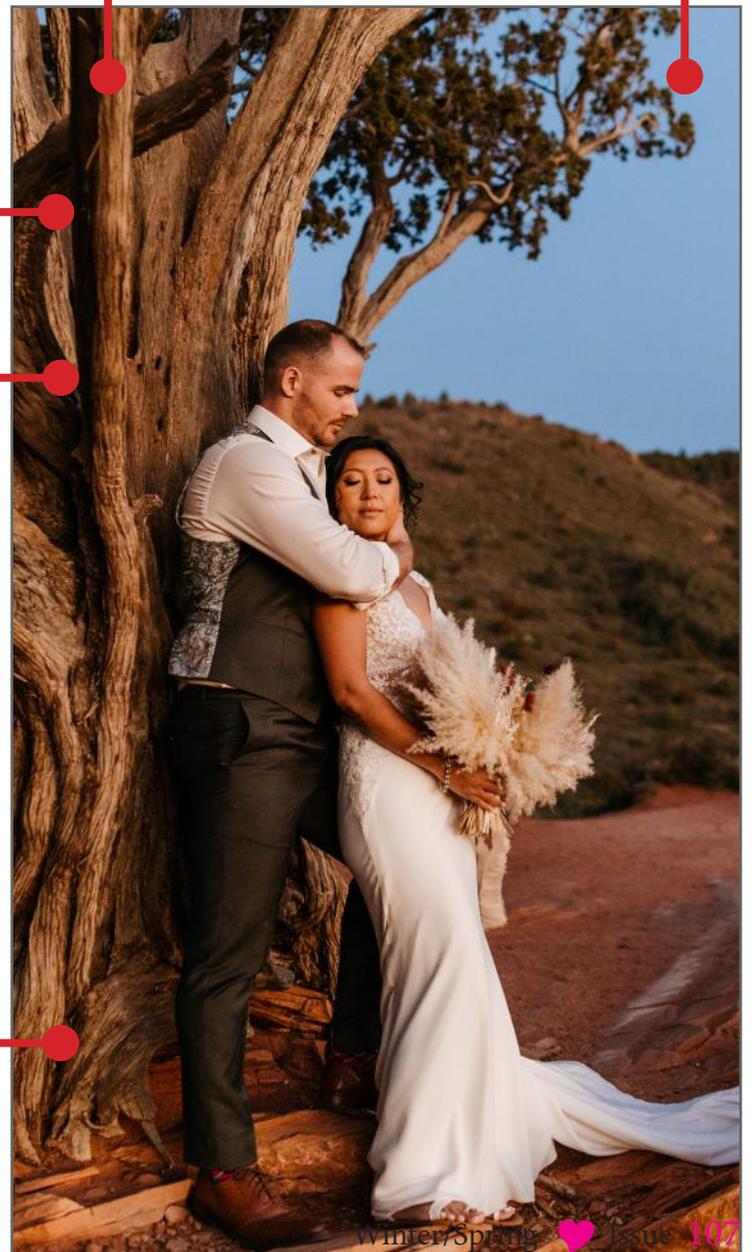


Christine + Ellis came up to Sedona from Scottsdale, Arizona to celebrate their marriage with their closest friends and family. They wanted to get married on a vista overlooking all of the red rocks at sunset and it was beautiful to see their family join them for the adventure. We took a fleet of jeeps up the mountain road to the ceremony location. Everyone decided there would be a competition to see who could get the best jeep photo throughout the time they had them rented for, I think it is safe to say our couple won that!





Once everyone was settled at the ceremony location, Christine's dad walked her down the trail that was also their aisle. Their ceremony was beautiful, everyone had a tear from their emotional hand written vows. After sealing the deal with a kiss they hugged their guests. Once the family said their goodbyes and headed back down the mountain the couple set out to explore the rock shelves. It was a beautiful day in Sedona, with no one else in sight and a magical sunset. They shared a first dance in front of the jeep as the last light left the sky. We set for our adventure down the mountain to re-join the guests for dinner and of course desserts!



THE DETAILS
 Caterer: Into the Fire
 Reception Venue: Coconino National Forest
 Photographer: Adventure and Vow

Runway Royalty: The Must-See Collections

The Icons Return: Some of the most revered names in bridal fashion return to NYBFW, reaffirming the city's status as a global bridal capital:

Reem Acra – The epitome of luxurious romance, presenting by appointment only.

Andrew Kwon – A CFDA darling bringing ethereal couture to the runway.

Ines Di Santo – Masterful draping, architectural silhouettes, and ultra-feminine glamour.

Markarian – A favorite among modern brides and celebrities alike, known for vintage-inspired sophistication.

Berta – The Israeli powerhouse continues to dominate with its intricately detailed, figure-hugging gowns.

Romona Keveza – Timeless, regal, and effortlessly elegant designs that redefine classic bridal.

Naeem Khan – Hand-embroidered artistry meets contemporary elegance in an intimate appointment-only preview.

Francesca Miranda Bridal – Francesca Miranda presents her collection, blending traditional craftsmanship with modern designs.

Morilee by Madeline Gardner – Classic bridal romance with an edge, helmed by design visionary Jiyup Kim.

Jenny Yoo – Known for clean lines and timeless elegance.

Dana Harel – Dana Harel offers modern bridal gowns with luxurious fabrics.



NYBFW

Fashion Forward: The Rising Stars to Watch

This year's New York Bridal Fashion Week (NYBFW) not only celebrates the return of iconic designers but also introduces esteemed talents making their debut appearances at this prestigious event:

Tanner Fletcher – A CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund finalist making a statement with gender-fluid wedding fashion.

Evan Hirsch – The viral TikTok sensation debuting convertible bridal looks and signature capes.

Abel Honor New York – Expanding the bridal landscape with bespoke menswear and modern eveningwear.

Joseph Abboud Occasion – Bringing bespoke tailoring to the forefront of wedding fashion.

Maticevski – known for sculptural designs and innovative fabrics.

Odylyne the Ceremony – Bohemian meets avant-garde, strongly emphasising ethereal, free-spirited bridalwear.

LEIN Studio – Minimalism redefined through sharp tailoring and sleek silhouettes.

Mariana Hardwick—This Australian designer will present her avant-garde bridal creations to the NYBFW audience with a flexible time slot.

The Evolution of NYBFW: Bigger, Bolder, and More Immersive

Sustainability Takes Centre Stage: Bridal fashion is no longer exempt from the sustainability movement. 2026's NYBFW highlights designers who are reshaping the industry with eco-conscious innovation:

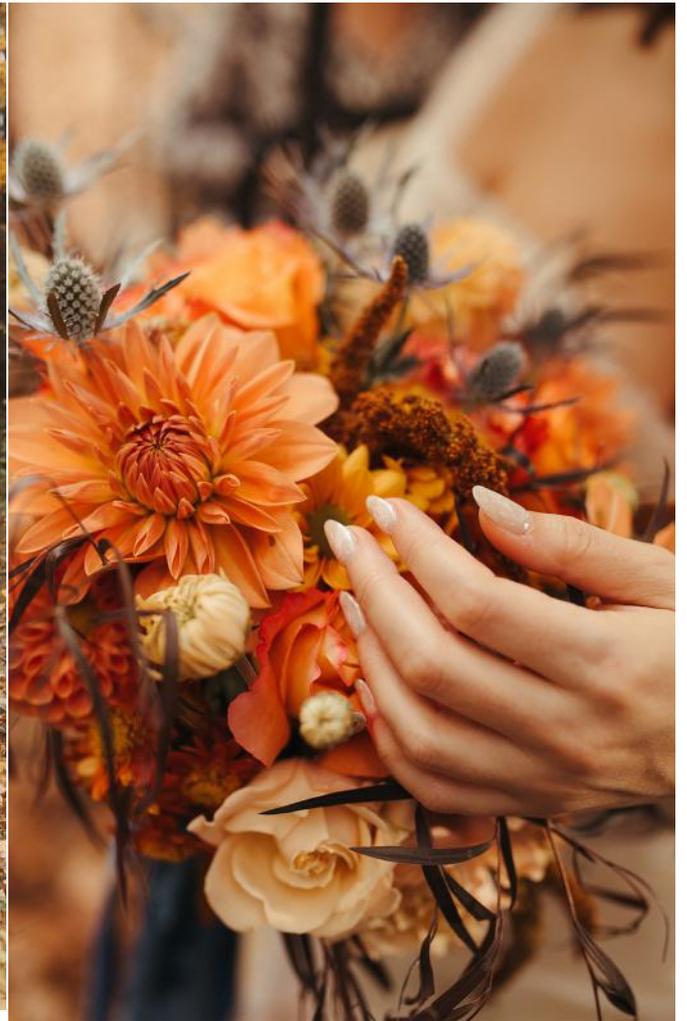
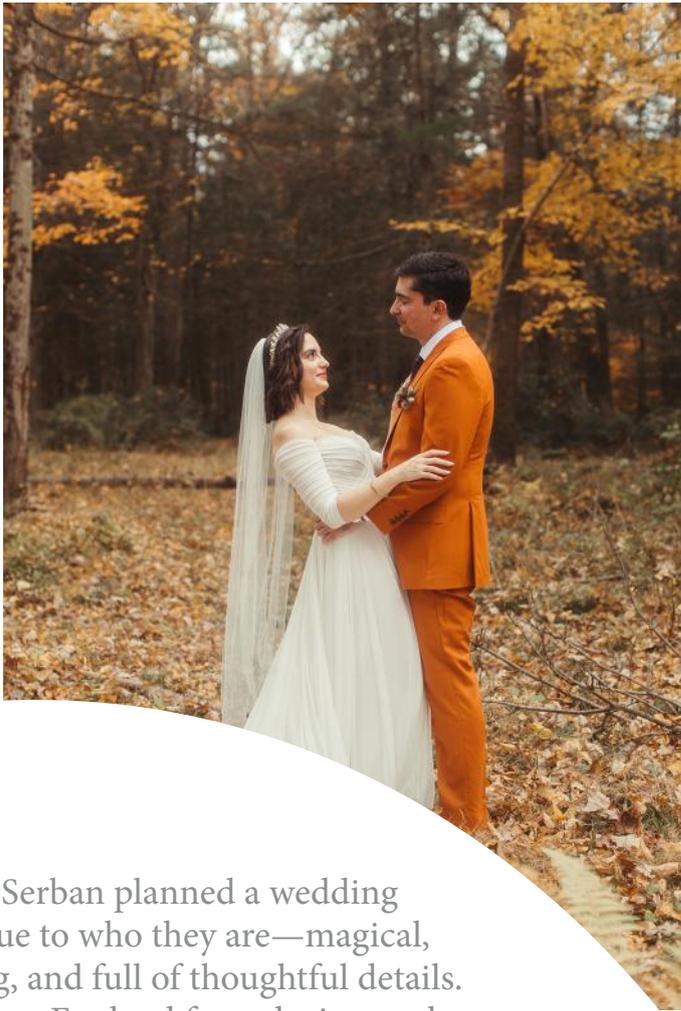
Savannah Miller – Championing slow fashion with ethically produced, timeless designs.

Viktor & Rolf Mariage is known for avant-garde couture, focusing on sustainable practices.

Tanner Fletcher – Incorporating upcycled materials and gender-inclusive designs into bridalwear.



Lydia & Serban

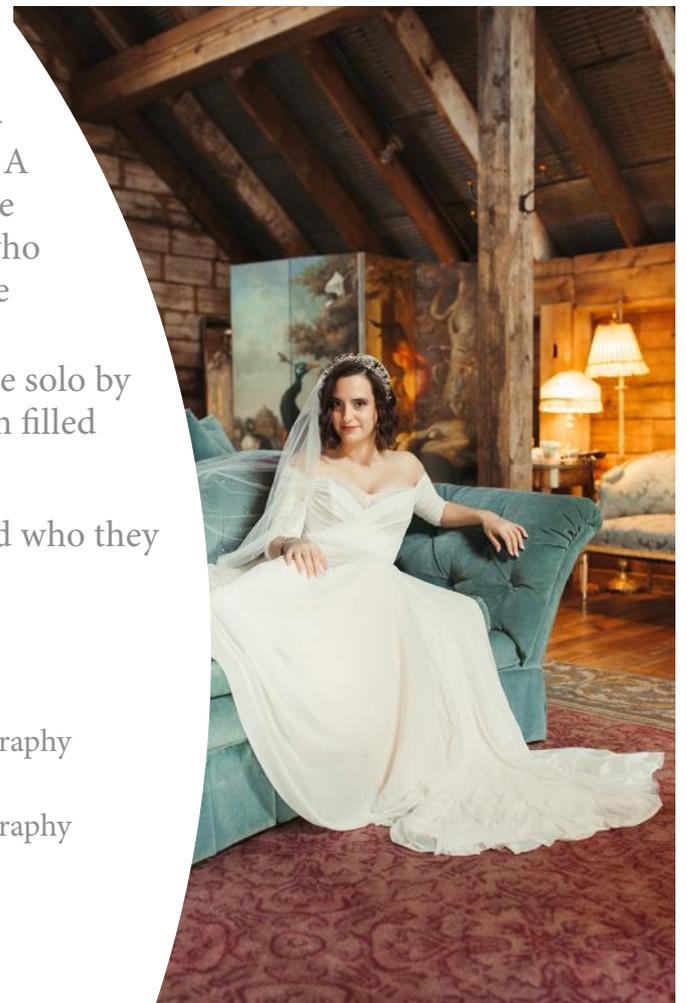


Lydia and Serban planned a wedding that felt true to who they are—magical, welcoming, and full of thoughtful details. Set on a New England farm during peak foliage, their day blended autumn beauty with a witchy, enchanted atmosphere.

Guests enjoyed cocktails with edible glitter and farm-to-table bites while live owls looked on from their perches. A professional tarot reader offered readings throughout the night, and the ceremony was led by a practicing witch who brought intention, warmth, and grounding energy to the moment.

There were horses, music, and even a surprise saxophone solo by the bride. The entire day was spellbinding—a celebration filled with meaning, joy, and a touch of mystery.

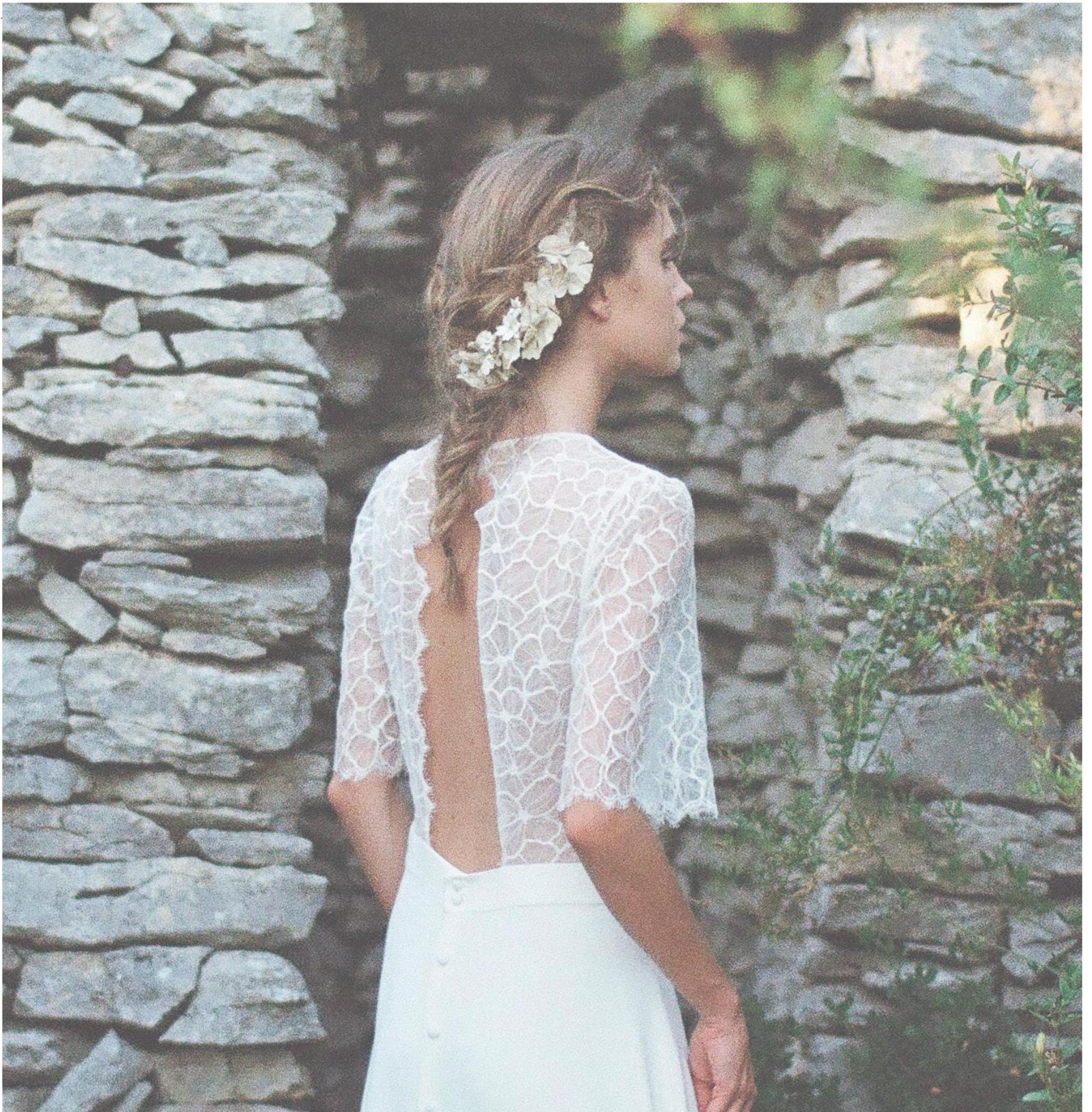
It wasn't just a wedding—it was a gathering that honored who they are and the kind of love they share.



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If you're a bride or lover who believes that rules are meant to be broken and traditions are just guidelines, then you're in the right place. The classic white wedding dress will always have its timeless charm, there's something undeniably magical about embracing color on your big day. Whether you're dreaming of a vibrant hue that pops against your wedding backdrop or a subtle shade that reflects your unique personality, colorful wedding dresses are here to make a statement.

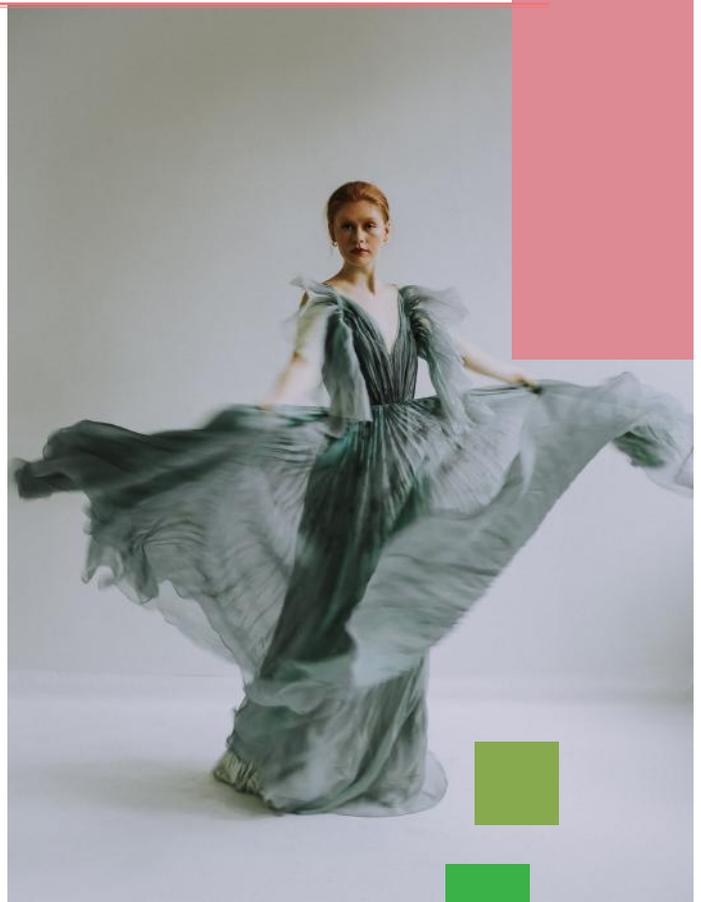
From bold red wedding dresses and deep emerald greens to pastel pinks and colored embroidered designs, we've curated a collection of colorful wedding gowns you'll fall in love with, perfect for 2026. These dresses not only celebrate individuality, but also add a splash of joy and excitement to your wedding festivities.

Would you decide to choose one of these colorful dress ideas on your big day?



A Warm Rust Colored Tulle Wedding Skirt by Sumarokova Atelier

This rust-colored wedding skirt radiates warmth with its rich hue and flowing tulle. Paired with a delicate bodice, it's a perfect choice for lovers who want a soft, ethereal look while embracing a unique and bold color palette. This dress look will certainly turn heads. Great for a rustic style celebration.



The Estella Gown by Leanne Marshall

This Leanne Marshall teal colored wedding gown captures the essence of modern bohemian style with its flowing layers and earthy tones. It's perfect for outdoor weddings and brides who want a relaxed yet elegant vibe.



Wisteria by Claire Pettibone

Claire Pettibone's Wisteria gown is like a dream come true. The soft lavender hue and delicate floral embroidery make it ideal for brides who want to feel both whimsical and elegant. Perfect for a garden or fairytale-inspired wedding.



A Soft Dreamy Pink Gown by Michelle Hébert

This beautiful pink wedding gown by Michelle Hébert is the epitome of soft romance. The delicate fabric and pastel color make it perfect for a bride who wants to blend dreamy elegance with a touch of individuality. It's ideal for an outdoor or garden wedding, where the gentle hues can truly complement the natural setting.



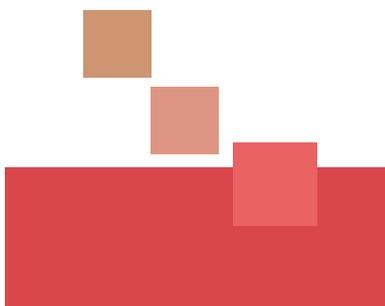
Soft Blue Lace Gown by Paolo Sebastian

This Allora lace gown in soft blue by Paolo Sebastian combines sleek, modern design with classic detailing. The off-the-shoulder style and form-fitting silhouette create a sophisticated and timeless look, perfect for brides who want understated elegance with a contemporary twist.



Vibrant reds by Allure Bridals

Uninhibited, wildly beautiful. This off-shoulder bridal ballgown is both ethereal and unforgettable in ivory and wine red. Make a bold statement at your special day.



Grooms Corner

What's Trending for our Grooms in 2026. We've got the skinny below

By Mark Crompton

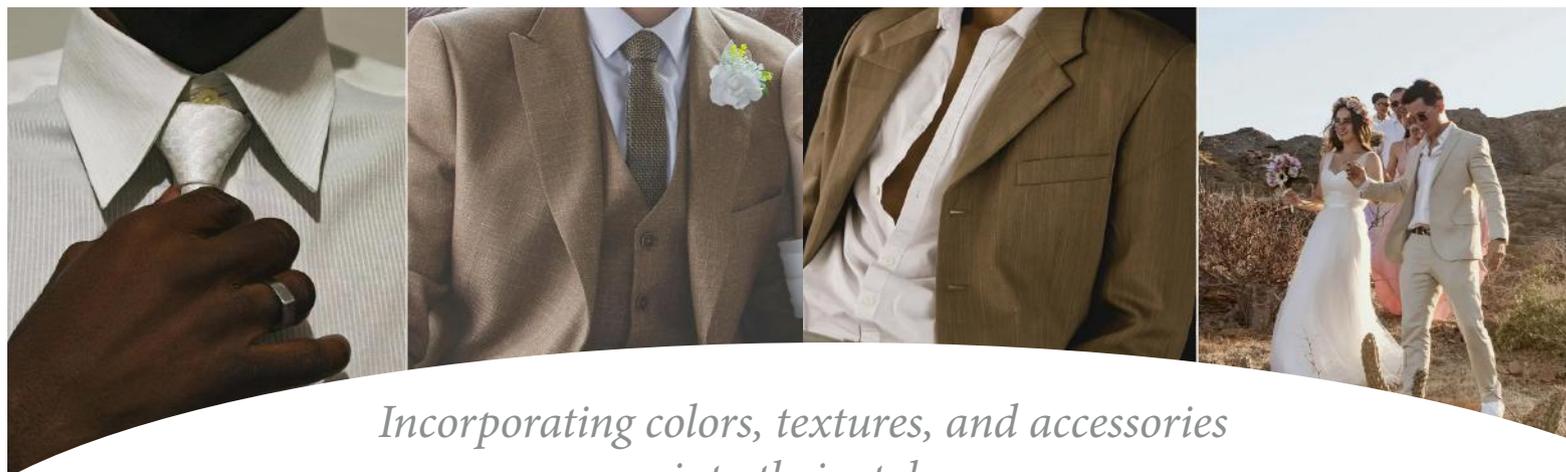
The world is full of beautiful colors and opportunities for self-expression, making it wonderful to see modern grooms embracing this by incorporating colors, textures, and accessories into their style. 2026 promises to be an exciting year for men's wedding fashion, with bold trends, innovative tailoring, and fresh colors. Here's a look at the hottest style trends for grooms in 2026.

Bold, Tailored Suits

The classic black suit, which never loses its symbolic significance, has inspired elegant variations in a range of refined shades. Deep emerald, burgundy, and even muted pastels for spring and summer weddings will highlight the groom of 2026. These stunning hues allow grooms to add personality to their wedding attire while maintaining a sense of elegance. The focus is on sharp, clean lines with structured blazers and trousers emphasizing a groom's physique, creating a modern yet timeless silhouette.

Sustainable Fashion

Whereas today's generation is becoming more and more mindful, eco-friendly fabrics and ethically sourced materials are a growing trend for grooms in 2026. Designers increasingly offer suits made from organic cotton, linen, and recycled materials. It's an opportunity to choose for eco-friendly materials and support brands that prioritize transparent and ethical production with minimal environmental impact. Eco-friendly suits feature modern, high-quality designs and craftsmanship that rivals traditional bespoke tailoring.



Incorporating colors, textures, and accessories into their style



Is It OK To Wear Sneakers In A Wedding?

It is generally acceptable to wear sneakers to a wedding. In recent years, there has been a growing trend of couples and guests opting for more casual and comfortable footwear choices. Sneakers can be a stylish and practical option for those who prioritize comfort on their special day. However, it's important to consider the overall style and formality of the wedding before choosing sneakers as your footwear. Here are a few factors to keep in mind.



SNEAK INTO THE WEDDING



Keep in Mind:

1. Wedding style: Consider the overall vibe and theme of the wedding. If it is a black-tie or formal affair, sneakers may not be the most appropriate choice. However, for more casual or outdoor weddings, sneakers can be a fun and fitting choice.

2. Dress code: If the wedding has a specific dress code, such as "black tie optional" or "cocktail attire," it's best to adhere to those guidelines. Check the invitation or consult with the couple to ensure that sneakers are appropriate for the dress code.

3. Sneaker style: Opt for sneakers that are clean, well-maintained, and relatively stylish. Avoid worn-out or dirty sneakers, as they can detract from your overall look. Consider choosing sneakers in a neutral color or a style that complements your outfit.

Stand out in style

If you're a sneaker fanatic and can't imagine yourself in anything else, there are plenty of ways to make this unconventional choice work for your wedding. The key is to choose a pair of sneakers that are more elevated and sophisticated, rather than your everyday gym shoes. Opt for high-quality sneakers in neutral colors like white, black, or even a subtle pastel shade that complements your wedding color scheme.





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Gold and Green Wedding Color Palette

This Bride's wedding was simply stunning, thanks in part to her gorgeous color palette! She went with soft shades of green and delicate florals to complement the natural beauty of an outdoor venue, adding touches of gold for a hint of glamour. The result was an elegant yet relaxed vibe that felt perfectly vintage.



Lemon and Lavender Wedding Color Palette

For the perfect mix of sunshine and serenity, try a lemon and lavender color scheme. This sweet and cheerful combo is perfect for spring weddings with a laid-back, happy vibe.



Curved & Serpentine Tables

Forget rigid rows of tables. Curved, wavy, and serpentine table layouts create a more dynamic and intimate dining experience. This setup encourages conversation by allowing guests to see and interact with more people than they would at a standard rectangular table.



Mixing Vintage & Modern Elements

There's something magical about combining the old with the new. Picture pairing your grandmother's heirloom cake server with sleek, modern plates, or placing minimalist floral arrangements on vintage furniture. This mix creates a timeless aesthetic that feels both personal and stylish.



TRENDS TO SET 2026



Bespoke, Artisan-Made Decor

Couples are turning to local artisans for one-of-a-kind decor elements. Handcrafted signage, custom-made pottery for centerpieces, local painter painting at the reception, and locally sourced rentals are replacing mass-produced items. This not only supports small businesses but also adds a layer of authenticity and craftsmanship to your day.



Celestial & Cosmic Inspirations

A touch of magic is in the air. Celestial themes are being woven into weddings in subtle, sophisticated ways. Think star motifs on stationery, moon-shaped ceremony arches, or a color palette inspired by the night sky with deep blues and metallic accents. It's romantic, mystical, and utterly enchanting.

Valentine's Weekend Wedding



Maggy and Kurt's wedding was a breathtaking celebration of love, blending timeless elegance with bold, romantic details. Held on Valentine's Day weekend, their wedding was a departure from traditional red and pink, instead embracing a rich palette of deep blues, reds, purples, and soft pinks, accented with luxurious gold. Every element was carefully curated to create an atmosphere that was both sophisticated and intimate, perfectly reflecting their love story.



Maggy was the embodiment of classic elegance in her gown from Gown Boutique of Charleston. The timeless silhouette and delicate details perfectly complemented the romantic ambiance of the day. Her bridesmaids wore rich, deep red dresses, while the junior bridesmaids donned a soft purple-pink, seamlessly tying into the overall color scheme. Kurt and his groomsmen exuded sophistication in classic black suits, accented with deep red pocket squares and vibrant boutonnieres that added a perfect pop of color.

Guests were welcomed with an inviting pre-ceremony spread featuring cheese, fruit, and crudités, along with a cozy coffee and hot cocoa bar to combat the chilly weather. The beverage experience was elevated with a vintage-style Tap Truck serving beers on tap, while Pour Advice Bartending provided an array of signature drinks, including an Old Fashioned, two custom mocktails, and of course, the mango margarita.

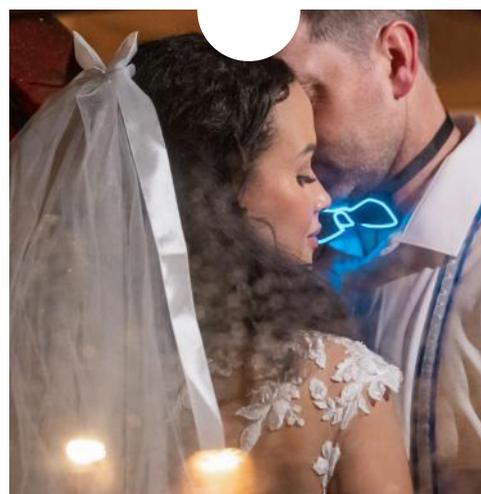
The floral arrangements were nothing short of spectacular, with a combination of low table arrangements and towering centerpieces creating an immersive and elegant atmosphere. A stunning hedge wall, adorned with floral clusters and a glowing neon sign, served as a striking photo backdrop. Delicate bud vases on every cocktail table added refined floral accents throughout the space, ensuring every corner radiated romance with Ombré tiers that transitioned through breathtaking shades of blue, purple, and white. It was beautifully displayed on a gold cake stand provided by their planner, Parris Balazs, and paired with a delicately patterned blue floral linen from BBJ La Tavola. The couple's personalized crystal champagne flutes added a final, elegant touch to their cake-cutting toast.

Maggy and Kurt infused their wedding with thoughtful and meaningful details, making the celebration truly unforgettable. Their wedding invitation featured custom artwork of their venue, Heron Hill, hand-drawn by a talented Charleston artist. This stunning illustration offered guests a glimpse of the charm and beauty of the venue before they even arrived.





Every detail of Maggy and Kurt's wedding was a reflection of their love—bold, romantic, and beautifully timeless. Their day was not just about celebrating their union but also about sharing meaningful experiences with their loved ones, making it a wedding that will be remembered for a lifetime.



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THE DETAILS

Choosing the perfect wedding cake can feel overwhelming, right? With so many styles, flavors, and designs to consider, it's easy to get lost in the details. You want a cake that not only looks stunning but also tastes amazing and fits your wedding theme. Knowing your guest count helps determine the cake size. Generally, plan for one slice per person. For example, if you're hosting 100 guests, a cake serving 100 should meet your needs.

Budget

Set a budget early on, as wedding cakes can vary significantly in price based on size, complexity, and ingredients.

Here's a quick guide for portion sizes:

Standard tiered cakes: Typically serve around 12-15 slices per tier.

Sheet cakes: Generally serve more guests, averaging 30-40 slices each.

Calculating slice sizes helps prevent running out of cake, while considering extra servings for those who desire seconds can be beneficial. Additionally, you might want to account for any dietary restrictions guests may have.

Selecting the right baker is crucial to achieving the wedding cake of your dreams. A skilled baker can bring your vision to life while ensuring quality and taste.

Flavor & Style

Choose flavors that reflect your taste and that of your partner. Popular options include vanilla, chocolate, and red velvet. Consider the cake's design to match your wedding theme, whether it's classic, modern, or whimsical.

Servings

Determine the number of guests to ensure the cake is large enough. A general rule is one slice per guest.

Tasting

Schedule tastings with potential bakers to sample flavors and see their previous work. Look for reviews and recommendations to find a reputable baker.

Design

Selecting the design and aesthetic of your wedding cake significantly impacts its visual appeal and how well it complements your wedding theme.





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The 2026 Dress Trends from NYBFW

Last week, the bridal world came together for one of the most exciting New York Bridal Fashion Weeks in recent years. Designers showcased their fall 2026 collections with grand runway shows, packed presentations, and market showcases that highlighted the growing boom of the bridal industry and clearly indicated that the bridal space is getting creative, with plenty of bold designs that push the envelope.



Ridiculously Fun Wedding Ideas

The main point of any wedding is for you and your partner to get married, right? But beyond that, it may also be the biggest party you'll ever throw! And when we think of the word "party," we think FUN. Not only for the guests, but for you as well! Here are some ridiculously fun wedding ideas to inspire you to think outside the box.



Bridal Shower Games that are Actually Fun

A bridal shower is all about ushering a bride into her soon-to-be-married life. On such a happy occasion, what better way to celebrate than with a few fun bridal shower games and activities? Nope, we're not talking about the ones that make guests roll their eyes. Your attendees will actually be excited about the following creative ideas. Another reason not to skip offering things to do at your party? They prevent the event from being all about the presents. Additionally, they serve as a way to organize the flow of the shower—you can avoid lulls and boredom with a pre-planned itinerary.



Randy's top tips to help you find the perfect wedding gown:

So, what was it like to work with Randy? We all had the same goal—find the perfect gown for 30 real brides. In the wedding world, this was the equivalent of playing in the Super Bowl. He doesn't meet with brides until the cameras start rolling. There was no script and no guarantee that he would be able to find them a dress, but hey, this is Randy Fenoli we're talking about here. Watching the brides walk down the runway in their dream dresses, surrounded by their family members, was incredibly rewarding.

The Picture Perfect

BEST MAN

We have included some tips for you to be the Picture Perfect Best Man!

1 Support the Groom
Be a reliable confidant and emotional support for the groom during the wedding planning process.



2 Plan the Bachelor Party
Organize a fun and memorable bachelor party that reflects the groom's interests while ensuring it remains respectful and enjoyable for all attendees.



6 Stay Positive and Calm
Maintain a positive attitude and help diffuse any stress or tension that may arise during the event.



5 Be Organized on the Wedding Day
Ensure the groom is ready on time, manage the rings, and assist with any last-minute details to keep the day running smoothly.



3 Assist with Wedding Preparations
Help with tasks such as addressing invitations, coordinating with vendors, or managing the rehearsal dinner.

4 Deliver a Thoughtful Speech
Prepare a heartfelt and humorous speech that celebrates the couple, sharing personal anecdotes while keeping it appropriate for all guests.

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