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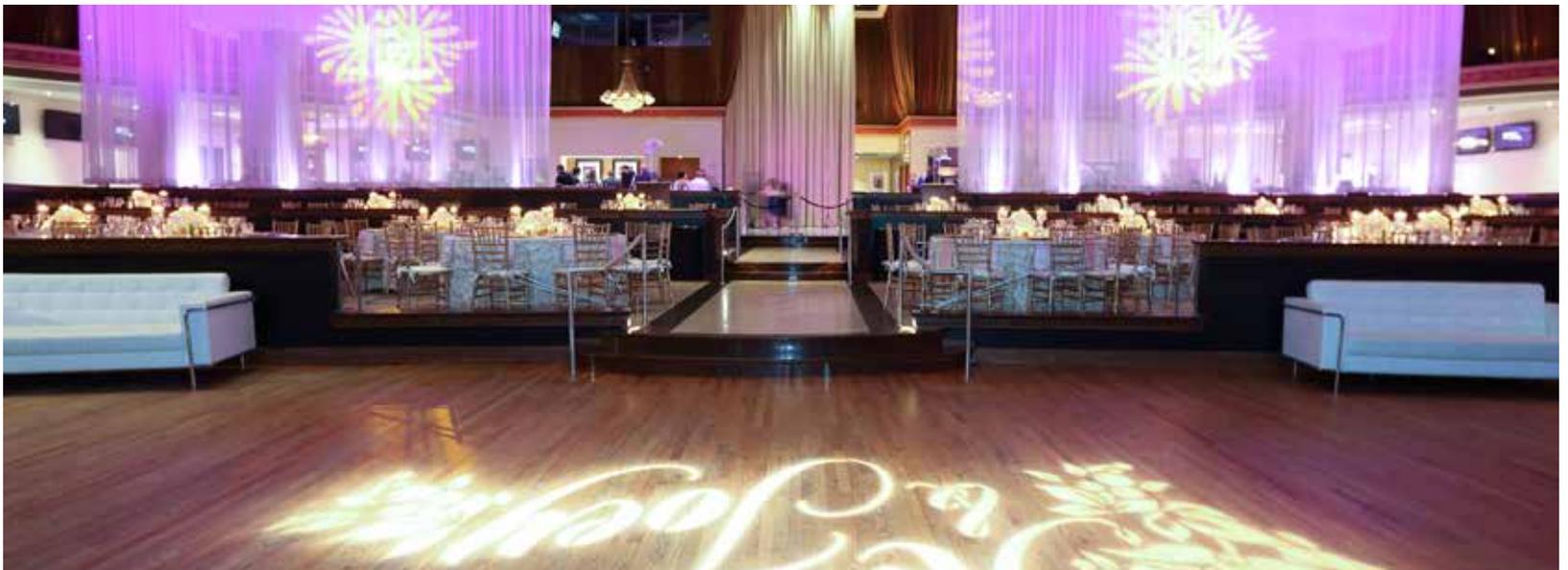
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Downton Abbey Issue

Letter from the Editor:

Here we go again! I am feeling and seeing all the smells and sounds of the holidays, and I am loving every bit of it! The uplifting spirit of the holidays with their sharing and caring reaches out to us all. Our Fall/Winter issue features the theme of Downton Abbey, an historical period drama which has been hailed as a global sensation and a “grand, cinematic experience.” I absolutely loved the dress I was wearing for the editor’s photo shoot. It was sooo gorgeous, I didn’t want to change it after. The film is set in 1927 and depicts a visit by the King and Queen to the Crawley family’s English country house in the Yorkshire countryside. Nearly six years ago America fell in love with the show and has followed it through constant changes, scandals, love, ambition, heartbreak and hope ever since. The show and it’s cast deliver wit, warmth, passion and a phenomenon that is, at its heart, the very core of humanity.

Our cover photo is from Grace Loves Lace founder Megan Ziems. She set out to change the industry. Her belief was that quality shouldn’t be dictated by a price tag, that a woman shouldn’t have to sacrifice style for comfort and that brides of today deserved better than average, and so began the story of Grace Loves Lace. “Megan says that the essence of what they do is what their mission was from the beginning - to design wedding gowns that women want. The common thread that women of all different cultures, shapes and sizes share is that they want to feel beautiful.” From the look of her beautiful dresses in our Runway section, she has accomplished exactly what she set out to do.

Our Lifestyle editor Mar Jennings article on there is no better way to extend your home’s footprint than by creating outdoor spaces, fits in perfect with The Outdoor Look book, and Outdoor Mobile Bar. Mar says, gardens become magical places when cozy, inviting outdoor rooms are planned. If you have a garden, don’t just look at it, live in it! Vista Verde Guest Ranch extended a gracious offer to us here at Florida Bride and New York Bride Magazine to come and experience for ourselves all they have to offer to our brides and grooms. So, on October 2nd., 2019 we decided to do just that! We shipped out our very own Fashion and Beauty Director Kimaree Beyrent to Clark, Colorado which is near Steamboat Springs for a full report. Read what she has to say about the cabin, food, staff, horses, dancing classes in the barn, and the wonderful view!

Find out how to incorporate Pantone’s new color of the year Bleached Coral into your wedding décor, and learn what’s hot in Metallics – which fits in perfectly with a holiday wedding. The professionals in these pages will help create the wedding of your dreams. Check them out!

As always, we wish you and yours a holiday filled with love and bliss!

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2020 Color of the Year

Sustainability



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Somber Uncomplicated

Pantone just released their Color Of The Year – Bleached Coral – and this time around it's making quite the statement. With 2020 just months away, it is making society even more aware of time, what that means for us individually and in relationship to our planet. 2019 was about celebrating Coral Reefs and with the 2020 Pantone Color Of The Year, they are bringing awareness to Coral Bleaching. They named the slightly blue off white color this season – Coral Bleaching – which is actually taking place at an alarming rate due to the rise in water temperatures.



“Somber, yet uncomplicated, Pantone Bleached Coral harkens back to a simple time. The subtly inoffensive hue offers a harsh reminder of how quickly things change, with a comforting greyscale undertone that reinforces the inevitability of time.

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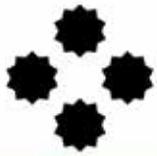
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What else screams summer in the south besides peaches? This peach inspired wedding shoot was filled with unique elements. There was a hanging dessert table, a pie table, charcuterie boards, a horse trailer turned bar and a picnic! The Barn at Cottonwood Ranch was the perfect backdrop for a perfect sunset summer shoot.

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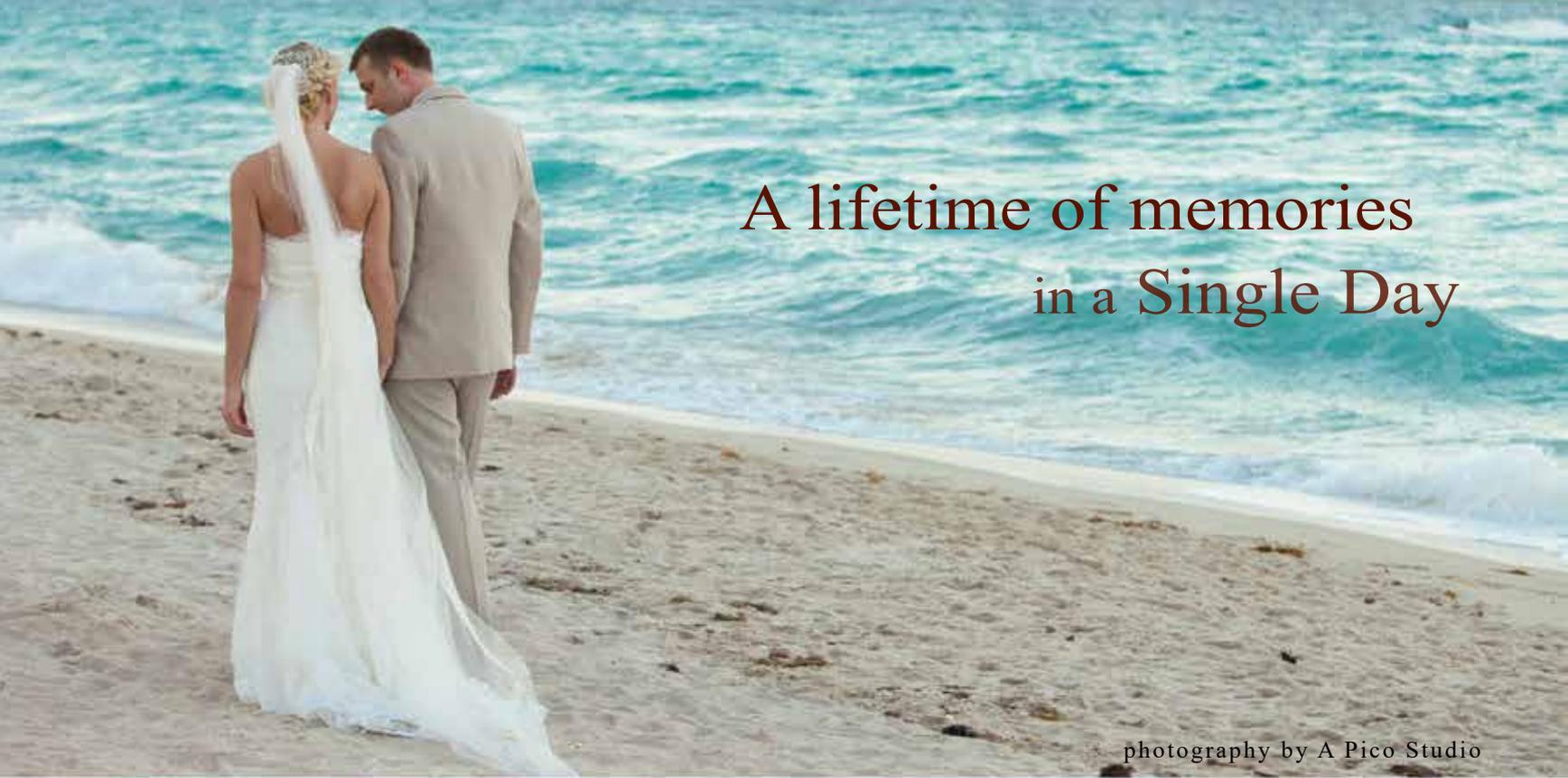
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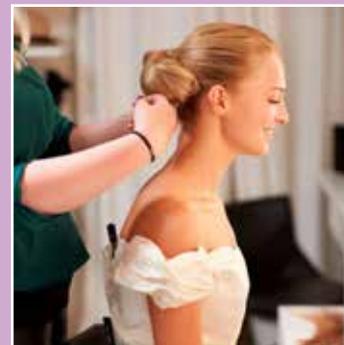
The wedding

The week before your wedding is the time to take care of all those last-minute details. Pull out your favorite nail polish, because you'll want to get a manicure a

day or two before your rehearsal dinner. And don't forget to deliver the final headcount to your wedding venue. But what about the things to avoid the week before your wedding?

New Hair Color

"Even if your colorist is the absolute best, avoid making changes to your hair within a week of your wedding," says Paul Labrecque, hairstylist and owner of Paul Labrecque Salon and Spa in New York City. "You never know how the color could oxidize or how it will look with your skin tone." If you want to refresh your hue without endangering your look, ask your colorist to put a clear gloss on your strands. "This will add a lot of shine and sheen," says Labrecque. But if you do get mixed up with some bad color before the big day, you won't do too much damage to your hair by getting it recolored right away—as long as there weren't high levels of bleach involved in the process, says Labrecque.



Alcohol

For something you sip, alcohol carries a ton of extra calories, so you may want to cut back even earlier than the week before your wedding. As for immediate effects, alcohol can make you look and feel puffy due its sulfur-bearing gases and other qualities that weaken your digestive system. What's more, alcohol dilates your blood vessels, which can lead to wedding picture-compromising redness, says Debra Jaliman, author of *Skin Rules: Trade Secrets from a Top New York Dermatologist*.

A New Workout

"Stick to the routine you've been doing," says Melissa Paris, a certified group exercise instructor and Lululemon ambassador. "Now is not the time for new moves." Pulled muscles can take weeks to heal and you definitely don't want to be too sore to get down on the dance floor. If your goal is to lose weight, make sure to start a new fitness program well before your dress fittings. And if you're just looking for an amazing way to relieve pre-wedding stress, grab a friend for a quick walk or run in the park. "There is something about being outside with a friend that is so helpful," says Paris.



Spray Tan Booths

"Spray tanning in a booth may be a budget-friendly option for a safe, sunless glow, but there's a good chance the color you get won't match your skin tone as well as other fake tanning alternatives," says Nina Patino, an aesthetician at Paul Labrecque Salon and Spa. Rather than stepping into a box—which can result in uneven color if you don't hold your body just so—it's best to have a specialist expertly apply the tanning solution so it's evenly distributed and complements your skin color, says Patino. And don't forget to lightly exfoliate beforehand. "The color will last longer and you'll literally glow as you walk down the aisle," says Patino.

All-Nighters

Up all night hand-embossing your ceremony programs? Find a dutiful friend to fill in and get some sleep! Sleep deprivation can actually affect your immune system. "You're more likely to get a viral infection if you haven't been getting enough sleep," says Dr. Frank Lipman, an integrative and functional medicine physician and founder of Eleven Eleven Wellness Center in New York City. Logging enough shut-eye also improves your complexion, rids your eyes of dark circles.



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What's Hot?

What's hot now? Metallics. Shimmering details are finding their way back into wedding décor (which makes sense, their reflective qualities brighten up fall and winter weddings), and those metallic details are landing right on the cake too.



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Just Get Out!

There is no better way to extend your home's footprint than by creating outdoor spaces. Small homes can take on an expanded new meaning when patios and terraces are introduced into the landscaping design. Gardens become magical places when cozy, inviting outdoor rooms are planned. If you have a garden, don't just look at it, live in it!

I call them outdoor rooms, as they blur the line between indoor design and outdoor living. Outdoor rooms need not be large in size, their impact comes from scale. Any carved out small patio, deck or patch of grass can do the trick. And it's not just for suburban living—even city dwellers can do it, should they be fortunate enough to have a private terrace. (Truth be told, whereas suburban homes overlook opportunities to live in their gardens, often city folk overlook adding Mother Nature in and around the patio furnishings!)

The key to designing any outdoor room is identifying the function, the amount of light it receives and the strategic pieces of furniture that will make the oasis complete. I'm all about usable entertaining spaces that offer an extension of your home for others to enjoy. (I'm not talking about a barbeque area in this blog, as they're excused from being places you'd design for lingering.) Rosebrook Gardens is loaded with outdoor rooms.

I can choose to entertain guests under the pergola, have cocktails in the back living room, or even take a cat nap on a perfectly placed hammock under the Hemlock trees. Truthfully, even two simple teak chairs can help a corner of the yard multitask into a morning retreat, sun bathing central, and cocktail area at sunset. If you build it they will come, as they say. The absolute key to your success is to never create these spaces with one person in mind—unless of course you hate people and choose to be single for the rest of your life. My exception? My hammock, where I love to zone out.



Up the ante with outdoor lighting and you're good to go not only by day. These spaces transform themselves at night into delightful, welcoming, romantic retreats. Don't forget about outdoor architectural detail lighting to highlight trees, home details, and walkways. This week, I added a new spotlight to the front of my home and I was beyond thrilled to see it come to life. My neighbors took notice and called it Mar's light show. Rosebrook Gardens has one more great design detail that shows off her beauty, and now more than ever at night too.

Well, my MARTians, the outdoor room craze is not going away anytime soon. Take to the yard and add the endless opportunities that await you. Your friends, family & neighbors will take notice for sure but most importantly Mother Nature, too, will be at your side. So get out!





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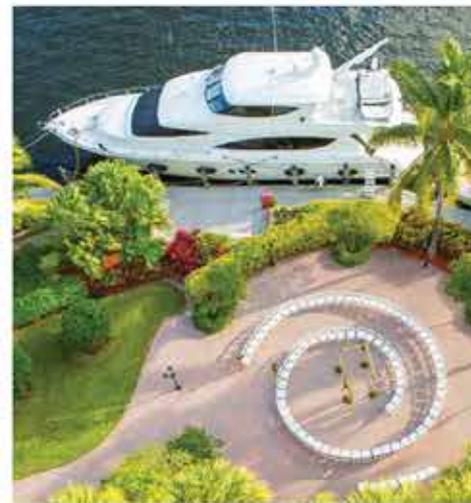


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If the venue doesn't allow them and this is an absolute must for you, check other locations prior to signing. Designate someone to watch over your pet, remember you will have your attention on other things like saying your vows for instance. If it is going to be a hot sunny day bring plenty of water, so they don't get thirsty, and a snack treat. Make your planner and vendors aware there will be a pet attending your event and keep it far away from any floral decorations or décor that may get destroyed by a playful pet. If you have a pet that barks a lot you may want to reconsider bringing it to your ceremony, consider hiring a sitter for the day.

When hiring a sitter make them aware of your pet's personality. Another thing to keep in mind, some guests may be allergic to your pet and feel uncomfortable around them. In such a case you probably should make everyone aware that there will be a pet there.



Here comes the...

BABY?

Couples nowadays are including their baby in the planning of their wedding. We have gathered a few suggestions to include that adorable bundle of joy each step of the way. Though they may not be old enough to be a flower girl or ring bearer there are other ways that they can be a part of your ceremony.

1 Have your officiate do a children's ceremony where the two of you make vows to your child to always be there and guide them.



2 Have your baby be a part of your engagement photo shoot. Coordinate with your photographer to create adorable pictures of all of you together.



3 Your save the date cards can also include the baby's picture on them. Your guests will love seeing the new family together.



4 You could also make a comfortable spot inside of a wagon and have someone pull it up the aisle. Decorate the wagon in your wedding theme.

5 In place of your bouquet carry the baby, then once you have walked up the aisle have someone up front hold the baby until after the ceremony.



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Wintery Cocktails

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TODDY

Using a split base of cognac and rum adds a depth of flavor and makes it a little more delicate. You still get that warm, sippable cocktail, but it doesn't beat you over the head.

What You Need:

1 oz cognac, 1 oz aged rum, 1 oz lemon juice, 1 oz simple syrup, 5 dashes bitters.

How to Make It:

Add ingredients to 3 ounces of boiling water in a mug. Garnish with a cinnamon stick and a lemon wheel studded with cloves.

NEW YORK



SOUR

It's a traditional whiskey sour, but to make it a New York sour, you float red wine—Côtes du Rhône or Beaujolais.

What You Need:

2 oz bourbon, .75 oz lemon juice, .75 oz simple syrup, Red wine float.

How to Make It:

Shake the bourbon, lemon juice, and simple syrup with ice and strain into a double old fashioned glass over ice. Top with a red wine float.

WINTERY



MARGHERITA

It's just like a traditional margarita, but with an egg white. And we split the base between reposado tequila and mezcal.

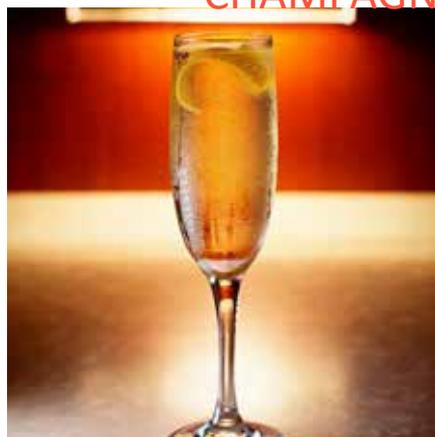
What You Need:

1 oz reposado (slightly aged) tequila, 1 oz mezcal (like Del Maguey Vida), 1 oz lime juice, .75 oz simple syrup, 1 egg white.

How to Make It:

Shake ingredients without ice, then shake again with ice. Strain into a coupe glass and serve up with a salted rim.

CHAMPAGNE



COCKTAIL

It's really beautiful, and perfect for an elegant party. It elevates the pomp and circumstance of your traditional glass of Champagne.

What You Need:

.4 oz sparkling wine, 1 sugar cube, Angostura bitters.

How to Make It:

Soak the sugar cube in Angostura bitters and drop into a champagne flute. Fill with sparkling wine (a dry prosecco will also do). Garnish with a lemon twist.

FRENCH



COGNAC

Winter isn't about eliminating refreshing drinks, but there are things that can make them more seasonally appropriate.

What You Need:

1 oz cognac, .5 oz lemon juice, .5 oz simple syrup, Splash of sparkling wine.

How to Make It:

Shake the cognac, lemon juice, and simple syrup with ice. Strain into a Champagne flute, and top with Prosecco or another dry sparkling wine. Garnish with a lemon twist.

GOOD



TIDINGS

With the cranberry and allspice you get those more traditional winter flavors and scents, but it drinks like a tall, easy Collins.

What You Need:

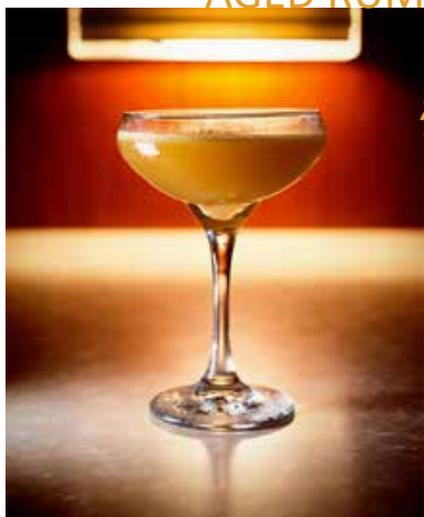
1.5 oz vodka, 1 oz cointreau, 1 oz lemon juice, 1 oz cranberry juice, 1 bar spoon of allspice dram.

How to Make It:

Shake ingredients with ice. Strain into a Collins glass over ice and top with soda. Garnish with a lemon wheel studded with cloves.

TIS' THE SEASON

AGED RUM



DAIQUIRI

You take the typical white rum out of a daiquiri and replace it with an aged rum that has those caramel notes. It's still balanced, it's light and effervescent, but it has that rich spiciness to it.

Ingredients

2 oz aged rum (like Diplomatico Venezuelan), 1 oz fresh lime juice, .75 oz simple syrup

Directions

Shake ingredients with ice and strain into a coupe glass. Serve up with no garnish.

SCOTCH



PENICILLIN

It's a classic, with a blended scotch paired with ginger, honey, lemon, and that smoky Laphroaig misted over the top. It fits so perfectly with the season.

Ingredients

2 oz blended scotch, 1 oz lemon juice, .5 oz honey syrup, .5 oz ginger syrup, .25 oz Laphroaig scotch.

Directions

Shake the blended scotch, lemon juice, and syrups with ice and strain into a double old fashioned glass with a single large ice cube. Pour Laphroaig over the back of a bar spoon so that it floats atop the drink, and finish with a lemon wheel.

AQUAVIT



MANHATTAN

It excels at what the Scandinavians do, which is cope with a cold, long, dark winter.

Ingredients

2 oz aquavit (like Linie), .75 oz sweet vermouth, .25 oz cherry spirit (like Leroux Kirschwasser), 2 dashes Angostura bitters.

Directions

Stir ingredients with ice, then strain over ice into a double old fashioned glass. Garnish with an orange twist or cherries.

APPLE



JACK

It uses so many wintery things, like the Applejack and maple syrup. You could not make a more fireside-appropriate cocktail.

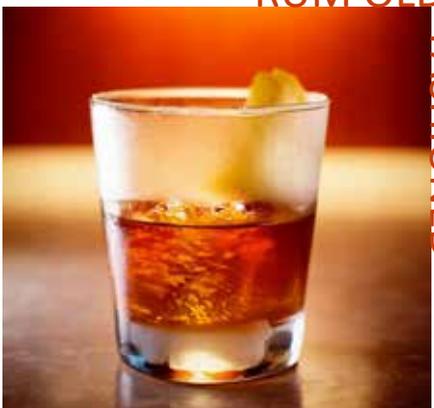
Ingredients

2 oz apple brandy (like Applejack), .25 oz maple syrup, 3 dashes Peychaud's bitters.

Directions

Stir ingredients with ice, then strain into an old fashioned glass. Serve up and garnish with a lemon twist.

RUM OLD



FASHIONED

The rum and its molasses flavors, plus the allspice and Angostura bitters, make for this lovely, rich, slightly thicker old fashioned variation. It's perfect to have late at night.

Ingredients

2 oz rum (like Eldorado 12-Year), 1 bar spoon of demerara syrup, 3 dashes Angostura bitters.

Directions

Build ingredients into a double old fashioned glass with ice. Finish with lemon and orange twist.

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The resort offers a variety of ceremonies and receptions for brides to choose from. The License to Chill Rooftop Terrace is a 7,000 square foot outdoor venue, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. With its pool and License to Chill Bar, it will offer wedding parties a private event venue with the ambiance of the beach level recreation area and the privacy of an exclusive paradise. For brides looking for their ceremony or reception to be even more secluded they have the choice to enjoy a semi-private event in a dedicated area of this rooftop, tropical oasis.

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FLORID BRIDE MAGAZINE'S

TOP CHEF

Recipes for the Fall

Apple Tart with Honey Ice Cream

-- Robert Irvine

What you need:

Ice cream:

1 pint good quality vanilla ice cream, softened, Pinch ground mace or ground cinnamon, Pinch salt, 2 tablespoons honey.

Tart:

1 (9-inch) tart crust, store-bought or homemade.

Apple filling:

2 pounds apples (Golden Delicious, Granny Smith or Pippin), peeled, cored and thinly sliced, 3 tablespoons salted butter, melted, 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/4 cup granulated sugar,

Topping:

1/4 cup granulated sugar, 1/4 pound butter, cut into pats, room temperature.

How to prepare:

Add softened ice cream to a mixer with paddle attachment, or mixed by hand in a bowl. Whip the ice cream for 3 to 4 minutes, increasing the air volume in the ice cream. Add the spices and the honey and mix for additional 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from the mixer and put into a shallow pan. Freeze until set, about 1 to 2 hours.



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Arrange the apples, evenly in a ring pattern in the crust, starting on the outer edge going to center. In a bowl, add the melted butter, nutmeg, cinnamon and sugar and stir to combine. Pour the mixture over the apples. Bake until the apples have softened, about 30 to 35 minutes.

Topping:

In a small bowl, add the butter and sugar and whisk well until smooth. Set aside.

Remove the tart from the oven and dollop with the sweet butter topping. Return the tart to the oven until the topping has crusted, about 15 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to rest for 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

Top each warm slice with honey ice cream and enjoy.



for the love of food...

Do Yourself a favor!

It seems that traditional favors for your guests are going out of style. Remember those personalized items with your name on them, and things that were difficult to transport like potted plants. Oh, and yes let's not forget those breakable items like wine glasses.



Guests often left these items at the reception which ended up being a waste of money for the couple! They are now being replaced, when thinking of favors have thoughts of snacks and sweet treats that can be enjoyed at any time whether it's at the reception or on their way home. They have taken a turn for the edible with guests opting for petite provisions. Think custom blend spices, mini olive oil decanters.

You can personalize the item with your names, an initial or wedding date if you like. Favors were once thought of as a necessity, but no longer. Even the most luxurious of weddings are forgoing them. However, they are still thought of as a thank you to your guests and are still very much appreciated.



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Vibrant Fiesta Dreams

This styled shoot was one of a kind! Full of vibrant colored floral arrangements, an Alpaca named Jack whom was a real life piñata with his pom pom made collar.



Florals

A blue tux for the handsome groom (you read that right, a blue tux) matched with the most beautiful dress for the most gorgeous bride, smoke bombs, a stunning venue and everything in between!





Cake

The cake was a drip cake with gold accents. The lower tier incorporated aqua and beige with vibrant rose florals adding the stunning contrast.



Centerpiece

Centerpieces were designed in pastel glass colors with gold accents and a hint of green florals. Napkins were full contrast colors bringing the color splash to the setting.



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The Look

The Bride wore a long french braid adorned with intricate florals inter-woven. The florals in the hairstyle matched the bouquet with vibrant color combinations to complete the fiesta look of the wedding decor. The grooms floral matched a single rose color of the bridal flowers.

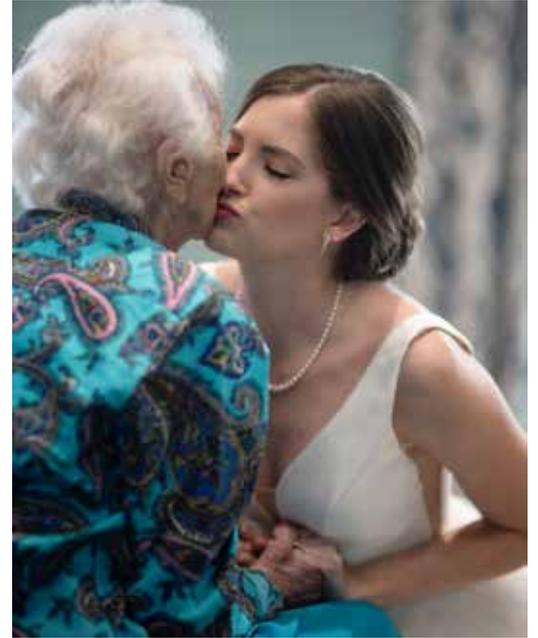
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NANA



"When my Nana was put on hospice, the nurse asked her what her goals were. She replied that she wanted to be at my wedding. They reluctantly told her they didn't want her flying anymore (she was nearly 103 years old) and her heart was failing. I knew in my heart she was trying to hang on to get there somehow. I decided to fly to her with my wedding dress, it was unaltered and didn't fit yet but none of that mattered. I may have lied to my entire family about where I was that weekend, and I didn't tell my friends so I could surprise everyone with these photos.

Words cannot explain how much these moments mean to me and I will cherish these memories for the rest of my life.

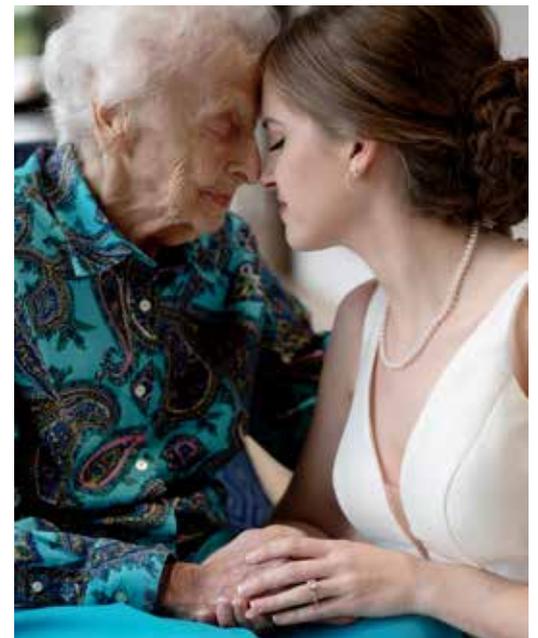


Words cannot explain how much these moments mean to me and I will cherish these memories for the rest of my life. Her smile and her laugh are forever etched in my mind and the love between us will live in my heart. This was one of the greatest days of my life. When I said goodbye to her that night, I think we both knew it would be the last time we would see each other.

She was beyond an amazing woman! I love you Nana, always and forever!



She grabbed my cheeks with her hands, looked me straight in the eye and said "I love you very much" and 27 days later she passed away. I am so blessed to have this be my last memory with her. She was beyond an amazing woman! I love you Nana, always and forever!



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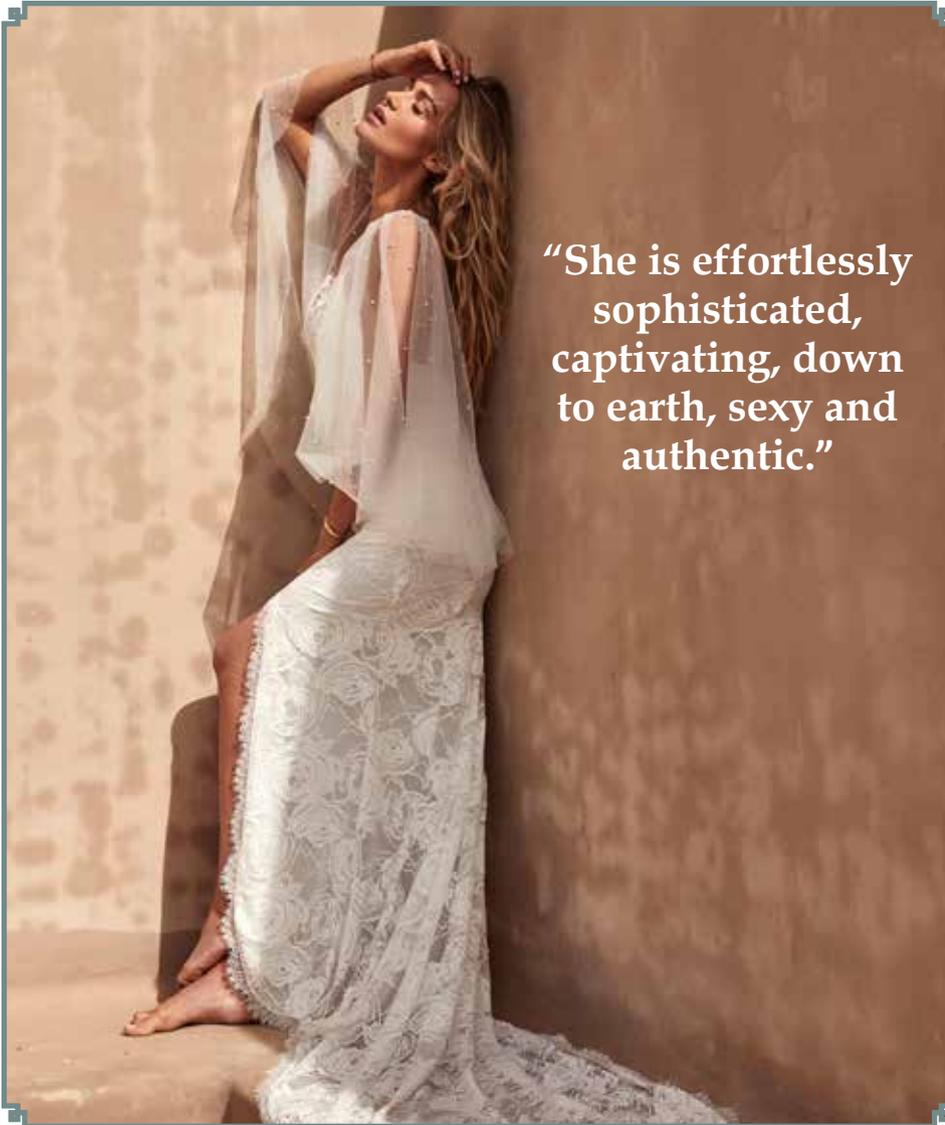
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UP CLOSE & PERSONAL



In 2010, Grace Loves Lace founder Megan Ziems had an idea. Disillusioned with the structured, traditional wedding “uniform” that dominated the market, SHE SET OUT TO CHANGE THE INDUSTRY. She believed that quality shouldn’t be dictated by a price tag, that A WOMAN SHOULDN’T HAVE TO SACRIFICE STYLE FOR COMFORT and that brides of today deserved better than average...

“The essence of what we do is what our mission was from the beginning - to design wedding gowns that women want. The common thread that women of all different cultures, shapes and sizes share is that we want to feel beautiful. Style helps us define ourselves on a daily basis and your wedding day should be no different. My background in the fashion industry gave me insight into just how stale the bridal offering was when I was searching for my own gown in 2010.



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I wasn't satisfied with the wedding uniform. I wanted more. I couldn't do a gown with a corset, boning, structure or restriction, it just wasn't for me. I needed a gown that was authentically me. A gown that had personality, that told MY story and was designed with passion, movement and luxury in mind.

The woman we design for is at the core of everything we do. She is effortlessly sophisticated, captivating, down to earth, sexy and authentic. She's warm as the Spanish sun and cool as the Californian night. The GLL woman has morals and values – she knows exactly what inspires and motivates her.”



MEGAN ZIEMS

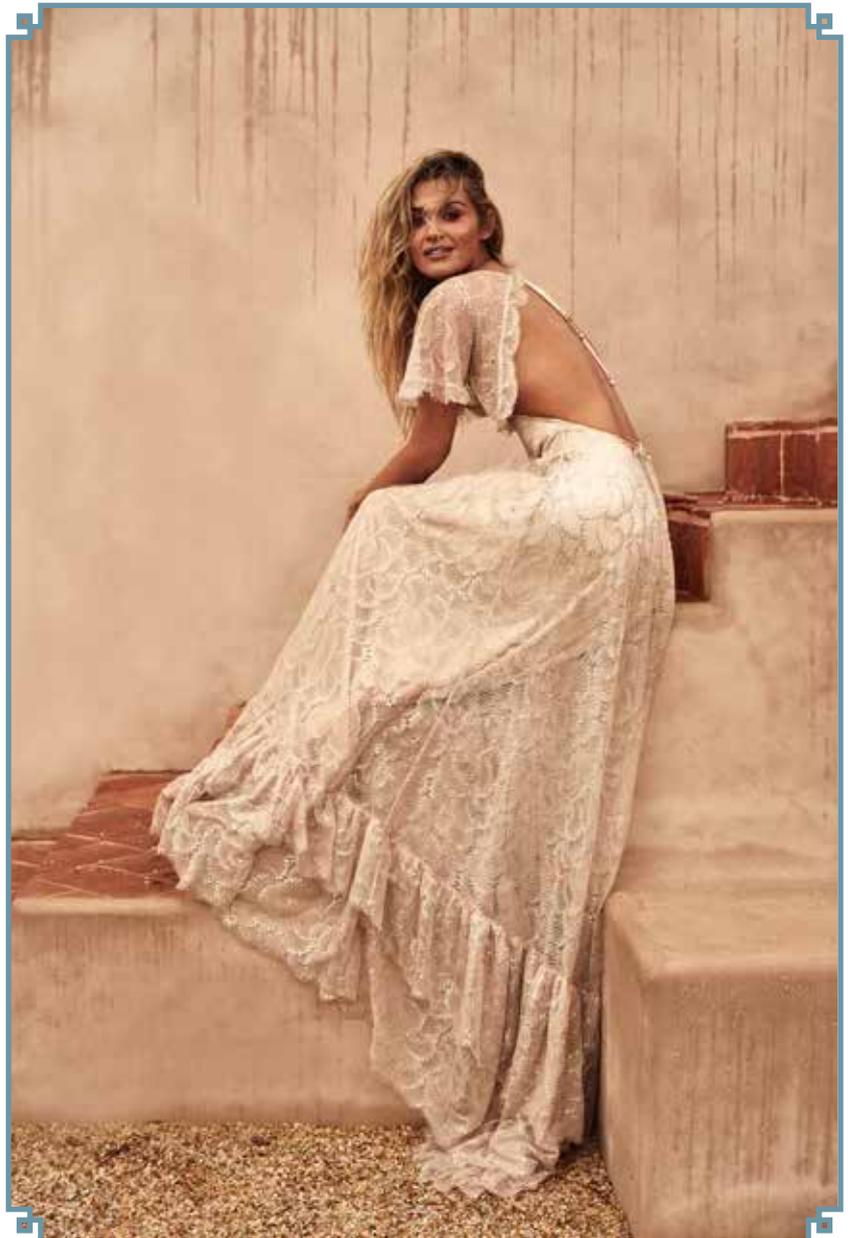
GRACE LOVES LACE



Grace Loves Lace - the Australian pioneers of modern bridal and creators of 'The World's Most Pinned Wedding Dress' - has launched its highly-anticipated 2019/20 collection - coined its most innovative and creative collection to date.

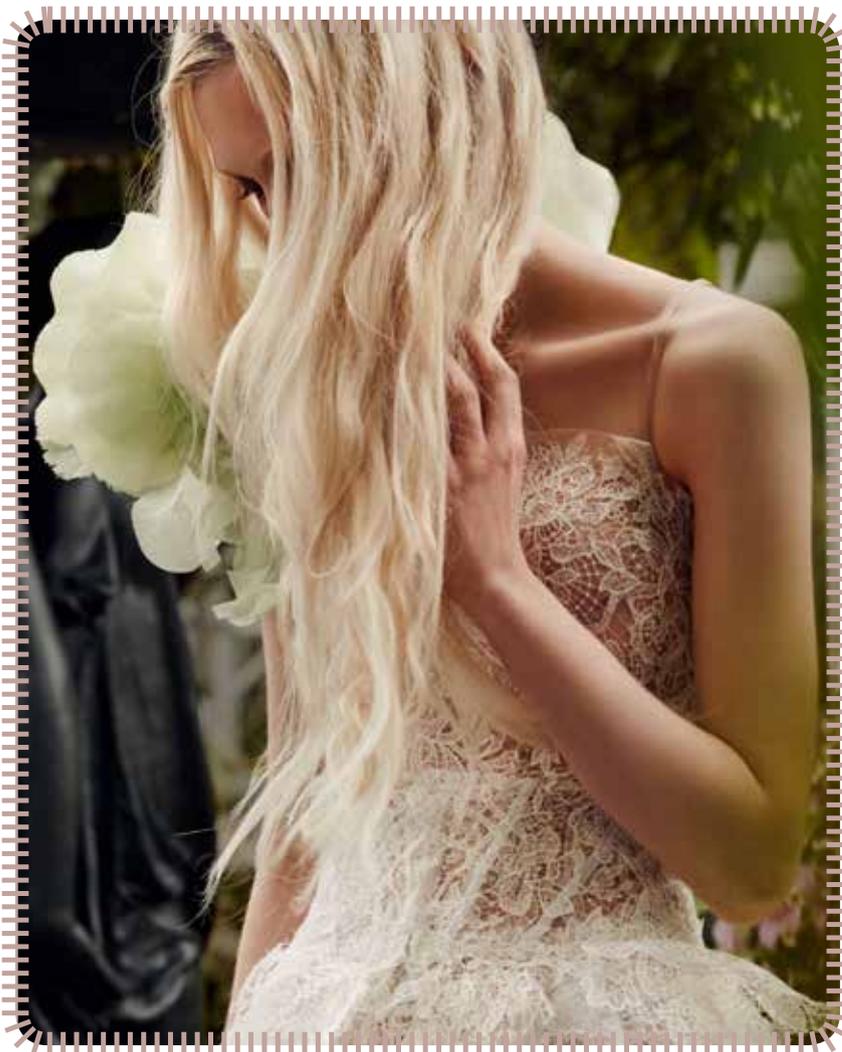


"As the original disruptors, we feel it's our duty to turn it up a notch – giving women the excitement and authenticity they deserve. La Bamba is truly 'luxury you can dance in' - high impact gowns that don't sacrifice wearability."



The 'La Bamba' campaign, inspired by the famous song and dance, features 13 new gowns alongside an exclusive range of apparel, jewelry and accessories - designed for celebration and movement. The new collection is marked by metallic laces and burnout silks designed in-house, alongside the brand's first silk gown capsule - all in comfortable fits and playful silhouettes constructed with dancing in mind.





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VERA WANG
SPRING 2020
COLLECTION



Her Spring 2020 bridal collection was one of her most intricate and challenging yet, consisting of gowns that required so much handwork and detailing that Wang said they'll be difficult to reproduce. She started with the idea of wanting the dresses to look completely different from every angle, whereas many designers only think about two vantage points: front and back.



“What’s funny is that I do a lot of color for bridal, but never for ready-to-wear.” There’s nothing cloying about her pastels, though. Mixed in with the framboise and pistache hues were moodier hits of gray, sage, and deep burgundy; Wang called them “strange.” That wouldn’t be perceived as a good thing in any other bridal house, but for the fashion-forward bride who wants to look truly relaxed, a bit of strangeness would feel just right—maybe even a bit liberating.



COUNTRY STYLE

The country touches of this rustic wedding include a donut cake bar with a three tier cake with peony accents. The color scheme was deep orange tones with lavender accents. The outdoor swing was lined with vibrant florals for that country appeal. The Groom wore his dress cowboy hat to complete the theme. The table settings had accents of gold and metallics with wooden lantern centerpieces. The accent lighting in the venue gave a romantic theme.



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Dress Store: The King's Daughter Bridal Boutique
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Floral Designer: Fern and Curl Designs
Ceremony Location: Ever After Farms Wedding Barns
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5 Quick & Easy Ways to Help With Your Wedding Planning

We all know how stressful it can be to plan a wedding, otherwise wedding planners wouldn't exist.

There are some things you can take on all by yourself to make things easier.

Here are 6 helpful hints for you:

1

Save time writing your address on envelopes. Getting return address labels will help with hand cramps. Have them printed with heart graphics or a wedding theme.



3

By color coding your wedding seating chart it will make it easier to categorize different groups of guests.

2

Have a wedding email address. This can be deleted after your wedding but will be very helpful before the big day.



5

RSVP cards can be hard to read at times. By placing a number on them you will know who it is from. By using a UV pen it will be invisible to everyone but you.

4

If you are having an outdoor wedding, you may want to consider using veil weights. This will ensure your veil isn't going to be blown all over the place if it's a windy day.

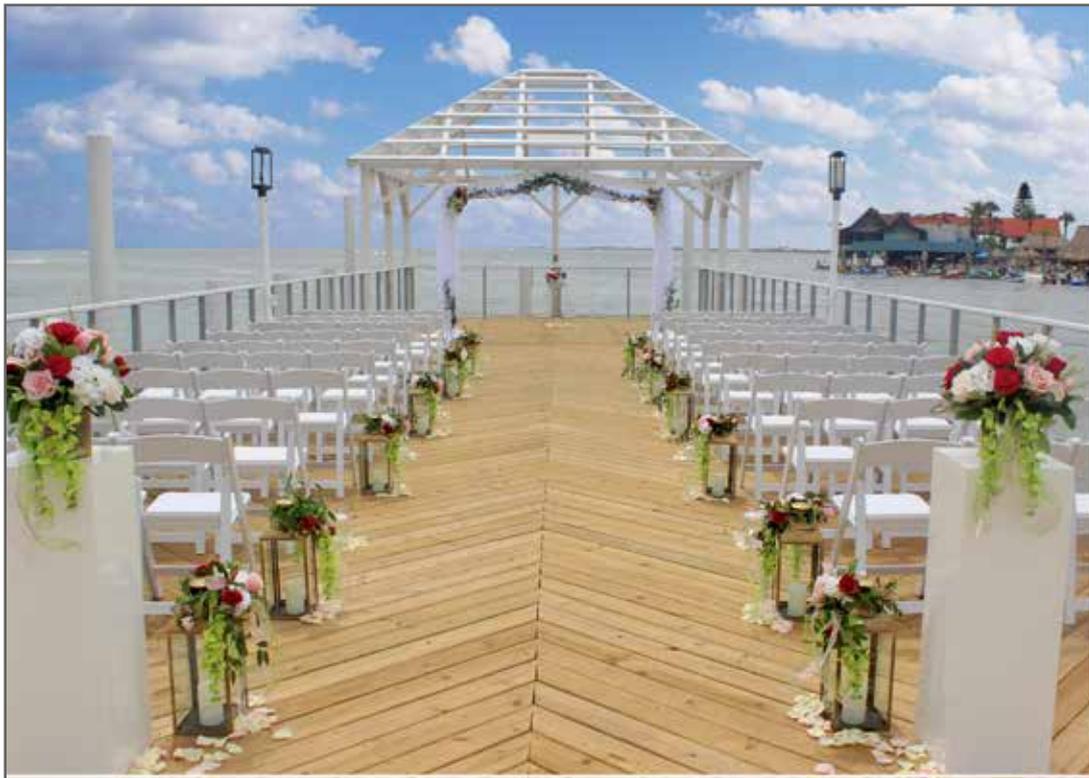




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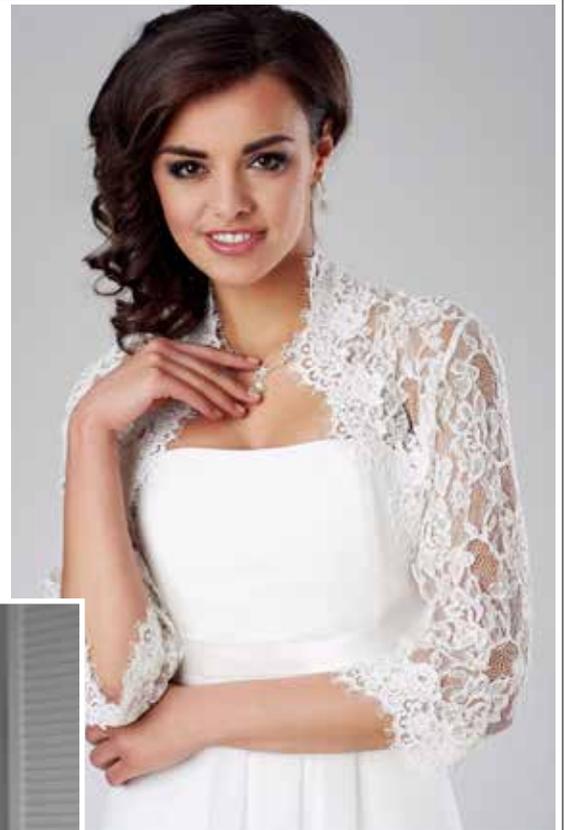


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Wedding bolero jackets are the perfect solution for brides who want to add a touch of elegance to a strapless wedding dress, women who aren't crazy about their upper arms, and those who want to add an additional layer of warmth to their wedding day attire either the whole day or just before, during, or after the ceremony.



If your church requires your shoulders to be covered, they are also a great option for wearing over the dress that caught your eye but unfortunately doesn't have sleeves attached. Though bolero jackets are short and chic, they aren't short on options. They come in so many styles from lace, organza to faux fur for those wintry seasons.



FOR WINTER WEATHER



If you're getting married on a crisp fall evening, a bolero jacket might be the perfect solution for staying warm without taking the emphasis away from your wedding dress. Bolero jackets draw attention to the decor in a flattering way, giving the illusion of an elongated neck and toned chest region. The bolero offers an elegant, feminine look thanks to its flared drop from a mock collar.



Bolero jackets give the bride a sculpted, elegant look and work well with strapless and spaghetti strap dress styles in particular. Because of their sleeve style options, fabrics, and short length, they're appropriate for weddings during almost any season.



If you like the look but don't want to wear one yourself, consider them for your bridesmaids. Bolero jackets can dress up any color of bridesmaid dress and make a great option if you're looking for something besides traditional wraps.



Bring on the Bridesmaids

Get ready to glam up your maids, Ladies! Whether you want to mix & match or coordinate, today's modern colors gives us so much to swoon over. And we've got the goods to show you the latest styles from Alfred Sung and how your besties can wear them. Choose from many of the most stylish fabrics in a variety of pretty colors and lengths to make your besties look and feel their best.

Color Splash



Long gone are the days of bridesmaid dresses your ladies will only want to wear once. Now designers are opting for more modern, fashion-forward designs that mimic the gorgeous trends you see coming down the runway.

Tea-length dresses (or dresses with a hemline that falls just below the knee or brushes the lower calf) are having a serious moment. This semiformal length gives off fun, retro vibes but still feels sophisticated.



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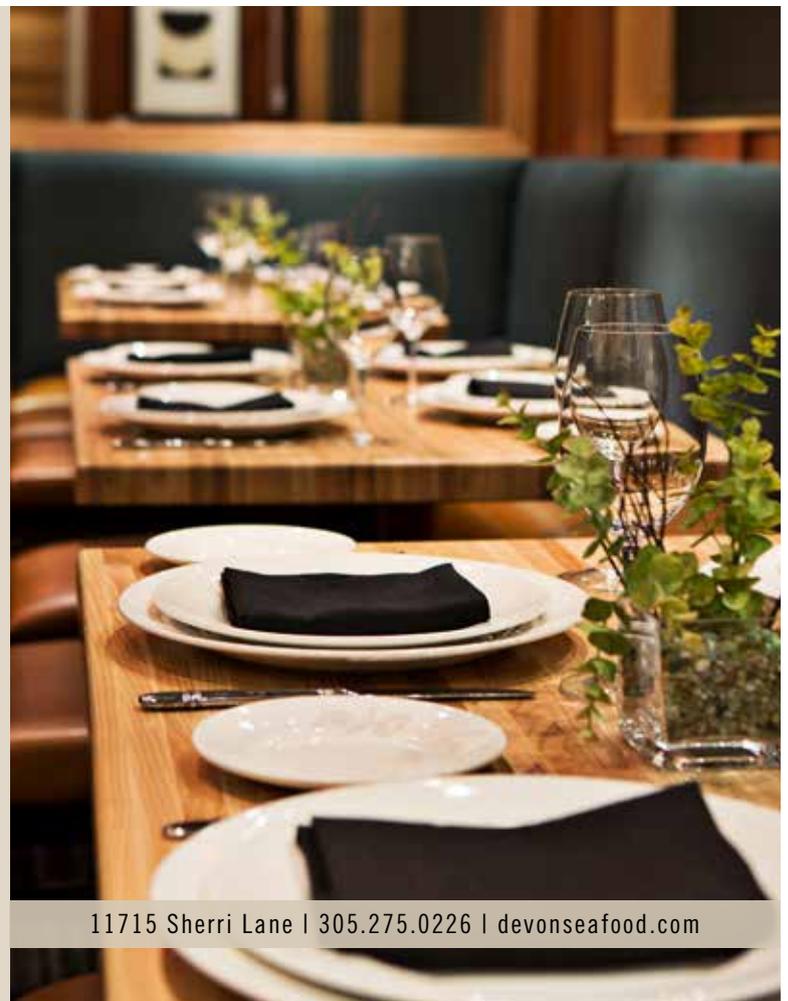
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Wondering what a Co-ed Wedding Shower is?

As you know a traditional bridal shower is just what it says, it is for the bride. They have been around for a very long time and usually has all females attending.

A co-ed wedding shower on the other hand is for a gender mixed bridal party. You can add the groom into the mix, and who knows he may even like receiving a new barbeque! Having a couple's shower still isn't really popular, but it is on an upward trend and something you should know about. If you want to do something that is a little different with a personal touch then this trend just may be for you.

In case you may be wondering how to go about planning for a co-ed shower, we have put together some suggestions for you.



1. Ask help from your bridal party and parents to execute it, bridesmaids and groomsmen alike so you get a good perspective from both sides.

2. Adding games into the mix can be a lot of fun, with prizes awarded to the winner!

Take into account that co-ed showers are normally a bit more casual than a traditional bridal shower. Having a picnic or barbeque in the backyard with yard games may be a great choice depending on the time of the year. Keep in mind that co-ed showers may be larger than a traditional one, so make sure there is plenty of food for everyone and watch your guest list.

Have Fun!!!



proper invitation etiquette !



Some of you have been asking about what the proper etiquette is on writing invitations. We hope these ideas help to answer them.

Your invitations need to be ordered well in advance of your wedding day.

Approximately 8 to 10 weeks before your wedding date is a good estimated time to mail them out.

2 weeks prior to that date is when you want them to arrive to you so you can begin addressing them.

Depending on your choice of invitation the ordering process may have to start 3 months prior to your delivery date so you can proofread, give them final approval and have them printed. Your timeline is key to making sure you deliver them well in advance of your wedding day.

It can get a bit confusing sometimes on how exactly to word your invitations. The wording will set the tone of your wedding, how formal it will be, and they will have a sense of your personality. There is a different sound to “Mr and Mrs request the honor of your presence to” than “We are ecstatic to invite you to our daughter and future son-in-law’s wedding and hope you will be there”. Set your own tone, there is no right or wrong way to word it. Just make sure you include all of the important information such as the names of the couple, where the ceremony will be held, the date and time of the ceremony, contact information, where the reception is to be held and when you would like the RSVP returned by.

Addressing the envelopes by hand adds that personal touch. How long that takes depends on how many guests you will be inviting, and if you can get help from your family and bridal party. You can also hire a calligrapher if it is in the budget to do so. Whoever is addressing the envelopes will need all of the up to date addresses for your guests. If necessary, fill free to call or email them to get the correct information. Keep in mind that your wedding invitation is setting the tone and theme of your wedding day.





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What Do You Wear to a Wedding?

Determine the Wedding Style

Start with the invitation. Is it in flowing engraved black script on a heavy cream paper? Odds are the wedding will be formal. Does it ask you to come to see them get hitched? Wear a somewhat casual outfit and you'll fit right in. Where is the wedding set? If the ceremony will be held outdoors, avoid anything that will get caught in the wind. Avoid high heels that will sink into sand and grass. If it's being held in a hot location, avoid a heavy suit and dark colors and go with linens to help you keep your cool. Will it take place indoors at a swanky country club or restaurant? Make your outfit slightly more tailored and dressy. Some wedding guests may prefer to rent their wedding attire, and there are a variety of rental options available. For women, Rent the Runway is worth considering as they have a variety of options for different formal occasions. For men, check out Men's Warehouse for formal tuxedo rentals. You can choose to customize your look or rent any of their pre-styled looks.



What to Wear to a Daytime Wedding

Daytime weddings are always less formal than evening events. While you won't want to be utterly informal (unless the wedding couple is clear that that's their preference), you won't want to wear a gown or tuxedo. In summer choose light-colored clothing and anything that makes you look like you're ready to go to work; in winter, wool is always an appropriate choice.

For Her:

- A pretty floral dress
- A skirt and a sweater set
- Heels, sandals or slingbacks
- A beautiful hat that coordinates with your outfit

For Him:

- A light-colored suit, especially in linen or seersucker
- If it's cool outside, a wool suit, a sweater, and tie with a blazer
- A navy blazer with charcoal pants
- A button-up shirt, tie and pants dressed up with a blazer
- A dark suit (tuxedos are not appropriate before 6 p.m.)

What to Wear to an Black-Tie Optional Wedding

Evening weddings are typically formal events. In some cases, they are very formal, with women in gowns and men in tuxedos. For optional black-tie events, women should avoid beads, sequins, and sparkles; black is appropriate but white is not (as it may be seen as competition for the bride's wedding dress).

For Her:

- A conservative cocktail dress; choose moderate or floor length
- A dressy suit or a cocktail suit
- Dark, sophisticated colors

For Him:

- A dark suit
- If casual or semi-formal, a blazer and slacks with a nice tie
- A tuxedo



Blues & Hues wedding inspiration



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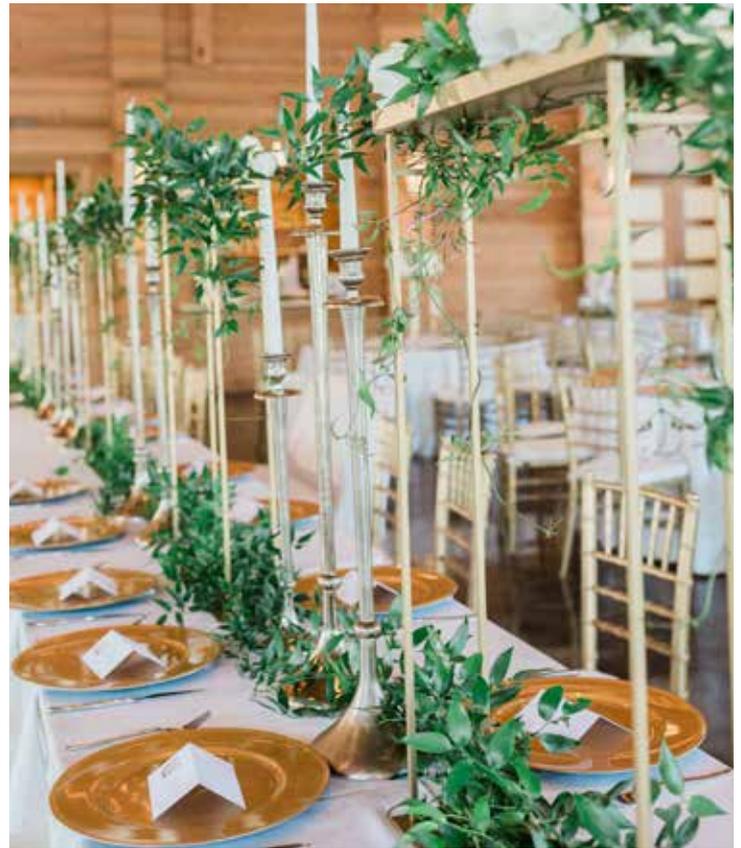




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The reception was so stunning it took our breath away! From the hanging twinkle lights, to the greenery-draped tables, it was all perfect! We spent the night in awe of the beautiful couple, delicious food (truffle mac n cheese to die for) and gorgeous scenery!

 Ivy and Kimball literally danced the night away and it couldn't have been more perfect! We absolutely loved meeting these two and their families. We are so excited for them and can't wait to see where marriage takes them!

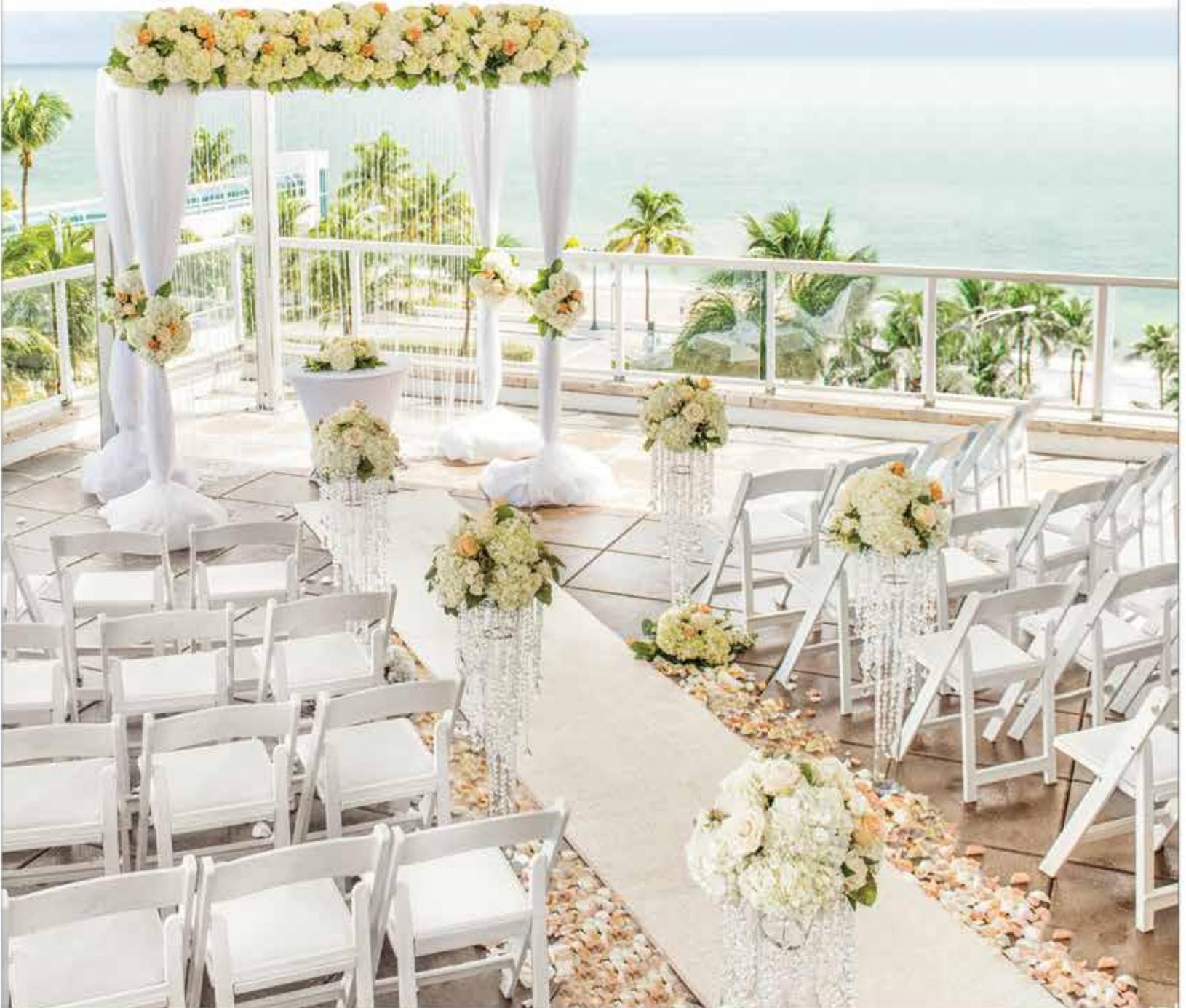


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DOWNTON ABBEY

This epic style shoot was inspired by the British smash-hit Downton Abbey. This fabulous team of wedding gurus designed a ravishing palette of pale pinks, yellows, peaches and added a splash of Marsala and tons of greenery to bring this inspiration and vision to life. Incorporating authentic antique pieces and pairing them with current fine bone china gives this shoot the essence of a Royal wedding. With over-the-top floral arrangements, gowns and shoes to die for.

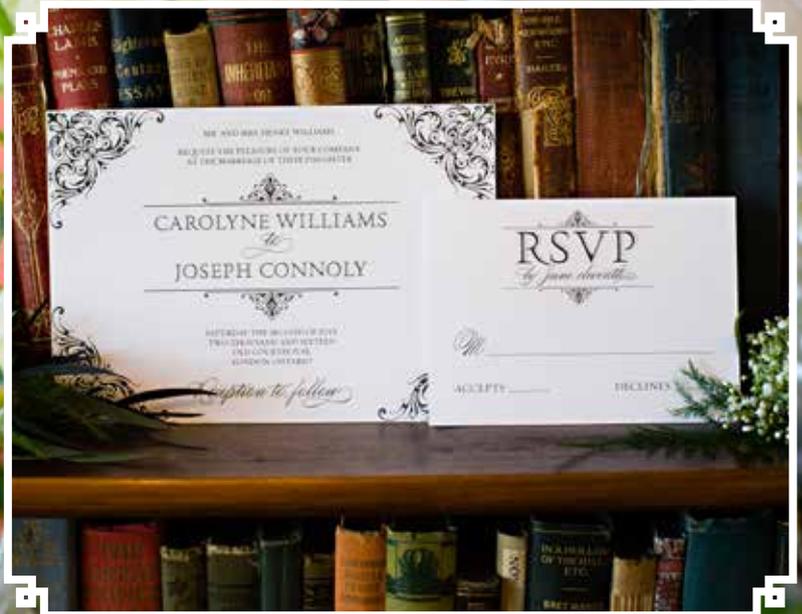


For your “Downton Abbey”-inspired wedding, work with your florist to create green garlands, or designs incorporating lush blooms in your wedding’s color palette. You can place them along the sides of your ceremony aisle, down the center of reception tables, or create smaller ones to drape on the back of the newlywed’s chairs.

Downton Abbey's 1920s style has definitely struck a chord in the wedding world. Is there anything more sophisticated than a 1920s inspired wedding dress? From pin curls to die for, and beaded headpieces of the utmost style, to drop waisted silhouettes, and cascading bouquets, Downton Abbey has provided wedding day inspiration for countless brides!

Downton Abbey has become an international hit and is shaping the world of fashion and weddings in the most sophisticated and glamorous of ways.

Susannah Buxton, Downton Abbey's original fashion designer, is responsible for the impeccably feminine and stylish WW1 and post WW2 eye candy, and these looks are spilling over into everyday contemporary life. Dresses are lavished with lace and intricate details, oversized hats and coats are so en vogue and sparkly hairpieces have hit the streets and the wedding aisles. In fact, according to Vogue UK, there will soon be a new Downton Abbey vintage-inspired fashion line unveiling.





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1. Applying Primer will smooth imperfections, use one that has a luminous finish to give your skin an opalescent sheen. Start at the high points of your face then continue by smoothing onto the rest of your skin.



2. Begin with a medium coverage foundation that has a nice glowing finish to achieve that dewy look. Using your fingers will warm up foundation and give it a natural look.

3. Bronzer will define your features. Stay with liquids and creams for a dewy, hydrated look. Place it on your temples, jawline and hollows of cheeks. Use a makeup blender and blend outward.



4. Fill in brows. Using a spoolie, brush your brows upward.



5. In the corners of your eyes place a shimmery eyeshadow, peach looks great with the buttery skin trend. Then add a contrasting shade to the rest of your lids.

6. Apply your mascara

7. Lip gloss is key to this look. A pink or nude shade does the trick.

8. Finish with liberally spritzing a dewy setting spray mist all over your face.



What's trending for 2020 in bridal makeup? We have the latest...

Play With Color



Attention, 2020 brides! Even though your wedding date may still be months away, planning has definitely begun. Perhaps you've already chosen your venue and wedding dress but have you thought about how you want your wedding hair and makeup to look? It's never too early to start dreaming up the perfect wedding hairstyle! In fact, our minds are already on this seasons bridal beauty trends. Here we give you the rundown on the wedding hair and makeup trends all the brides will be wearing

People are starting to be okay with color, we noticed at Bridal Fashion Week. It used to be taboo to introduce a colored liner or some shimmer into your bridal look. But we're finding a great way to balance it by keeping the skin bare. While at the Ines Di Santo show, the theme was coral pinks, pale blues, and rose-gold eye shadows the designer placed on the models. We love when a designer takes a chance. Brides, don't be afraid to take a chance, too! At Lela Rose, a shimmery pink was done in a tasteful, approachable way in the inner corner of the eyelid.



Podolsky from Ines DeSanto recently rocked a gorgeous glow on her own wedding day, thanks to the Giorgio Armani Luminous Silk foundation she wore. For brides-to-be, Podolsky recommends starting micro-current facials a year out to get a lit-from-within complexion. "They call it a workout for your skin," said the influencer. She also recommends exfoliation, with Biologique Recherche P50 as her favorite formula. Her own pre-wedding beauty boost? A SK-II facial treatment mask for dewiness.

Love letters in the sand...

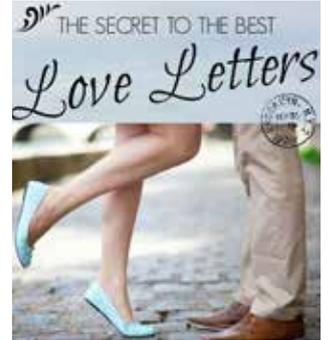
Do you want to say something romantic to your soon to be spouse, but don't quite know how to go about doing it?

Here's a few tips on how to go about writing a sentimental note that will be forever remembered.



1.

Don't wait until the last minute and rush to do it, let the words come from your heart.



3.

Since the day of the wedding is so hectic be prepared beforehand.



2.

Be you, not Shakespeare. Your loved one wants to read your words, they will know if you faked it.

4.

It's nice to speak about how you felt when you first met, how your love has grown and how you know that the two of you will grow together to make your marriage a beautiful one.



5.

Add something special along with your note, your own signature touch such as a trinket, candy, or spritz it with cologne. Something that the other one will know what the meaning of it is.



6.

Tell them how they make you feel when you think of them, and the impact they have had on your everyday life.

7.

Let them know why you love them, what's special about them to you.



8.

Talk about things you're looking forward to doing with them like traveling, starting a family, buying your first home together. Share your dreams.



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How to Make a *Bubbly Bar*

Get Your Fiz On!

There's nothing quite so festive as champagne. Take your bubbly to the next level with a spectacular champagne bar that allows guests to create their own sparkling cocktails. Whether you're hosting 25 guests or 250, these showstoppers are sure to keep the fun flowing all night long. Use these champagne bar ideas to inspire a bubbly station that puts the perfect finishing touch on your big day.



Keep your guests flowing to your bubbly bar by designing a setup that's easy to use. Use risers to create multiple levels, you might put champagne bottles on the top, mixers in the middle, and mix-ins on the bottom. Keep champagne flutes at either end of the table, where they're less likely to be bumped. If you're hosting a large wedding, keep traffic flowing smoothly with a buffet-style layout where guests pick up a champagne glass at one end, pour a drink, add in mixers, and finish by mixing in fruit and herbs at the other end.

Choose the Right Champagne

In general, dry champagne or sparkling wine is the best choice for a bubbly bar, since the low sugar content balances the sweetness of the mixers; Dom Perignon is a great option. For a pop of color, add a pink champagne or a varietal with a stunning bottle design.

Select Liquid Mixers

It's easy to go overboard with liquid mixers, but it's a good idea to stick to two or three options for easier refilling. For a fruity twist, try blood orange juice, peach puree, or apricot nectar. If you're after a bit of boozy fun, opt for pomegranate liqueur, Chambord, or cognac.



DESIGN THE PERFECT WEDDING



Freshen It Up With Fruit and Herbs

Cut fruit and fresh herbs instantly elevate your bubbly bar, providing a burst of color and freshness. Choose items that complement the flavors of your liquid mixers: mint leaves pair well with lemon and raspberry, while basil brings out the flavors of strawberries and watermelon. If you're skipping the liquid mixers, any fresh fruit goes — you can't go wrong with peaches, mangos, pineapple, orange, or pomegranate seeds.



Keep It Cool

No one wants to drink lukewarm champagne — keep your bubbly cool and crisp by putting it on ice. The same goes for fresh fruits and mixers. Integrate the ice into a stunning table setup that matches your wedding theme. For a rustic wedding, use distressed metal bins and buckets; for a farm wedding, use an antique wheelbarrow. If you have the budget, hire an ice sculptor to make containers out of ice.

Cool Off With Frozen Treats

If you're holding a warm-weather wedding, take your champagne bar to the next level with frozen treats. For a relaxed outdoor wedding, pop individual frozen fruit bars into champagne flutes for a charming twist; if you're aiming for timeless elegance, set out small scoops of sorbet for a refreshing twist on classic champagne cocktails. Try pairing pink champagne with raspberry sorbet for a touch of sweetness, or pair a dry brut champagne with a bright lemon sorbet.



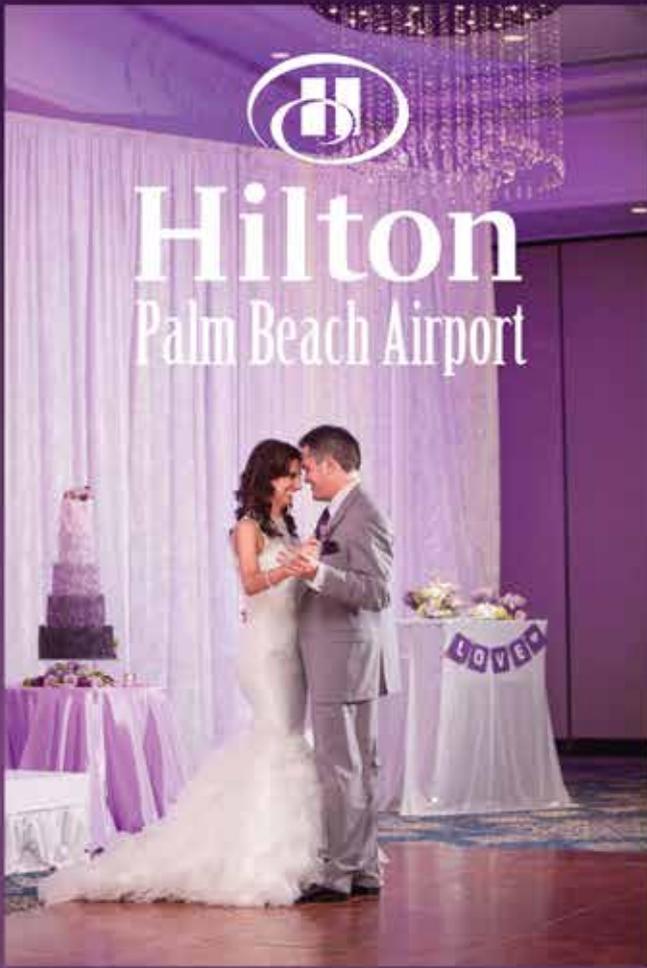
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BRIDESMAIDS



Everyone's talking about letting the bridesmaids choose their own dresses, color and style, but wait!!! Is that really what the bride wants?

Traditional has it that bridesmaids always wore matching dresses and accessories. Enter the 21st century and things have changed. It is not a surprise to see mismatched dresses on the bridal party. These can be different colors of the same style dress to the same color only in a different style to completely different. It is trending right now and if the bride is fine with that, then all is well in the world. However, there are still brides who want their entourage to match.

Some good points for letting everyone wear what they want is:

The style they pick is most flattering to them.

Not everyone's skin tone looks good in pink or a sweetheart neckline.

They each have their own budget to consider

There are a few negative points to consider also:

If left unchecked these dresses could be all over the place which won't fare well in your photos. You don't want them to look out of place either. You may lose the control of the look, feel and theme that you want on your wedding day. And last, but certainly not least there is something about tradition that is worthwhile keeping. That classic and timeless style that is never outdated.



DOUBLE UP!

You've been asked to be a bridesmaid in your friend's wedding. You consider it an honor, but now you have to come up with the money to buy the dress. Most bridesmaids think they are going to have to go through this expense and won't ever wear it again. But, you can wear it again and we are going to show you several ways how to. Especially now that the mismatched bridesmaids dress is on trend.

Tip #1.

Accessorizing your dress by adding a belt, blazer, statement jewelry or scarf, these are all great ways to change its look.



Tip #2.

Try a pullover sweater or button up blouse knotted at the waist. Now your gown is a skirt.



Tip #3.

Have a tailor make your dress shorter, you can even dye it. An ombre effect would look great!



Tip #4.

Use again at another formal event like a holiday party, or art gala!



Tip #5.

It can also be used as a Halloween costume. Dress up as a beauty contestant or princess. Add a tiara to finish the look.





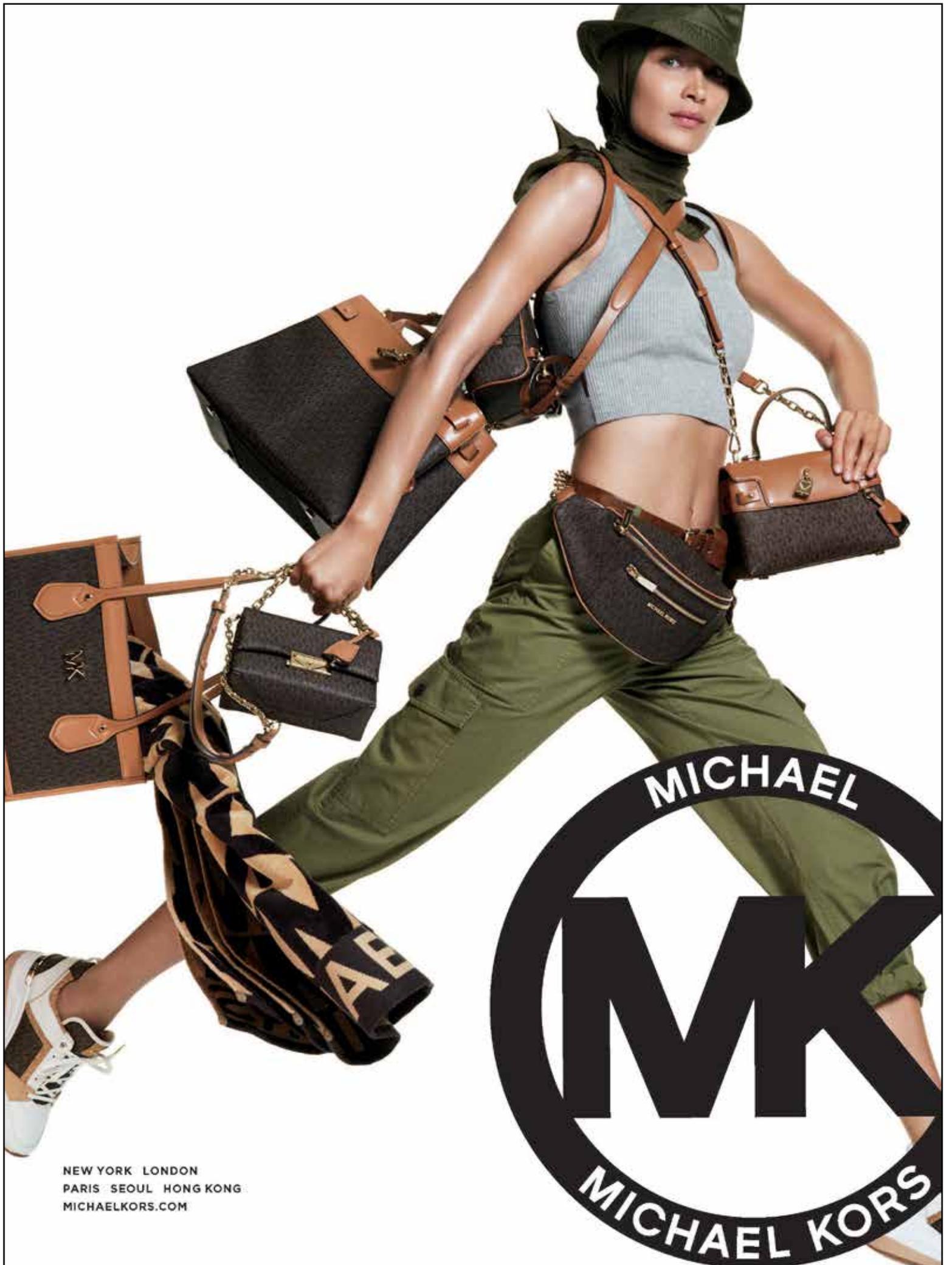
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Rocky Mountain Luxury

By: Kimaree Beyrent - Fashion Editor

They are a little bit luxury, a little bit Old West, a place for adventure, and a place for rest. I had the opportunity to visit this one of a kind Colorado luxury dude ranch located just north of Steamboat Springs.

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a little bit luxury...

Vista Verde Guest Ranch had extended a gracious offer to us here at Florida Bride Magazine to come and experience for ourselves all they have to offer to our brides and grooms. So, on October 2nd, which is typically in the middle of a hot, humid Florida hurricane season we decided to do just that. We shipped out our own Fashion and Beauty Editor Kimaree Beyrent to Clark, Colorado which is right near Steamboat Springs for a full report. Here is what she has to say about her experience there: While the fall offers a spectacular colorful drive from Denver, you can also fly directly into Hayden airport in Steamboat which is just 30 minutes from the ranch. From the moment you arrive, believe me, you will feel like you're in a movie set. I didn't ask what the ratio of staff to guests are, but it's at least a 1:1. All the staff members are truly experts in their varied capacities, but they all have a uniqueness in the way they interact, almost like they're movie stars themselves. Ok, on with experiences.



a little bit old west...

Day 1:

The universe magically guides the decision making of the ranch hands to select the horse for you. I can tell you that the horses were very well matched to their riders. My horse was a mature female named Chalulah, like the hot sauce, and she was spicy! Chalulah knew what she wanted and was doing at any given time, and we bonded almost instantly. The horses are treated very well, and it shows in their free spirited, friendly and outgoing mannerisms.



We arrive just before dinner around sunset. Upon check in, our bags were carried into a spacious, beautiful two-story wooden cabin, complete with indoor fireplace and outdoor hot tub with a view of the wild deer in the hills behind us, and, oh my, the sunset! They stocked our fridge and cabinets each day with more than we could ask for, including a fresh bottle of their best wine. The groups are kept small making it very easy to talk with other guests, and still keep the experiences intimate for a couple or group of friends looking for a cozy getaway. Sit where you like in the dining room and see warm smiles all around. October begins some of the ranches "adult only" stays which is ideal for newlyweds, good friend gatherings, anniversaries or a much needed breather from our typical hustle bustle lifestyles. We had comical conversations with couples from all over the world, all exchanging helpful tips for various natural weather issues in our varied locations.

Taking a moment to address the food situation...Wow just Wow! The attention to detail and service here is like no other I have ever experienced. My friend that came with me being a vegetarian, is accustomed to the standard salad at travel venues etc. At Vista Verde Ranch they spotted her the moment she walked into the dining room to show her what options they created for her, the ONLY vegan there. Every meal, including deserts, and let me tell you, you will never be hungry there. The creations are gourmet-all-the-way. One evening the chef made me a vegan coconut chia strawberry pudding that was out of this world. Let's not forget to mention the daily offering of homemade vegan cookies, the ginger and molasses will make your knees buckle.



Day 2:

We decided after the morning orientation ride to take the horsemanship 101 class. Personally, I thought it was a good way to respect the animals by learning as much as we could about them, how to ride with their instincts and how to communicate with them. Other activities like fly fishing, hiking, leatherworking (which I'm sorry I missed), and riding your horse to a yoga class in the woods (omg) are also available throughout your stay.

a place for adventure...

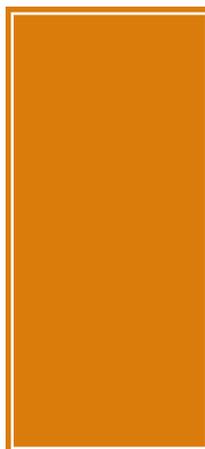
The individual daily trail rides took our hearts to soaring new heights as the vistas were sublime. The wind was energizing and the air crisp while the lead wrangler engaged us in history of the line and background of the individual horses we rode. There was a palpable energy of ease and magic to every galloped step upon these paths that would make your heart sing in boundless ways over the beauty and sacredness of this very special land.



a place for rest...



Nighttime activities are optional and include line dancing classes and open dance (in the barn!), and always end early enough to retire to a cozy fire in your cabin, or steamy hot tub, with a warm apple cider or glass of red wine (my favorite). The fall colors were breathtaking, and we were fortunate enough to have our last evening there during the first snow of the season! A good 3 inches fell overnight, providing a magical winter wonderland in just hours to wake up to. The kind staff hands had already de-iced and warmed up our car for us while we were checking out.



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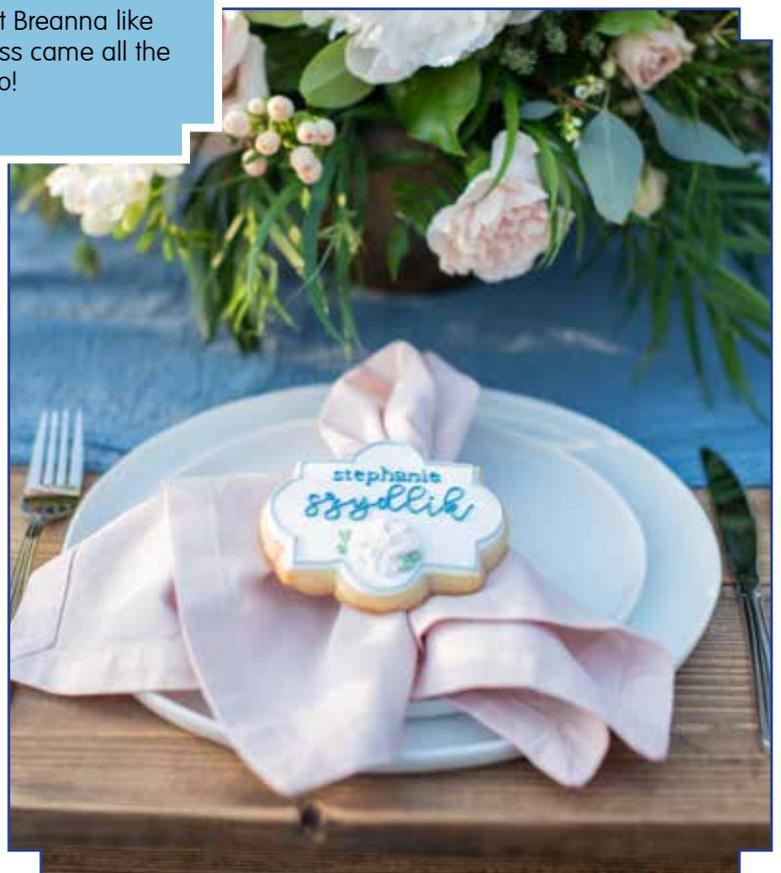
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Dusty Blue & Pink



This barn side styled shoot featured dusty blues and pinks- the perfect palette for mid-spring. Stonebridge was the perfect place to hold these colors too, being a dusty blue barn! Breanna & Matt is our couple. The dress was hand designed and crafted by Celeste of Krustello Couture in Puerto Rico and fit Breanna like a glove. Yes, the dress came all the way from Puerto Rico!





The cake from Sweet Miss V's featured blue and silver marble, as well as, a dessert bar. There were custom cookies by Jessie B. they were carefully handwritten (& perfection!) The beautiful lounge area & farm decor brought by Flock Decor was a stunning addition to this shoot. From handmade jewelry & flower crowns to hand-painted acrylic signs, this shoot is for the detail lovers in us all.



The Details

- Model: Sydney
- Floral Designer: La Bella Rose
- Shoes: Kailee P & Bella Belle
- DIY Designer: Love letters by Sophia
- Jewelry: A Pocket of Posies Jewelry
- Bakery: Jessie B's Custom Cookies
- Dress Designer: Krystallos Couture
- Invitation Designer: Hungry Heart, Ink
- Cake Designer: Sweet Miss V's
- Beauty: Denise Marie Beauty
- Floral Designer: Chalet Flowers
- Design and Decor: Flock Décor
- Event Venue: Stonebridge at the Lange Farm
- Photographer: Jennifer Nicole Photography



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How to handle your wedding **if you get sick**

You've worried about your wedding gown alterations being finished on time, what color the bridesmaid's dresses should be, what the location of the ceremony would look like and now of all things you're sick! Great!!!

Being sick on your wedding day and feeling miserable is awful, so try not to wear yourself down prior to it. Stress is a big part of weakening your immune system, and if there is a bug going around try to stay as far away from it as possible. Here are a few tips we hope will be helpful:



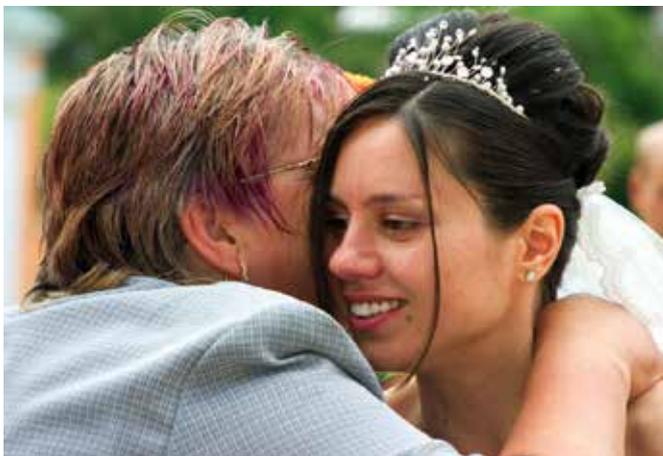
At the first sign of a cold make an appointment with your doctor.

Take plenty of Vitamin C prior to your wedding day, and Zinc is very helpful too, just make sure you eat something prior, it does tend to upset your stomach.

Washing your hands is very important. Do it frequently. Try not to get too consumed with the planning process and get plenty of sleep.

Yogurt is great, especially to have now since it has good bacteria, the kind you need. Add some fresh berries for an extra lift.

If you lost your voice try not to speak too much, you will want to try to say your vows. Ask the officiate to point the mic your way so your guests can hear you.



Do not take any medications that will make you drowsy and follow any directions your doctor has prescribed to the tee.

Drink lots of water and let your photographer know if you're not feeling well, so he can get the pictures that are absolutely necessary as quickly as possible. Use soft tissues for a runny nose so it doesn't get red, another trick is to place lotion on the tissue. Your maid of honor can hold them for you in case you need them during the ceremony.

Telling the children about

Wedding Plans...

Love is in the air, you just found that special person that you want to share the rest of your life with. You want to form the perfect bond between them and your children. How do you go about doing that, how do you tell them?

Children may react differently depending on their age. They may still think that mommy and daddy will get back together someday, and now another person is in their lives.



Certainly they have tender emotions, and they most definitely need to be considered. If your spouse has passed on you must explain to your children this person is not someone that will replace their mother or father, but rather someone that will continue to nourish and respect the family unit. Walking into the house with your loved one at hand and saying, look we're engaged and are going to get married really isn't the best idea! Rather let your children have time to get to know the other person and begin to accept them as a friend first, this will make the transition so much easier.

Letting your ex know you have decided to remarry should be done by you and not your children. Expect them to have questions, they may not thoroughly understand what it means. Make good choices about how and when to announce it to them, especially if there is a move involved. They may resent leaving their friends and explain to them they may be having stepbrothers or sisters now. Plan a fun outing that all can enjoy, and where they will get to meet each other. Include the children in your wedding plans and do a child ceremony on the day of the wedding. Easing into your new relationship will assure a happy family unit.



all the latest trends for 2020

Guess what's trending in weddings:

Faux calligraphy? Succulent table arrangements? We mean, thank heaven wedding trends are always evolving. We checked in with our friends at powerhouse website Wedding Wire for ten trends we can expect to see tons of in 2020.



Crop tops

the bare middle....scandalous right, but oh so now!!!



Interactive snack station

they are so fun! Love the popcorn bars and s'mores stations and so much more!

Floral Details

Very unconventional however wedding appropriate. Couples are certainly getting creative nowadays with DIY flower crown stations.



Pampas Grass

This wheat-toned feathery grass is now the in thing. It adds volume and that wonderful earthy quality. Oh, and did I mention it's inexpensive too.



Polka Dots

They are around everything, get it! Oh well, they were all over the runway this year and look romantic, playful!



Grazing tables

No, the bride and groom are not expecting you to eat grass! They are gorgeous, well executed arrangements of food heaped with chesses, crudites, bread and lots of meat!

Velvet Table linens

This lush, cozy and classic look is perfect for the winter months. Drape them across your table, use them as napkins or runners.



Faux Calligraphy

"Faux" means fake so basically faux calligraphy is fake calligraphy. You create it with standard writing instruments like a pencil, pen, chalk or marker. It gives you characteristics of the pointed pen or brush pen calligraphy by imitating the letter shapes and stroke contrast. Like the old saying goes "Fake it till you make it, right?"



Artful Food

Couples are having fun coming up with arrangements of food. After all, why should flowers have all the fun? Think making a statement with towers of sweets and candy.

New York Fashion Week 2020

The Best Runway Looks at New York Fashion Week Spring 2020



1

MARC JACOBS

Marc Jacobs looked to none other than his own designs as reference for Spring 2020: those he showed 18 years ago on the night before 9/11 on Pier 54 in NYC. His show in 2019 took place at the Park Avenue Armory, “This show, like that show (2001) is a celebration of life, joy, equality, individuality, optimism, happiness, indulgence, dreams...” read the show notes. So let’s go back in time to a post-90s moment of exuberance.



2

MARINA MOSCONE

Moscone has been a bit of a fashion insider secret, but that’s not going to last for long. The designer brought an audience to a Gramercy Park mansion to a show a ‘90s meets ‘60s collection that was nothing short of a winner. Inspired by the book *Ninth Street Women*, about female post war artists that changed the world, from Lee Krasner to Elaine de Kooning



3

DION LEE

During a season of bright colors and prints, Dion Lee found beauty in a clean slate. In a collection of neutrals, defined by crisp white shirting and classic wardrobe pieces, it was the details that really made a mark. Utility bralettes worn both over dresses and solo made for a cool way to get Katie Holme’s recent cashmere bra look.



4

BROCK COLLECTION

Color, texture, fur (both real and faux) and transitional dressing are always part of Sally LaPointe’s DNA—and Fall 2019 seemed a true study of all of the above, with some of her signature sparkle thrown in for added flair.



5

MICHAEL KORS

Michael Kors is taking back America. The Young People’s Chorus of New York sang Americana songs like notables by Simon and Garfunkel and “America the Beautiful” next to the water at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.



6

LELA ROSE

Lela Rose knows exactly who she is—and what her clientele expect of her. Both she and her customer are the ultimate entertainers; they ride bikes through their hometowns and shop at specialty stores rather than big-box supermarkets; they’d prefer to smile wide than sulk into a fashion pout. And Rose’s show, which she hosted at Hudson River Park down a runway of yellow rose petals, was undoubtedly on-brand.

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7

OSCAR DE LA RENTA

For spring, Laura Kim and Fernando Garcia took the Oscar woman on a getaway to Mr. De la Renta's native Dominican Republic. With floor-sweeping caftans, elegant dresses, and a myriad of print and color, it was just as glamorous as a vacation as one could expect. A series of new patchwork floral prints and crochet cocktail dresses felt like fresh territory for the storied fashion house.



8

TOM FORD

During a week of Ubers, Lyfts, and car services, Tom Ford actually managed to get the fashion set to trek down to the subway platform. The designer and newly-appointed CFDA president staged his Spring 2020 show in an abandoned subway station (Bowery, to be exact). And as only Tom Ford himself could, he managed to make the old public transportation stop both glamorous and cool.



9

CAROLINA HERRERA

Wes Gordon is in his third official season as the man behind Carolina, and he brought all the joy to a dome in the gardens of Battery Park. The category is "super blooms" with giant flower prints bestowing mini and maxi dresses.



10

TOMMY HILFIGER

For the second season, Tommy Hilfiger teamed up with Hollywood starlet Zendaya for another runway show to remember. Last season it was a disco in Paris, and last night the collection hit the streets of Harlem as another celebration of diversity and empowerment.



11

JASON WU

Jason Wu returned to the runway for the first time since Fall 2018, but it seems that his main sources of inspiration—florals—has stuck around since he last sent models down a runway at New York Fashion Week. This season, however, the florals felt less polished, and the set design of the show mirrored that shift in aesthetic.



12

RALPH LAUREN

Ralph Lauren transported the fashion set back to the Jazz Age—bringing forth a wave of glamour and glitz that's been notably missing from New York Fashion Week. It all unfolded at "Ralph's Club," a ballroom on Wall Street that the designer transformed into a swanky nightclub channeling Café Society.



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Sofia Vergara's Lavish Wedding Gown
All the Details From Designer Zuhair Murad

The Dress Has Its Roots in an Earlier Murad Runway Collection. Vergara's decidedly 21st-century dress has some ancient inspiration. The Baroque motif hearkened back to Murad's Spring 2013 couture collection, "inspired by the frescoes of European, especially Roman, churches," Murad said.



The Dress by the Numbers

To say Vergara's couture dress was labor-intensive would make for a colossal understatement. Here, are a few facts and figures of what went into the creation of a lavish over the top dress:

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- Approximately 6.6 pounds of pearls
- 350 crystals
- 32 atelier employees working on the gown
- 1,657 total hours of labor





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CACTI



This styled shoot was inspired by shades of pink, succulents and cactus. We loved how the color palette and the different textures of cactus and succulents brought together our film inspired photography, casually. It was paired with so many details that pointed back to the tones of pink throughout the shoot.





Model: Graciela Guirre
 Model: Jamie Thompson
 Model: Abigail Ouellette
 Model: Hunter Prince
 Model: Andrew Garcia
 Etsy Designer: TerrielImagesShop
 DIY Designer: Chelsea Farmer Company
 DIY Designer: Chandelier By NK
 Dress Designer: Monbebe Couture
 Design and Decor: The Velvet Garden Ring Box
 Other: Sipping Nomads Mobile Bar
 Calligrapher: Wild Ivory and Co
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 Cake Designer: Sweet Miss V's
 Equipment Rentals: Southern Chairs
 Makeup Artist: Bella By Yanice, LLC
 Floral Designer: Pine and Petal Weddings
 Ceremony Location: The Orange Blossom Barn
 Event Designer: Cross the T's Event Co.
 Photographer: Terrie Images



CAROLINA HERRERA

“ I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE WOMAN OF TODAY TO MAKE HER FEEL CONFIDENT, MODERN AND ABOVE ALL ELSE BEAUTIFUL ”

An icon of sophistication and graceful style, Carolina Herrera is a fashion designer, known for a unique sense of dressing, as well as for designing apparel for First Ladies, like Michelle Obama and Jacqueline Onassis. New York Times defined her designing as being elegant and not fussy.

Herrera was born in Venezuela, 1939 as María Carolina Josefina Pacanins y Niño to the former governor and air force official of Caracas, Guillermo Pacanins and María Cristina Niño Passios, her mother. Her family practiced discipline and this is the reason she is highly organized and uses time in a very efficient and effective way. In 2009, she became a naturalized citizen of the United States.



MEET THE FASHION ICON SPOTLIGHT

Herrera's grandmother was a socialite who interacted with popular personalities and introduced Herrera to the fashion world by taking her to runway shows and buying her clothes from Dior and Lanvin. Due to this, Herrera understood the meaning of quality, beauty and classiness in terms of fashion. Herrera once said that her eyes became accustomed to seeing pretty things. Later, in her work this statement is reflected with full honesty.



Always choose
style over fashion:
wear
something that
makes you
look beautiful.

In 1957, when Herrera was eighteen years old, she married a Venezuelan landlord named Guillermo Behrens Tello. She gave birth to two children, Ana Luisa and Mercedes. However, the couple later separated. In 1968, she married Reinaldo Herrera Guevara, who was a project editor at Vanity Fair.



The couple has two children, Patricia Cristina and Carolina Adriana. In addition to this, Herrera has six grandchildren. She frequently met Bianca and Mick Jagger, and Andy Warhol at studio 54, this made her discover her approach towards fashion. In 1972, she appeared on the list of International Best Dressed and in 1980 she was nominated for its Hall of Fame.



The same year, Diana Vreeland, a friend and Vogue editor, suggested Carolina Herrera to launch a clothing line. When she did, the collection was displayed not only in a friend's house but at Martha's boutique as well. Upon this success, she returned to her homeland from New York and raised funds for a formal launch of her line. It was in 1980 only that her first show took place featuring Iman, an upcoming supermodel. A year later, Herrera's brand received media limelight in publications like Tatler, and Women's Wear Daily. Her most notable clients have been Renée Zellweger, Duchess Diana de Melo and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. During the same decade, Carolina Herrera's name was licensed by Puig, a perfume company from Spain, to develop and sell a line of fragrances. In 1995, Puig acquired her fashion company, retaining Herrera as the Creative Director. Then in 2008, the firm launched prêt-à-porter brand, CH Carolina Herrera. In 2011, Herrera's daughters began participating in their mother's business. Since 2012, eighteen official stores of her brands have been opened around the world and her collection has been shelved with 280 shops in 104 countries.

For her achievements in fashion designing, Herrera received many awards, such as a Queen Sofia Spanish Institute Gold Medal, 1997; Gold Medal for Fine Arts by King Don Juan Carlos I, 2002; award for Womenswear Designer of the Year, 2004; Council of Fashion Designers of America presented her with a Lifetime Achievement Award, 2008; and in 2012 she received the Style Awards Designer of the year, and Fashion Group International Superstar Award.

Carolina Herrera is considered as a woman with an amazing personal style, design sense and good attitude.



Weddings Unplugged

Years ago, when your parents got married this was not an issue. Cell phones existed but didn't come along with all of the social media and camera capabilities they do today.

Couples now are having serious conversations about having an "unplugged" wedding. Should they embrace these modern times or ask their guests to please not use them especially at the ceremony.

On a Positive note:

Photographers and videographers can get their professional shots without having someone else's camera in the picture. I personally have seen this happen, and the worst thing for them is after the bride and groom have been pronounced husband and wife and are having their first kiss a guest stands up to take a shot and gets right in the picture!

Asking guests to put their phones away will get their attention focused on what is happening during the ceremony. Posting to social media tends to distract them from what is going on in the moment.

Having your photographer post a professional shot of your wedding first is more flattering than an out of focus blurry one.



On a Negative Note:

Photographers need time to edit their shots, and it can take a month or more to finally see your photos. Pictures that your family and friends take can ease your curiosity.

The professionals you have chosen know the shots that need to be taken, and they will get them. They may be able to also capture some candid shots, but they can't capture everything. That's why a second shooter is good to have especially if you want candid shots. If a second shooter is not within the budget, then pictures that your friends take may be more candid.



There may be some of your guests who are going to do what they want to and go ahead and post to social media anyway.

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KEEPING THE ENERGY ALIVE

Now that you have become a couple it's time to think about the home you want to share. Knowing these tidbits will help you surround yourself with the energy preserved inside of them. You may have even felt more grounded and secure sitting at your oak dining table, not even realizing why. It's not your imagination. While the furniture itself may be pleasing to the eye, there is spiritual energy in the wood itself that can affect you.

THE ENERGY OF TREES AND WOOD

Trees are living beings with great power and energy. Native Americans often referred to trees as the "Standing People." Each varietal of tree has special gifts and lessons to share with humankind. Even long after a tree has been cut down and processed to make furniture; it still retains some of its vibrational energy. The lessons of the trees live on among the wood furnishings in our homes. Listed below are some spiritual qualities for common types of wood.

BIRCH

Also is known as the so called "giving tree". Birch contains the essence of truth, rebirth and new beginnings. Landscapers love this tree for its beautiful foliage and you will often see birch trees planted in groups of three. The birch tree also provides us with the gift of paper.

ASH

The ash tree and its wood help to instill peace of mind and good health. It contains the qualities of reliability, faithfulness and loyalty. Craftsmen love this wood for its strength and versatility. It is often used for structural framing in furniture.

BEECH

The beech tree and its wood represent creativity, leadership and friendship. A relatively inexpensive material, it is strong, durable and also used for structural components.

MAHOGANY

Mahogany is a strong wood often used in carving. Its spiritual properties include healing of the emotions and spirit. Having this wood in your home can help you grow spiritually and provide guidance.

MAPLE

The maple tree provides many gifts to us. Its hard and durable wood is so tough that it's used for bowling alley floors! Maple bestows the spiritual lessons of change, communication, and even rebelliousness. Known as a traveler's wood, maple will have you adapting, learning and growing in many ways.

CHERRY

When it comes to the cherry tree, many people think of either pretty cherry blossoms or the tale of George Washington chopping down a cherry tree.

Spiritually this tree and its wood symbolize the strength of will and desire. It will also help you overcome difficulties and deal compassionately with others. It relates to the heart.

WALNUT

The walnut tree and its wood help us with our mental gifts. Even the walnuts themselves resemble little brains! Intelligence, wisdom and inspiration all come under its realm. It has also been said that Black Walnut contains medicinal properties.

WILLOW

Most of us recognize the willow tree as the one that bends and sways but doesn't break. It teaches us lessons of resilience, love and inspiration. Most commonly used for baskets, the energy of this wood is very comforting.

OAK

"Mighty oaks from little acorns grow" goes the quote. This tree inspires us to be strong in body, mind and spirit. It is a sacred and revered tree representing endurance, power, protection and authority. No wonder this hardwood is so popular for furniture. Its energy truly stands the test of time.

ILLUSION *sleeves are in!*

There's no denying that wedding dresses with sleeves are the new sensation. They've been popular for a while now, but it seems illusion sleeves aren't going anywhere anytime soon – and that's okay with us! From dresses featuring the gentlest of laces to bold creations embellished with eye-catching embroidery, this look offers something for pretty much any type of bride.

If you are debating about sleeves or no sleeves on your big day, these sheer sleeve wedding gown designs may just sway you. These sheer sleeve designs add so much drama and intrigue to modern day wedding styles. But don't take our word for it, long sleeves are in and we love them!



Morilee

Dennis Basso

Pnina Tornai

Lazaro

Marchesa





Best Cigars For Weddings

By Fred Lunt

What does a groom do? He plans the fun stuff at the party, like picking the cocktails. And the cigars. These days, the most popular months to get married are June, September and October; yes, October is still very much “cigar season,” as the weather is great. If you’re planning to offer cigars at your wedding – or at least, celebrate with a smoke of your own – finding the right cigar is a seemingly easy task, but there’s still a lot to consider. After all, a momentous occasion demands big decisions. Most grooms-to-be are swarmed with coordinating this special day;



I know first-hand that some thought must be put into what you’ll be smoking. So I’ve worked out a formula for the qualities to look for in finding the perfect wedding day cigar, to make things nice and easy. Follow this advice and you’ll thank yourself...and so will your guests.

You can apply this guide for guests, groomsmen and yourself, as you’ll likely be shopping for different types of smokers.

Finding the Right Wedding Day Cigars! One of the biggest factors in serving cigars is having the right space to enjoy them. Ask yourself these questions:

Is the venue outdoors? Will there be a designated area for smokers? How far away from the party will smokers be? How long will the reception be? Next, we look for quantity, price range, strength and size.

Quantity:

The most important aspect in selecting a cigar is ensuring you can get a large enough quantity to share freely, even to guests who’ve never smoked before. Know your audience but plan to put out at least 20-30 cigars for every 50 guests. Yes, boxes and bundles are your friends here. If you go the bundle route I suggest finding a wooden box or putting out a humidor or tupperdor, because scattering dozens of cigars on a table just looks sloppy.

Price:

Everyone’s budget will vary; it’s a fact. Planning a wedding takes months or years, so skipping out on good wedding smokes is simply a sin; but there’s nothing wrong with spending less on good cigars. If you know what your guests are going to like, go with your gut. As with all cigar buying, price isn’t everything and when you compare cigars to the big picture cost, it’ll make sense.

Strength:

Strength is tricky – you and your groomsmen may all be smoking buddies, but those guests? Not so much. The bulk of your cigars are going to the inexperienced guests, so make sure the bulk of your order is on the mellow-medium range. From there, you can pick a few singles for yourself, a 5-pack or 10-pack for the groomsmen or, if there’s demand, a full box for the BOTL’s on the guest list. Always be mindful of your guests because you’re not just the groom, you’re the host.





Formal Ascot

It got its name from Royal Ascot and the Ascot heath which is a very famous horse race in England and people wear formal morning dress, a morning coat and traditionally, a winged collar and the cravat that they wore was actually a formal piece in silk usually silver with some parts of black that was tight with a double knot and then fastened with a stick pin.

Day Ascot

A less formal ascot it was popular to be worn with a dressing gown at home, a jacket at home, a vest or a sweater, people also wear it with blazers, some people also wear it just with a shirt in the summer when it was warm and basically, these are the ways you can wear your ascot as well.



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How to wear your ascot

Today, things are often more casual, and an ascot is a great way to not look sloppy but elegant and people actually notice you wearing an ascot, they may even ask you questions about it, and so it's a great conversation starter. An ascot is also a great alternative if you don't like tight collars around your neck because you have to wear it open, and it simply makes your sweater outfit or your best outfit much more dressy and at the same time relaxed.

Wearing tips

Because you wear an ascot right next to your skin in an area where you have your beard growing, it's important that you get an ascot that is printed and not jacquard or woven because otherwise, you easily pull threads, and your ascot is ruined just after a few times of wearing it.



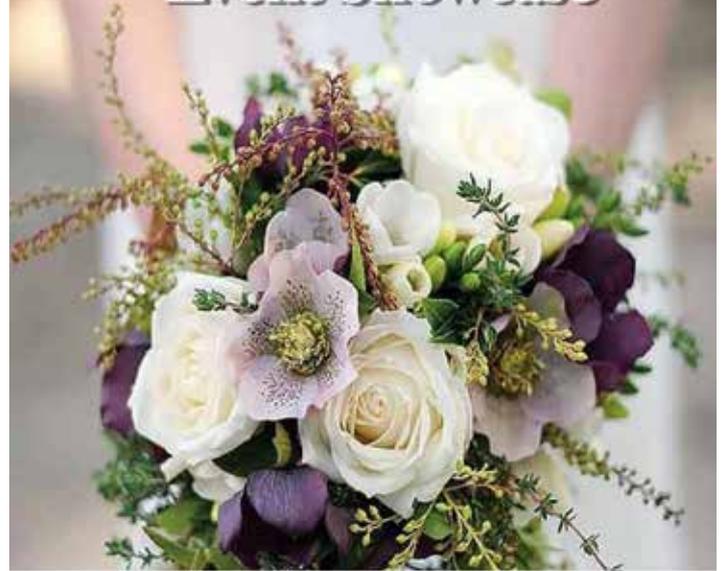


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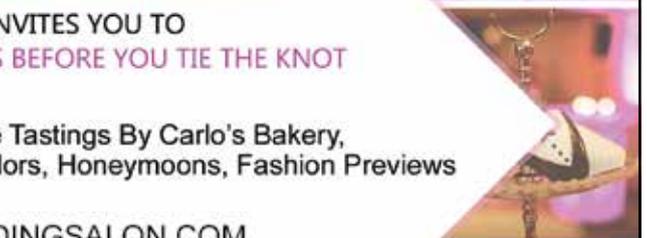
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Fabric

Looking for a way to connect your bouquet to your wedding dress? Ask for an extra swatch of fabric during an early fitting and transform it into a pretty wrap, like this bride (she carried an arrangement down the aisle!).

Match your florals

Want to make one particular flower in your bouquet the focal point? Tie the entire arrangement together with a silk ribbon that matches that bloom's hue.



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The Weave

Bohemian brides, this bouquet wrap is for you. A woven macramé holder brought this bride's boho-chic look (off-the-shoulder lace wedding dress, eccentric rings, florals, and all!) together.

Rustic Twine

Now here's a bouquet wrap that you can DIY on the morning of your wedding. Simply take half a spool of twine and wrap it around your long-stemmed bouquet, as seen on this arrangement—it was prepared by the mother of the groom!



Puffy Sleeves

We never thought we'd say this, but puffy sleeves are back in a major way in bridal. A far cry from the outdated versions of the 1980s, these ruffly and off-the-shoulder versions are all about tasteful volume. If you love this detail but are worried about overdoing it, opt for a slim silhouette like this one from Watters.



Floral Prints

While understated nature-inspired motifs like floral lace and botanical details are nothing new where bridal fashion is concerned, this season was all about bold floral print gowns. Perfect for the bride looking to infuse a little color into her look, this eye-catching trend is equal parts romantic and fashion-forward.



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Sparkle

Designers took a cue from eveningwear trends and went all out with glittery embellishments for spring 2020. Head-to-toe sequins, silver beading, and even abstract foil prints took over the Bridal Fashion Week runways. Pnina Tornai offered some really beautiful bling.

Ruffles

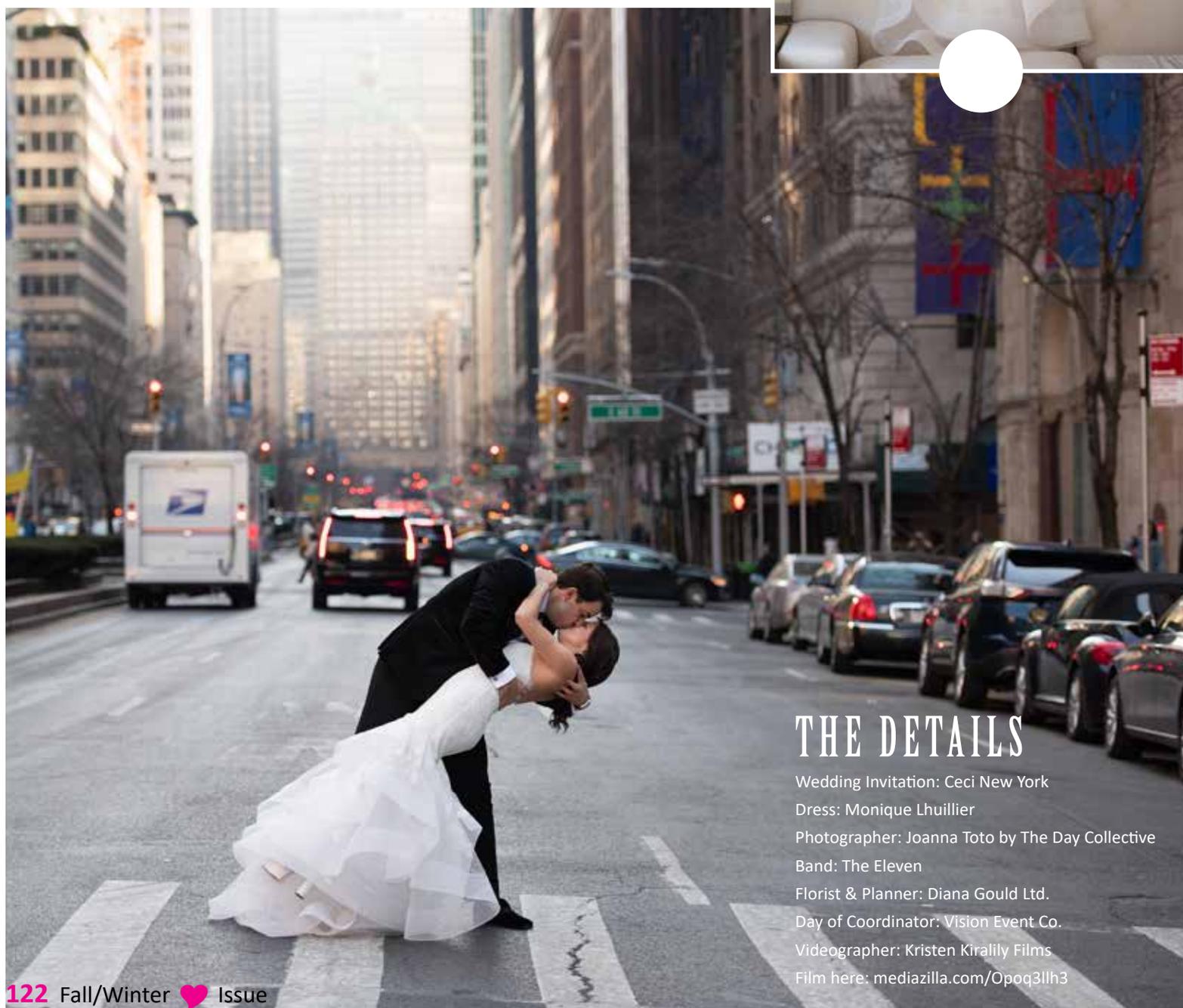
There's nothing subtle about this frothy, romantic trend—and that's why we love it. Cascading ruffled skirts, ruffled sleeves, and frilly collars made an appearance in almost every bridal fashion week collection for 2020. This trend is taking off and we are so happy that it is!

NEWSWORTHY WEDDING!

New York love story

CNN Reporter and Producer Haley Draznin met her husband Jason Leibowitz, a Blockchain consultant, five years ago, a real New York City love story. They were introduced during a mutual friend's wedding at The Pierre, and found out by the end of the night that they lived in the same apartment building. Months passed and they would often run into each other in the elevator or lobby with flirtatious exchanges. It was not until their doorman encouraged Jason to knock on Haley's door that the two started dating.

Three years later they were engaged in St. Barths. Jason is French Moroccan and his family travels to the French island regularly. He had surprised Haley on Valentine's Day 2018 with a proposal on the beach at Shellona. Minutes after, Haley's family showed up for the surprise engagement and they had both of their families there to celebrate together.



THE DETAILS

Wedding Invitation: Ceci New York

Dress: Monique Lhuillier

Photographer: Joanna Toto by The Day Collective

Band: The Eleven

Florist & Planner: Diana Gould Ltd.

Day of Coordinator: Vision Event Co.

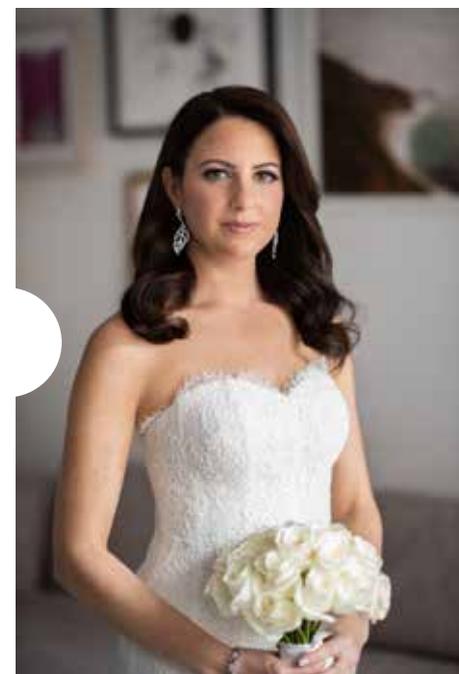
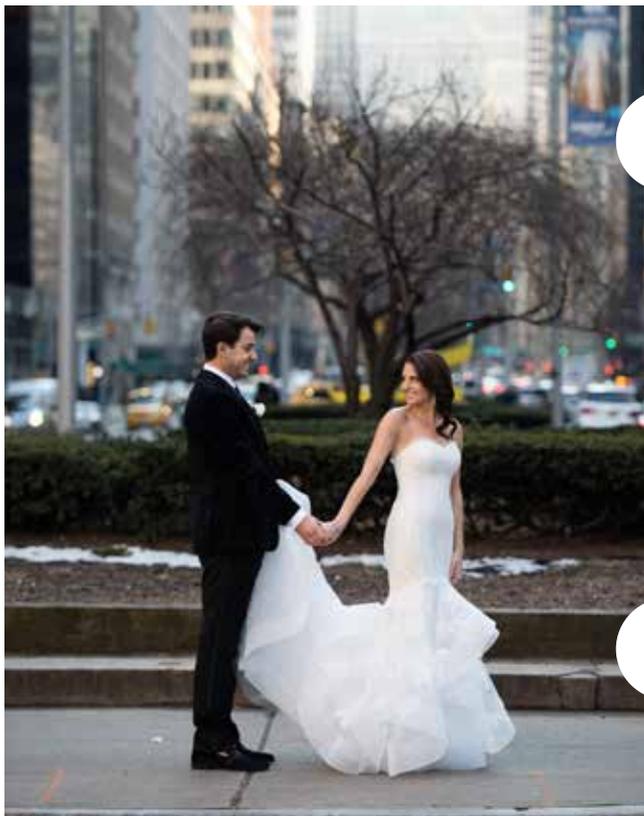
Videographer: Kristen Kiralily Films

Film here: mediazilla.com/Opoq3llh3

As part of their wedding celebrations, they had a Moroccan Henna ceremony in the months leading up to their formal reception. It included traditional henna dye which is believed to symbolize fertility, Moroccan kaftans & jellabas & fez hats, traditional teas and Moroccan cuisine, belly dancers, and Middle Eastern performance by Avi Peretz.



The wedding date was March 9, 2019 in New York City. The New York couple wanted to evoke a vintage New York City theme to highlight their love story. Their vendors were incredibly creative in helping with this.



For the Save the Date, they commissioned a New Yorker cartoon artist to illustrate them with a New Yorker caption. The photographer had a great fashion aesthetic and the videographer shot parts of their wedding film in a 8mm style look. They found a unique venue that is part of New York City's Queensboro Bridge/59th Street Bridge: Guastavino's. It's underneath the bridge and a canopy of tile vaults designed by Rafael Guastavino, an architect from Barcelona. The space is considered a New York City landmark. They added a large black and white dance floor to bring out the vintage feel and arrived at the venue with the wedding party in an old-school white trolley. They commissioned a Rothko-style marriage license that also acts as a piece of art to hang in their home. Jason surprised Haley with a keyboard performance to Clock's by Coldplay.

How Millennials are Changing Weddings

Engagement ring designer, Jean Dousset, surveyed 1,850 newlywed couples to learn more about the planning and execution of their “big day.” From phasing out receiving lines and religious ceremonies to shouldering the financial burdens of the reception, millennial couples have introduced a new reality for modern weddings:

It’s no secret that millennials are choosing to do things differently than generations before them. When millennials do decide to get married, their weddings look different, too. Gone are the days of religious ceremonies, rice showers, and cans tied to cars, having been replaced by millennials with traditions of their own, such as first looks and sparkler exits. What other wedding traditions are millennials leaving behind? Jean Dousset asked these newlyweds to find out. When asked which traditions were part of your wedding? Wedding cakes, white wedding dresses, flower girls, and first dances were the only three elements that the majority of millennials (more than 50%) included. Everything else, from not seeing the bride before the ceremony, walking down the aisle with dad, using a ring bearer, tossing the bouquet, having something old, new, borrowed, and blue, wedding cake toppers, divided seating, and receiving lines, are all on the decline.

Fewer than one-quarter of millennial couples used a wedding planner to orchestrate their big day. But the biggest non-traditional trend among millennial couples, was to do non-religious ceremonies and venues. Less than half of millennials said they had a religious wedding ceremony, and three-in-four couples said they preferred non-religious venues. However, most millennials (60%) are holding on to the time-honored tradition of seeking a parent’s blessing before proposing. From there, the average couple is staying engaged for 13 months before tying the knot.

Traditions aren’t the only thing millennials are saying goodbye to. Less than one in five millennial weddings are paid for by the bride’s family – instead, that cost is more often shouldered by the couples themselves. According to respondents, almost half paid for their own wedding, and when they did, they split costs evenly. This includes the wedding dress, which 1 in 4 couples bought together. Other popular wedding elements couples say they split the cost with their soon-to-be spouse include their honeymoon (53%), photography and videography (46%), ceremony and reception costs (42%), and the rehearsal dinner (32%).

When it comes to ushering in new traditions, it may come as no surprise that a new millennial wedding tradition involves technology. One-in-four couples created a wedding day hashtag, and of those who did, 90% said it was used by guests to document the day. Millennials have also embraced afterparties (38%), self-written vows (33%), having a “first look” (30%), being married by a non-religious officiant (28%), having non-wedding cake desserts (25%).



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Featuring over-the-top tables set for fabulous brunch, stunning luncheons, adorable afternoon tea, and decadent dinners. See more at the Blog...



Randy Fenoli

Wedding Dress Shopping Tips from Randy Fenoli

Know What You Want (and How Much You Have!) You should have a clear vision of what your bridal style is: Do you want to be traditional, chic, understated, fashion-forward, fun, quirky, or regal? You also need to know what your venue is like and have a target budget that you're comfortable with.

Shop With a Supportive Team

Your shopping partners should support you and have a very clear understanding about your goal and what your bridal style and budget are. They need to respect the fact that this is your wedding gown and be there to offer advice only when asked. See more at the Blog...



Colin Cowie

Tips for Planning the Perfect Bridal Shower

Known for being "The Man Behind the Magic," Colin Cowie has been made famous by the spectacular weddings and events he plans. More recently contributing to Florida Bride Magazine, Colin shares his visions on all things wedding with our Florida Brides. Colin uses an experiential approach to design, incorporating all of the senses to carefully orchestrate to create the ultimate experience for Colin's clients. Colin was featured on our Spring/Summer 2017 cover.

Event planner and Florida Bride Magazine writer Colin Cowie is quite the expert when it comes to parties and over-the-top affairs. The NYC-based Cowie has penned eight best-selling books and planned fetes for the likes of Jennifer Aniston, Tom Cruise and even Oprah Winfrey! He also serves Platinum Guild's brand ambassador for jewelry. We recently tapped Cowie to share his go-to bridal shower tips whether you're planning a fun party for an engaged pal, or looking for ideas for your own shower, his advice is sure to provide some fun inspiration. See more at the Blog...



David Tutera

David Tutera – Toss The Bouquet

When considering the flowers that will be used in your bouquet, think of what your favorites are and what you'll be using for the rest of the floral decor. Your bouquet doesn't necessarily have to contain the same kinds of flowers, but can be complimentary in color or even totally different if you'd like! Ideally, this should speak to both the decor of your wedding and your personal style (which hopefully is the same!). Mix different types of flowers in similar colors for a unique look or use one variety for a clean and modern style. Don't be afraid to inject color here so that it pops against your white gown! Your bouquet should be larger, rounder, and more detailed than those of your bridesmaids. Your maids' bouquets can contain the same flowers as yours or can be more similar to the other floral arrangements in your decor. As with your dresses, the maids' bouquets should never upstage yours! Your maid of honor's bouquet can be slightly different to make her stand out in her position of honor. See more at the Blog...



Master Class

with Duff Goldman

When his dream of slaying on the guitar in a rock band wasn't paying the bills, Chef Duff Goldman turned to his talents as a classically trained pastry chef and metal craftsman and founded Charm City Cakes in Baltimore, MD in 2002.

Duff and his intrepid team of cake decorators churned out cakes the world had never seen before: cakes with sound, cakes with smoke, cakes with motorized moving components, life-sized baby elephant cakes- no cake was too crazy to tackle.

Duff-ism No. 1: Tool Around With the Right Tools

You can't bake a cake without an oven. But you also can't design a cake without some of the necessary tools of the trade, Goldman explains. On his must-have list: a cake wheel, serrated knife (for carving), fillet knife (for "getting underneath things"), spatulas (for spreading icing), food coloring (from a baking or candy supply company, not the cheap stuff in the supermarket) and cake pans galore. What about power tools, such as saws? Goldman says you might want to wait until you become a little more advanced.

Duff-ism No. 2: Play With Your Fondant

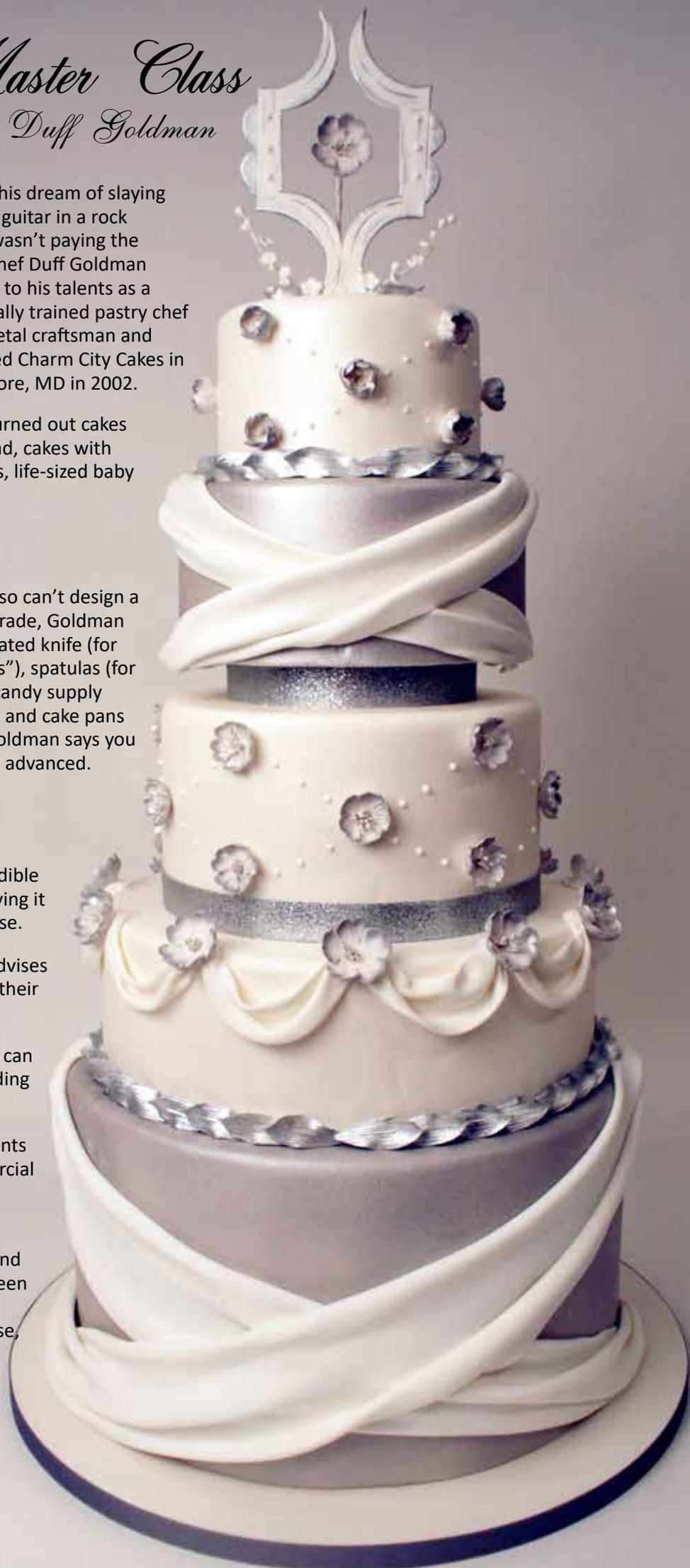
Another tool of the trade: fondant, the clay-like edible stuff that's used as a covering for many a cake, giving it a clean look. But it can be tricky to use texture-wise.

"It gets very weird very fast," Goldman says. He advises that before a beginner starts applying fondant to their cakes, they familiarize themselves with it.

"Make little creatures with it or see how long you can hold it in your hands before it melts," he says, adding that the idea is to "figure out its limitations."

It's also important to recognize that no two fondants -- and, yes, even pros rely on ready-made commercial fondant -- are alike in terms of the elasticity or durability.

Another trick of the trade: Have shortening on hand -- preferably "a very neutral vegetable oil that's been hydrogenated," like Crisco -- so you can loosen up fondant that's too firm. (Conversely, if it's too loose, Goldman suggests using corn starch to firm it up.)



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