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Letter from the Editor:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who have been affected by this horrible virus. As someone who lost their brother during this time, I understand the heartbreaks it has cost. Our family was not allowed to visit him in the hospital or have a proper memorial service for him. All of us are recovering in one way or another. We are adjusting our daily lives and the way we conduct our businesses.

The wedding industry was one service that was hit extremely hard. Weddings were cancelled or postponed, and there were many layoffs that occurred because of it. We had an increase in couples calling and emailing us asking for advice on what they should do. Wedding Salon produced a webinar that we were a part of along with the Knot and several other professionals in the field answering questions from brides. With businesses hoping to re-open soon we have all creatively thought about our positions, and how we can best serve our couples. All of us in the wedding industry offer encouragement to our brides and grooms to continue to fulfill their dreams.

Know that the wonderful professionals in the pages of our magazine are here for you to make sure that will happen.

I wanted to share with you our story to let you know I understand your disappointment. My husband and I had planned a wonderful 25th Wedding anniversary. I had my dress hanging in the closet, our children and grandchildren were going to be a part of our vow renewal ceremony. The church where I grew up was booked, and my family and childhood friends were going to be with us to celebrate. However, that was not to be and none of that occurred. Instead, we had a simple vow renewal in our backyard by an old fence post put in the ground in the 1800's. Though we did not get to share it with others as we had planned, it was still a very special moment for us. Make the most of your moments together, and let's look forward to a bright and happy future!

Your editor,

Grace Crompton

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It's official: We have a new color of the year! Pantone announced its Color of the Year for 2020, and we're totally here for it. Their pick? Classic Blue!

The company says the shade is "a timeless and enduring hue elegant in its simplicity," more specifically saying it resembles the color of the sky at dusk. And while Pantone describes the hue which is darker than sky blue but lighter than midnight blue with descriptors like "tranquil," "easily relatable," and "relaxed," their reasoning for choosing a favorite color such as blue, especially after vibrant shades like Living Coral and Ultra Violet in previous years, is quite simple: It's a universal favorite! "We are living in a time that requires trust and faith. It is this kind of constancy and confidence that is expressed by PANTONE 19-4052 Classic Blue, a solid and dependable blue hue we can always rely on," said Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute.



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Earlier this year, Marchesa's Georgina Chapman and Keren Craig staged their first-ever bridal show in Barcelona, Spain, as guest designers of the city's Bridal Week. It was the first time the duo had staged a major event—both for bridal or ready-to-wear—in several seasons, and it reinforced just how critical bridal is to their business.

The collection itself was a reminder of how untethered Marchesa is from the rest of the market. Marchesa is always going to be a resource for voluminous gowns, intricate embroideries, and an unabashedly feminine, ethereal quality. The Spring 2020 lineup was almost entirely gowns, each with a couture embellishment: 3-D petals, crystal embroideries, gigantic bows, stacked tulle rosettes. During a preview, Marchesa's design director pointed out that even the biggest gowns were surprisingly lightweight: Every layer had been streamlined, from the underskirts to the corsets to the beads and crystals.

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look book

outdoor guest table

Design inspiration came directly from the local charm of Rockledge Gardens and its hometown cozy vibes. A local vendor at the venue's market, Set Adrift, created beautiful macramé backdrops we could not resist and the vision grew from there! By combining the soft macramé fabrics with other stand out pieces such as the vibrant rugs and wispy natural feathers, it would showcase an incredible statement piece and really make the macramé stand out among the beautiful greenery. With an overwhelming passion for mixing colors, textures, and patterns, Love Out Loud Events went to work creating a bright and boho themed shoot to inspire summer and fall brides and intrigue the imagination through this creative and unique setting.



Bright teal and rusty orange palettes highlighting the natural beauty of the garden and greenery of the venue's outdoor space. The mismatched plating added a whimsical and alluring touch with a pop of luxury from the gold flatware and catches the eye just enough when peeking out of these pictures.

The orange and teal elements were accented with dusty pinks, deep reds and gold metals to show off an intimate yet natural surrounding. For dessert, a stand out cake. The color scheme was echoed perfectly, while macramé frosting adorned each layer.

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NEW YEARS WOODLAND

look book *spring outdoor bliss*



The Woodland Wedding Theme for this styled shoot gave us all the cozy feels! Fall really came through in the orange, maroon and yellow color palette. This woodland themed wedding features a homey marshmallow roasting section, candles everywhere, chic wood animals decor, a woodsy ceremony wedding arch, a wooden reception table set up with rose gold plates and flatware and a gorgeous three-tiered cake in gold and blue watercolor design. The highlight of this woodland theme styled shoot was the charming white horse wagon that the couple came in.





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Linens: Connie Duglin
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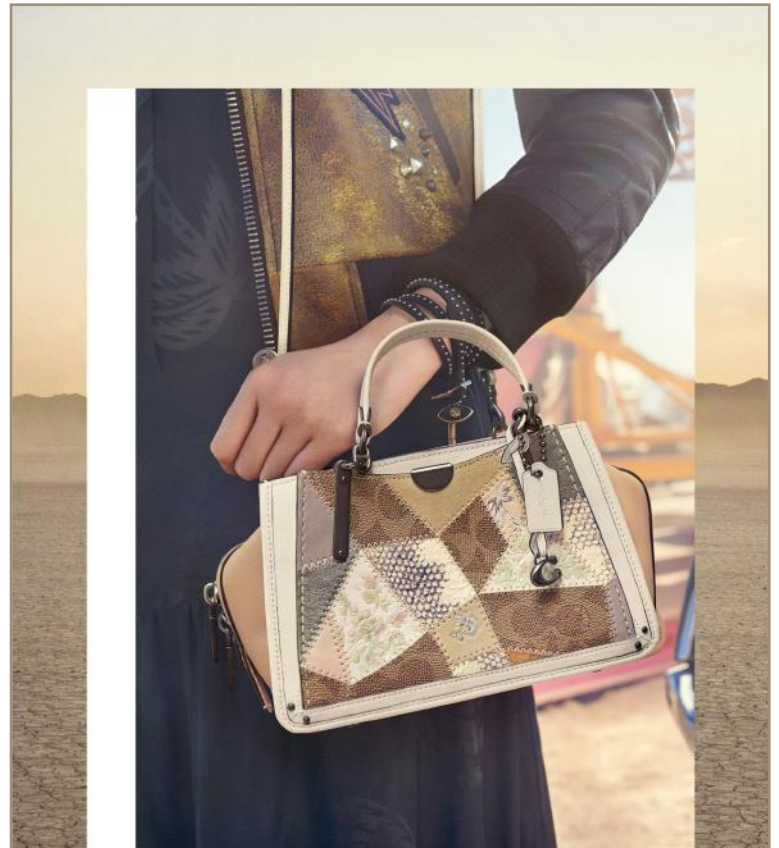
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ALTERNATE WEDDING CAKES

Wedding cake not your thing? No problem! If you're not a fan of traditional cake, there are still plenty of other options for your dessert table. One of them is alternative wedding cakes, think crepe stacks, pancake stacks, donut towers, cheese wheel cakes, macaron cakes... the list goes on. This option gives you the same wow factor that you'd have with a wedding cake (plus the photo op of slicing into something, if that's on your list!), but it also gives you the freedom to serve a dessert that you truly love.



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Stuck at Home & Stuck for Ideas?

Discover some new ideas for both entertainment and fun. Stuck at home?

This should not get us down! Here are several great and happy ideas to consider while nesting at home.

Redesign a space:

Consider this time the perfect creative time to embrace your “inner designer” look at your rooms with a fresh perspective and rearrange your space into a brand new environment. Shop from other rooms for that familiar yet updated look. (This is also a good weekend project for bored teens to redesign their own rooms.)

Write a handwritten letter:

This is the best time to write a letter to your parents and or friends. The art of letter writing is coming back! You can also hunt down and finally use any stationary, thank you cards etc you might have hidden away. Make this a family activity: everyone can add a note in the same letter. For smaller kids who don’t write (or don’t have much to say), it’s a good time to teach them the fine old art of potato printing so they can add their part, too!

Paint touch ups:

You know you still have those cans of paint. Why not touch up those dings and scratches in all your heavy traffic areas now that you have the time and resources. You and your home deserve it.



Watch a Broadway show online:

Yes you can do that thanks to the broadwayHD.com site. So rather than watch another movie night go to Broadway at home. Musicals, plays, and more. For some students they may even get to see versions of titles that are required reading.

Use the good stuff and dress for dinner.

Let’s turn back time, set the table to celebrate and dress for dinner. Make dinner an event rather than a routine. Who says Saturday night can’t still be date night?

Clean and organize the unexpected.

You may have a clean house, but what does the basement, crawlspace or attic look like? There is nothing more fulfilling than a neat and tidy bonus area.

Be a star in your own movie!

Become a producer and creator of your own show! That said, the entire family can have a role and be part of a short documentary and or movie. Truth be told, your mobile device offers many wonderful free applications to edit and create movies. Assign a task to each family member and use social media to announce your movie and the big premiere! A fantastic way to be both creative and entertained. Who knows, maybe even create your family’s “time capsule” record of how you spent your time at home.

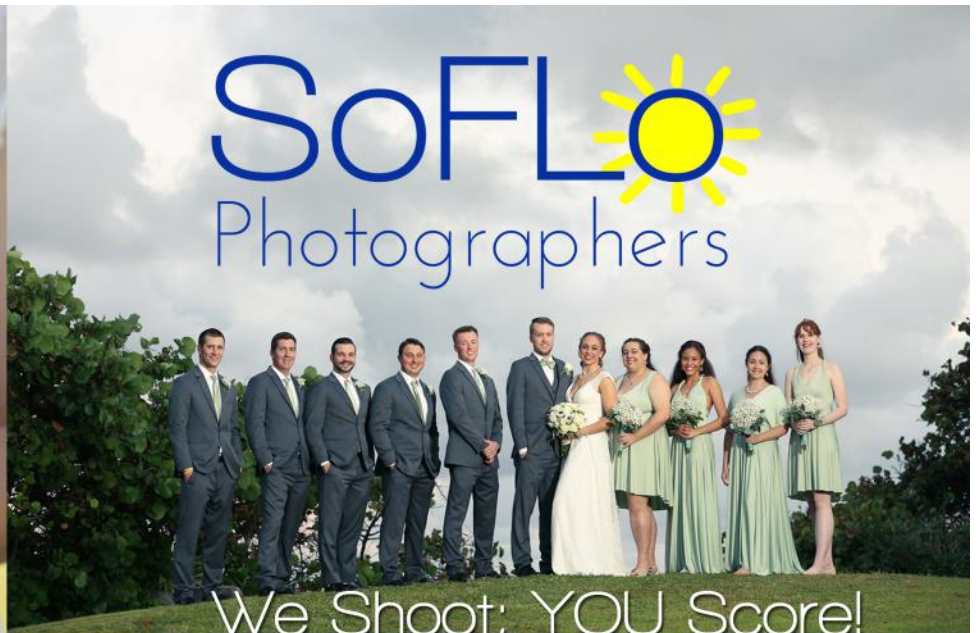


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You're looking at flowers for your bouquets and you never knew there were so many different styles. How do you discover which arrangement is the right one for you? The one you choose will probably reflect on the style of wedding you are having. Most brides love flowers, they have since ancient times. Brides have carried flowers up the aisle with them since then. True, the styles may have changed but there are some classics that we are used to seeing. Your florist will help guide you, but we have put a selection for you to view ahead of time.

Arm Bouquet

A new trend in bouquets. The arm bouquet has the same type of flowers as a traditional one, but does not cover the most beautiful part of a bride's dress. This bouquet gently wraps around the arm with a ribbon generally the color of the wedding theme, and stays out of the way of photoing the dress.

Brooch Bouquet

Jewelry and brooches are encrusted in the shape of a bouquet in place of fresh flowers. It does not have any blooms at all and replaces the traditional bridal bouquet. This arrangement is perfect for the bride that wants to keep her bouquet for memories. Some brides have added jewelry given to them that belonged to their grandmothers, mother or someone beloved to the bride.



Cascading Bouquet

Flowers that fall toward the floor is what the Cascade Bouquet is all about. Princess Diana held one as she walked down the aisle with Prince Charles. It is fit for royalty.



Composite Bouquet

Brides and bridesmaids both can carry this bouquet. It is unique since its arrangement features individual petals designed to look like one big flower. It is also known as a glamelia bouquet.



Hand-tied Bouquet

They are used mostly in rustic and boho-chic weddings because of their casual appearance as if they were freshly picked out of the garden.



Pomander

This bouquet is tightly arranged with flowers in the shape of a sphere. It is tied with a decorative ribbon, mostly held by flower girls because of its small size, and is best known as a kissing ball.



Presentation Bouquet

Also known as a pageant-style bouquet or arm sheath, these gorgeous arrangements feature long-stem flowers and foliage that the bride cradles in her arms. It's elegant for a modern wedding and allows the bride's dress to take center stage since it's held off to the side. Photo by Justine Ungaro



Posy Bouquet

A Posy is a mini bouquet and can be held in one hand. Usually round in appearance and tied in the center with a ribbon often in the color of the theme of the wedding.



Round Bouquet

It is truly the classic of all styles. Most are made up of roses, but you don't have to have them all the same color. Mix it up with similar flowers or a different shade



how to *Stay in a Good Mood* ON YOUR WEDDING DAY

So, it's your wedding day and things are starting to get on your nerves. What do you do not to let them ruin your day? Remember, this is supposed to be the happiest day of your life, and of course you want it to remain that way, but sometimes things don't always go the way you would expect them to go. There are a lot of feelings going on right now inside of you, and you want everything to be just the way you planned it. Something out of place can effect your mood swing in a matter of seconds. You must remember that you are in control of your emotions and take that control whenever you feel something isn't going the way it should. Try to think of these things in advance so you can prepare yourself for them, and if and when they arise take a deep breath and remember what your wedding is really all about.

Here are some tips to prepare yourself :

Have a wedding day emergency kit handy.

Include it in clear nail polish, a bleach stick, q-tips, makeup remover pads, deodorant, and any other essentials you may think of. Sometimes the bridesmaids like to bring wine in the room for bridal prep, but it's best to keep red wine far away from your dresses!

The more prepared you are, the fewer disasters can have a huge impact on your day.

Makeup

Be sure to have a trial hair and makeup day beforehand. That way your makeup artist will know the look you want to achieve.

Bridal Prep

Have all the items your photographer and videographer asked for in your room when they arrive. Make sure the florist has your bouquets delivered on time, and have both of your rings there so they can be filmed.

Laughter is the best medicine

When things don't go as planned, take a moment and remember that it is ok to laugh. Some of the biggest annoyances can seem so trivial a year from now.

Comfort

After the ceremony and all through your formal photos you have been tucked into your body suits, now going into your reception have some fun and relax. If you didn't want a second dress try to be comfortable for dancing. Maybe buy a pair of comfortable shoes, you're going to want to be up dancing the night away.

Celebrate

If the officiate was 15 minutes late (like they were for my wedding) or the flower girl ran down the aisle crying, the most important thing happened. You married the man of your dreams. Enjoy this evening together and new life together!





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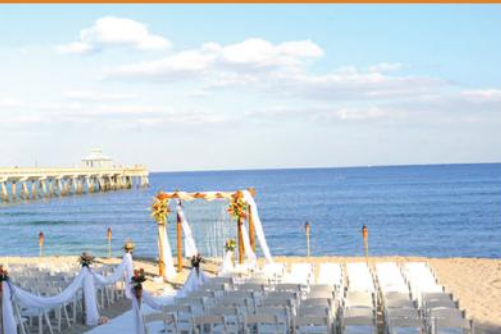
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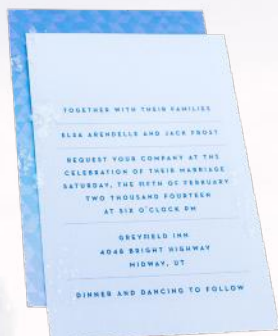
Disney FROZEN

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HOW TO

get the Look

For the look an Elsa-styled braid is a must, accessorized with chunky, eclectic jewelry to mimic the formations of ice along with how the other details should play out the Frozen theme. Think pinks and purples in the florals, jewelry, tablecloth, and makeup to accent the blue and white ice, a pearlescent finish to the invitation stationery to play off shimmery ice.



The invite's geometric design and frosted vellum envelope, white and clear glass dishware, a simple coconut flake encrusted cake to also mimic the snow, and a dinner menu with items that seemed fitting for a nordic queen's wedding.

Think ice sculptures and frozen signature drinks to serve to your guests as a special treat. Macarons in pastel blues with sugar accents complete the theme.

Model: Bailey Chiniquy Shuman

Photography: Meredith Carlson Photography

look book

To create that perfect Frozen themed wedding, think of adding purples, blues and maroon accents. The backdrops should be white and silver to make the colors pop. These silver chivari chairs really add to the overall mood. Accent with plenty of crystal and silverware. Try adding a bolero to your wardrobe for that great wintery look.



THE INSPIRATION

Disney FROZEN

Yes, it's all about the Frozen style braid. The hairstyle will complete the look of your Frozen themed nuptials.

The cake should be matched to the overall theme of your day. Think about coconut shavings to give the look of snow and ice. Add florals in lavender and deep purples.



look book

The dress should have plenty of lace accents for the look and feel of the theme. Look for a dress with sleeves as this will accent the winter look and feel.



Let's not forget the shoes. Choose a pair that accent with rhinestones or pearls. The accents will help complete the look and every bride needs a little sparkle.





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SIGNATURE Cocktails



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"For weddings, a good starting point is a drink that's accessible and refreshing. I like to make a Tequila Eastside, which consists of tequila, lime, cucumber and mint and switch the herbs based on the season -- sage works well year-round when combined with the minerality of the tequila. You should also always have something on-hand for your guests that aren't drinking; Seedlip Garden, a non-alcoholic spirit, subs for the tequila perfectly in this recipe. Buy a bottle or several, depending on the size of the wedding, and ask your caterer to make a small batch of non-alcoholic cocktails." -- Aaron Polsky, bar manager at Harvard & Stone in Los Angeles, California.

What You Need:

2 oz. Blanco 100% Agave tequila, .75 oz. simple syrup (to make, combine and stir one part granulated sugar and one part water), 1 oz. lime juice, 2 cucumber wheels, 2 mint sprigs (or sage leaves)

BASIL

BLUEBERRY



"I think the perfect wedding cocktail is a Tom Collins. It is an incredibly versatile drink. This version here includes basil and blueberries. You can even make a DIY station with a variety of add-ins. It is a great classic and a crowd-pleaser that you can truly make your own with just a few fun changes." -- Alejandro De La Parra, manager at Teardrop Lounge in Portland, Oregon.

What You Need:

2 oz. gin (or vodka), .5 oz. lemon juice, A heaping teaspoon of powdered sugar, Basil and blueberries, to taste.

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BELLINI



"Your guests will fall in love with the sparkling St. Louis Bellini. Ginger vodka, elderflower liquor, and your favorite dry champagne come together in the glass for true wedded bliss. The St. Louis Bellini is also a fun, cost-effective way to liven up the traditional champagne toast." --Lucas Gamlin, proprietor of Sub Zero Vodka Bar in St. Louis, Missouri.

What You Need:

1 oz. ginger vodka, 1/2 oz. of elderflower liquor, 1 oz. Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Champagne.

NORWEGIAN

WOOD



"This spirit-forward cocktail is refreshingly light and has great balance in being tart and sweet with delicate herbal tones. If you want to impress your guests during cocktail hour, but make sure they're not over-boozed before the reception, this should be your summer go-to." -- Andrew Dissen and Taylor Katz, bartenders at Sugarvale in Baltimore, Maryland.

What You Need:

1 oz. Hayman's Old Tom Gin, 1 oz. Mizu lemongrass shochu, .5 oz. ginger demerara, Syrup, 2 dashes 1821 Earl Grey bitters, Lime or lemon, Top with Indi & Co strawberry tonic.

FROM THE EXPERTS



STRAWBERRY



GOLD RUSH

"It can appeal to those who like a strong whiskey cocktail, as well as to those who prefer something fruity and light. It's an all-around crowd pleaser." -- Becky McFalls-Schwartz, the beverage director at Bar Moga in New York City.

What You Need:

3/4 oz. fresh lemon juice, 3/4 oz. honey syrup (combine and stir two parts honey, one part water), 2 oz. bourbon, 2-3 fresh strawberries.

PINEAPPLE



DAIQUIRI

"It's fresh and bright and brings a touch of the tropics to your special day." -- Becky McFalls-Schwartz, the beverage director at Bar Moga in New York City.

What You Need:

1 oz. fresh lime juice, 3/4 oz. simple syrup (combine and stir one part granulated sugar and one part water), 2 oz. aged or white rum, 1 pineapple wedge.

THE RIO



BRAVO

"If you like margaritas, this is great because it's an earthy and spicy alternative to typical sweet and syrupy margaritas. The Sino Jalapeño Tequila gives the margarita its spicy kick while the Cynar bitters, basil and lime give the cocktail its herbal, citrusy flavor." -- Kaitlin Dover, bar manager at the Driftwood Room in Portland, Oregon.

What You Need:

1 oz. Sino jalapeño tequila, .5 oz Cynar bitters, .5 oz. mezcal, Basil, 1 lime

KINGDOM



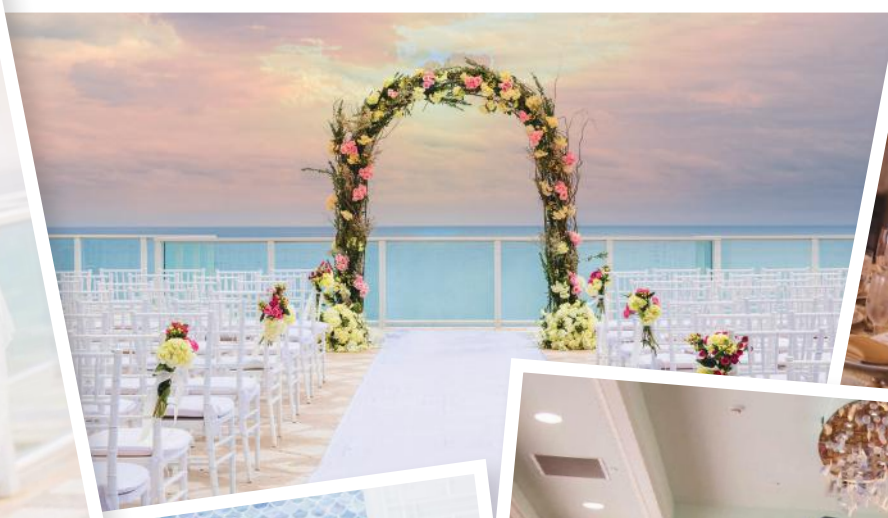
OF PASSION

"Coffee cocktails are often overlooked but they're so popular with guests. Plus, serving them is great for late night parties and receptions because of the caffeine. And it's not necessary to have an espresso machine to be able to serve our sweet energizing beverages. The coffee is cold-pressed (cold brew) and can easily be prepared in advance. As for conservation, it can go up to 14 days without actually losing its aroma." -- Fabien Maillard, mixologist at Bar Le LAB in Montreal, Quebec.

What You Need:

1 oz. espresso coffee, 1 oz. Lab's Old Timer's tonic syrup, 1/2 oz. Absente 55 Absinthe, 1 1/2 oz. Tia Maria coffee liqueur, 2 oz. milk + .5 oz. vanilla liquor to cover,

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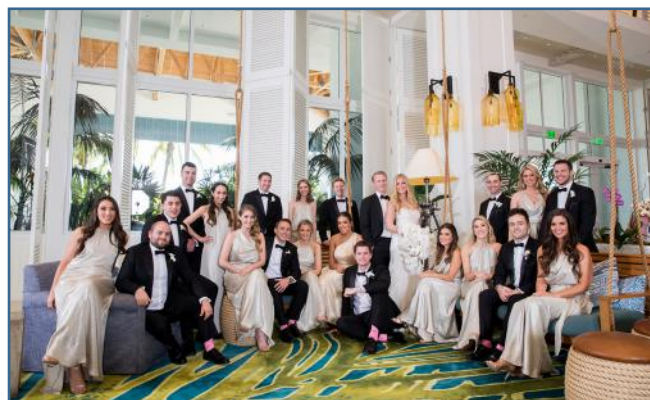


The resort offers a variety of ceremonies and receptions for brides to choose from. The License to Chill Rooftop Terrace is a 7,000 square foot outdoor venue, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. With its pool and License to Chill Bar, it will offer wedding parties a private event venue with the ambiance 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.

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

Designed to offer an extensive array of amenities combined with a high degree of hospitality, service and attention to detail, this 17-story, 349-room oceanfront resort offers the perfect setting for couples to say “I Do” in paradise. Multiple diverse restaurant concepts feature something for any palate. In addition, the resort boasts a full-service St. Somewhere Spa. The expansive 11,000 square foot spa is the ultimate spot for brides to be pampered and receive pre-wedding makeovers. The spa also has eleven treatment rooms including two couples massage suites. The resort also features a state-of-the-art oceanfront fitness center, an array of shopping outlets, an extensive on-site water recreation area with multiple pools, a FlowRider® Double and three live entertainment venues.

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





FLORIDA & NEW YORK BRIDE MAGAZINE'S

TOP CHEF

Recipes for the Spring

Deconstructed Chicken Pot Pie

-- Ree Drummond

-- The Pioneer Woman



Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment.

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the chicken, celery, carrots, onion and some salt and pepper. Cook until the vegetables just begin to soften, about 7 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the crusts. Unroll both sheets of pastry, even out the surface with a rolling pin and cut out 3 circles from each. Transfer the circles to the prepared baking sheets, poke them all over with a fork and brush with the egg wash. Sprinkle over some salt and pepper. Bake until golden brown, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, sprinkle the flour over the chicken and vegetables and add the turmeric; cook for 2 minutes. Pour in the hot stock, add the half-and-half, peas, thyme and rosemary and cook until the sauce thickens, another 3 minutes. Serve in bowls topped with the crusts.

What you need:

2 tablespoons butter

3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into small cubes

3 celery stalks, finely diced

2 carrots, peeled and finely diced

1 large onion, finely diced

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 sheets frozen puff pastry (from a 17.3-ounce package) thawed

1 large egg, whisked with 1 teaspoon water

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/8 teaspoon turmeric

3 cups low-sodium chicken stock, hot

2 cups half-and-half

2/3 of a cup frozen peas

2 sprigs fresh thyme, leaves picked

1 small sprig fresh rosemary, leaves chopped



for the love of food...

Woodland Fairytale

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Inspiration

SNOW
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INSPIRATION

A classic fairytale with modern elegance, nestled at the base of a wooded craggy canyon. Combining the elegance of a traditional wedding with a whimsical flair to encompass the feelings every girl goes through when dreaming of her happily ever after.

From rustic and overgrown elements to golden flatware, platters, and mirrors galore...the scene was perfect for a woodland fairytale. Designer Megan Chytraus drew inspiration from the stories we all know so well; creating the feeling of a magical celebration hidden deep in the woods, using natural elements, overgrown greenery and florals, along with beautiful accent pieces to create the perfect balance of the woodsman and the princess. Top it all off with gold calligraphy on deep red apples, and you have a wedding Snow White herself would have dreamt of.



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Letters FROM Paradise



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Vibrant Palette

Colors were striking and the menu was just as vibrant. Mini donuts, a custom cake, decadent colorful desserts, bead jewelry and floral popsicles for a refreshing finish.





Striking Decor

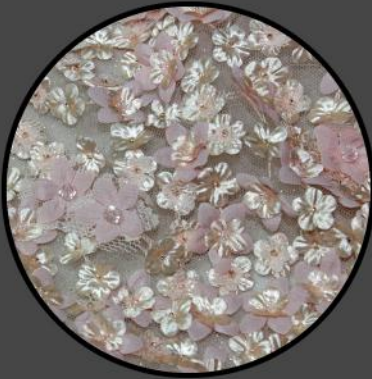
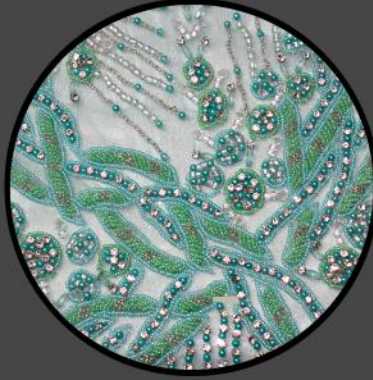
Each of the girls were met at the gate to the historic mansion, The Peachtree House by the "bride" to welcome them to the event. All the girls wore Lilly Pulitzer outfits to coordinate with the color theme.

Decadent

In the back of the home they were showered with "Will you be my bridesmaid?" gifts and treated to a luncheon, desserts and games of croquet on the lawn and top off with dessert refreshers.



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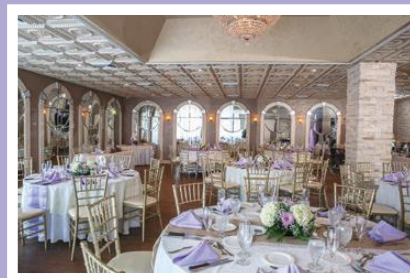
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A black and white close-up portrait of Pnina Tornai. She has long, wavy hair and is resting her chin on her clasped hands, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

PNINA TORNAI

POSITIVELY PNINA

By: Grace Crompton - Managing Editor

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

Pnina Tornai is a globally renowned couture bridal designer, brought in to the spotlight in the U.S. as a star of TLC's highly successful show, "Say Yes To The Dress." Pnina's passion for design was inspired by her Moroccan mother and Egyptian father, who exposed her to elaborate cultural ceremonies and celebrations from a young age.

Her love for beauty and intricate details grew into a desire to create beautiful gowns that reflected her unique heritage and, after designing her own gown for her Parisian nuptials, Pnina discovered the transformative power of a single dress and was determined to share it with other brides.

DETAILS, LADIES, DETAILS!

When choosing a gown it is often the details that set one gown apart from another. There are always the main aspects to consider such as the silhouette, color, and price range that people usually have a strong opinion about during the dress shopping experience. Here are a few of those little details that you may want to give some thought to while searching for your dream wedding dress.

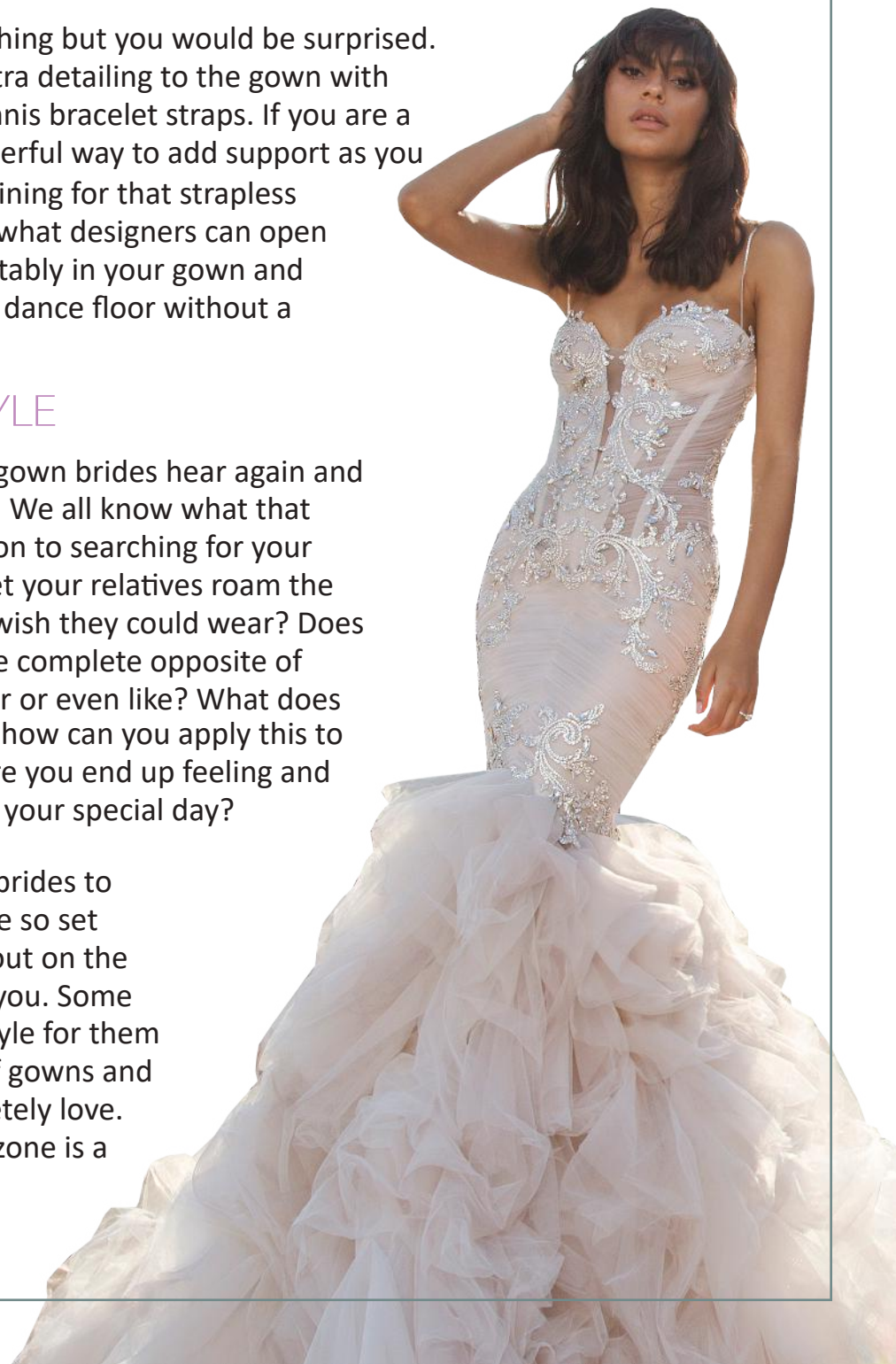
Straps or strapless?

I know this may not seem like a huge thing but you would be surprised. Straps are a great way to add some extra detailing to the gown with floral lace or perhaps some shining tennis bracelet straps. If you are a bustier woman, straps are also a wonderful way to add support as you dance the night away. If you've been pining for that strapless sweetheart gown forever though, see what designers can open the cup so that the girls can sit comfortably in your gown and you can get your boogie on out on the dance floor without a care in the world.

OPEN MINDED BRIDAL STYLE

While shopping for the ideal wedding gown brides hear again and again and again to keep an open mind. We all know what that means but what does it mean in relation to searching for your dream wedding dress? Does it mean let your relatives roam the bridal salon and pull every dress they wish they could wear? Does it mean saying yes to a dress that is the complete opposite of what you thought you would ever wear or even like? What does keeping an open mind truly mean and how can you apply this to gown shopping? How do you make sure you end up feeling and looking how you always envisioned on your special day?

Honestly it's simple: when people tell brides to keep an open mind they mean don't be so set on one idea that you potentially miss out on the wedding gown that's really meant for you. Some brides believe that there is only one style for them and they end up trying on hundreds of gowns and settling for one that they don't completely love. Sometimes going out of your comfort zone is a good thing.



DOUBLE THE FABULOUSNESS

I'm going to say what we are all thinking: sometimes one gown just isn't enough! Whether you are having two ceremonies or are wanting to change your look from ceremony to reception, there are times when a bride decides that she needs more than one dress for her special day. If this happens to be you, I'm here to help you transition flawlessly from one gown to another and figure out how you can make the two gowns match well and work for you.

If you are going to go the two gown route, I would suggest making the looks mesh well together. By this I mean that there should be some similar elements within both gowns, like lace or crystal embellishments, that make the second dress seem like it is part of the same story as the first. Say that you are wanting to wear one gown for the ceremony and another for the reception. One idea is to get a gown with a detachable skirt. This is my cheat version of two gowns because it is basically two gowns in one! Wear the gown with the detachable skirt for the ceremony and then take off the detachable part for the reception. Voila! Two different looks that are cohesive because the top of the gown is still the same and the skirt is just a sleeker version of the one that you wore for the ceremony.

SHOPPING POSSE

Who you take with you gown shopping is a big deal – I'm talking major! These are the people who are going to help you choose the most important gown that you will ever wear. Therefore, picking the right people to go with you on this journey is a must. Here is a list of people that I highly recommend you should bring on your quest for the wedding dress.

1. Your mother. For me this one is a no-brainer (plus my mother would kill me if I went without her). Your mother brought you into this world so it is pretty much her given right to accompany you gown shopping. Plus, for most brides, if anyone's opinion on choosing the dress matters, it's their mother's. Your mother also most likely has a lot of good advice to give you during this process if she has done this before. She is usually the most honest in the group and can also give wonderful insight into what the older crowd will be thinking upon seeing you in "the one!" Pro tip: If you are on good terms or would like to be on good terms with the mother-in-law, invite her as well! It's just a nice courtesy that she will appreciate and treasure. If for whatever reason your mom is unable to come or your relationship with her is less than stellar, feel free to bring someone who has been a mother-like figure to you.

2. Your maid of honor. This person usually holds this honor because they are your closest confidant (other than your significant other) and if anybody knows you and what you like – it's her! Your maid of honor should have a clear idea of what you are looking for in a gown and be dedicated to helping you find the gown of your dreams. She is there for emotional support, honest opinions, and to back you up if your mom is trying to make you look a little too covered up on your wedding day (unless that's your thing). The maid of honor is your best friend and she is there and ready to help! Pro tip: if your maid of honor cannot make it for whatever reason, Facetiming and sending photos are great substitutes. It's not the same, but it's still a great way to get her valued opinion on the gowns you try on.



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WINTER WONDERLAND

This Wintery Wonderland wedding creation is meant to inspire. The white and blue colors of Winter really stand out in this truly inspiration wedding. Let's not forget the warm reds and shimmering silver accents that highlight this one-of-a-kind wedding experience.





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The Hottest Trends of 2021

Couples who decide to have a wedding this year, despite the many new wedding trends already might still experience confusion and difficulty about how they are going to plan their big day. As you start planning your wedding for 2021, it will help to have in mind some of the best wedding trends in 2021. So, you won't need to worry too much because with the number of popular options available this year, surely you will not be disappointed.

1

Custom Drinks to Go!

Couples are opting for this great new trend. Drinks to go! Yes, your guests can leave with that perfect signature cocktail.



3

Mismatched Seating

Mismatched seating is a trend that's certainly going to last. This trend really adds a great flair to your reception decor.



2

Tents & Twinkle Lights

Many receptions trending are seeing outside venues with special lighting and custom tents.



5

Mini Cake Desserts

Mini cakes and desserts are a trend that has been around for while. We love this trend and hope it stays as a mainstay.



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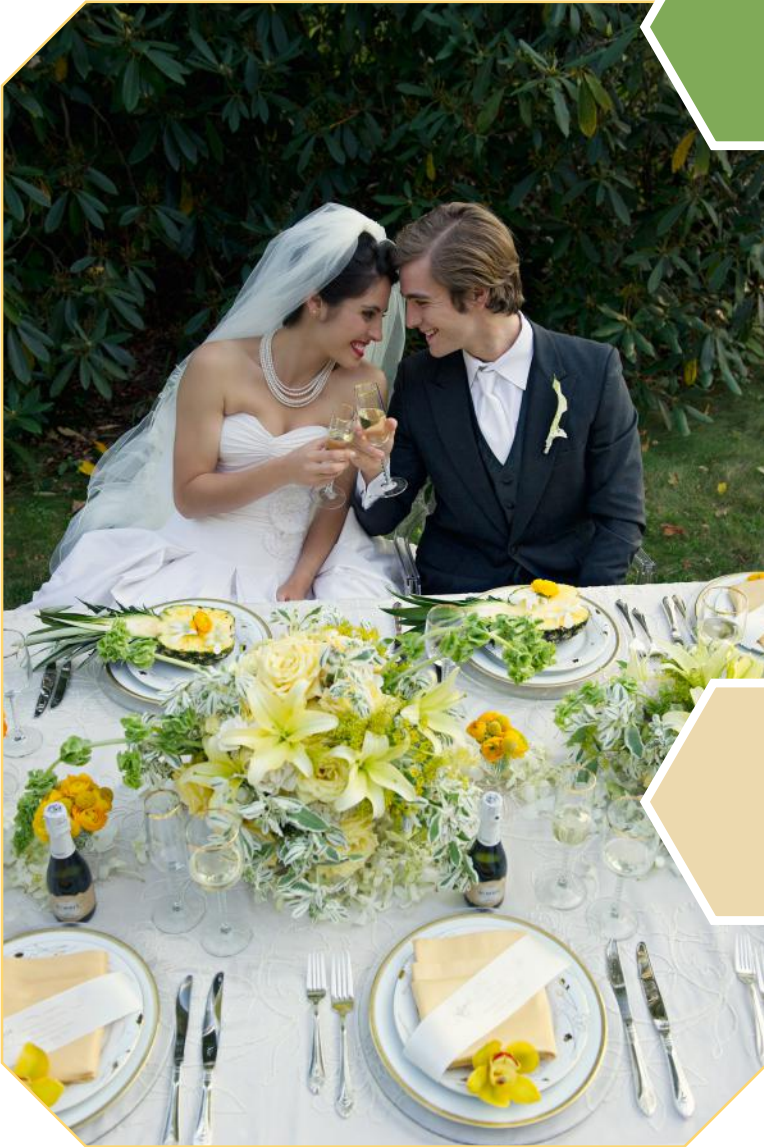
Mini Food Servings

Mini foods are a great addition to any cocktail hour and even the reception. Guests will love this trend.



Sequel Weddings the second chance

Some 2020 couples are opting to do it again this year with an extended guest list. We predict that these will be larger-scale events focused on celebrating their love with loved ones who couldn't attend this year. We've even heard of couples saving some wedding elements and traditions, such as writing their own vows or doing the first dance, for the second wedding to make it more special. So sweet!



First introduced by in 2019, Sequel Weddings have recently gained more traction as a creative way to keep wedding plans intact due to COVID-19 related interruptions. A new perspective on your big day could lead to two unforgettable celebrations. If you were planning a mid-2020 celebration, this out-of-the-box idea means that your wedding day becomes a matter of how rather than if!

Hosting a sequel wedding allows you to keep your original wedding date but first have a small ceremony with your closest friends and family. Then, follow it up by hosting a larger reception once restrictions start to ease. This way you can still legally tie the knot on the date of your choice and include everyone in the big party later.

LA MÉTAMORPHOSE COUTURE

The new collection of La Métamorphose explores the hidden and mysterious nature of women and is inspired by the « Balsamic moon »; this suspended moment in the moon cycle which corresponds to the « Dreamtime ». It is synonymous with the Origin of the World in the culture of the Australian aborigines.



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You certainly don't want to have red, runny eyes while you're walking up the aisle. They wouldn't look good in your pictures!

Of course, there are allergy pills you could take, but what if it doesn't fully work for you?

There are other options than having fresh flowers for a bouquet. What about a brooch bouquet, they are absolutely gorgeous! Perhaps you have a couple of aunts that haven't used their brooches for a while, and would like to make your bouquet have a more personal family touch. Greenery is another option you may want to consider or an arrangement of silk flowers for your bouquet. There are silk flowers that mimic the look of real ones. However, if you are still determined to have fresh flowers in your bouquet, ask your florist for direction in choosing flowers that have lower levels of pollen in them.

Greenery



Brooch



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Silence is Golden!

You've been invited to a very special day, but also a day filled with a bunch of emotions. The bride will be especially sensitive on her big day, so be very careful with your comments.

Here is a list of comments we hope you will take into consideration and not say to the bride:

1

Congratulations is definitely in order, so don't try to elaborate with non-traditional phrases and ask too many questions or complain in any way. Remember she has spent a lot of time and energy in her planning and complaining will be a direct reflection on her.



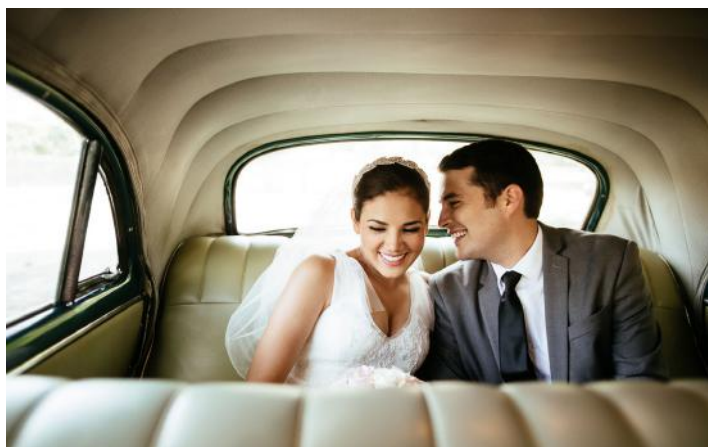
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Never, ever, ever ask her how much money she spent on something. That is out of order especially on the wedding day. If your curiosity gets the best of you wait until the wedding is over and ask another day.



3

The couple is just beginning this new chapter of their life, so asking them about their plans may be a bit premature. It is most likely they just want to share this time together.



4

If you have negative thoughts about marriage, keep them to yourself. Today is a day to rejoice!

5

Keep exes out of your conversation. You don't want to touch on any bad memories and cast doubt. Any uncomfortable conversations should be avoided.



6

Do not compare her wedding to someone else's. Remember it is her day, and of course it will be different. Not everyone wants a cookie cutter style. Always be courteous and polite and enjoy this wedding and its' special style.

dreamy watercolor weddings !

Most of us remember trying our hand at watercolor painting. We clearly still appreciate the art, considering how often it appears in weddings. Couples everywhere love the look of soft, colorful shades. They have embraced the style so strongly, that even if they don't include actual watercolors in their event, they often feature details inspired by them. It's no wonder that watercolor and watercolor elements are trending in the wedding world. They can be used in dreamy and whimsical ways, and no matter the case, they're bound to be pretty.



To incorporate watercolors into your own affair, you have more than a few options. Most popular is watercolor stationery. Invitations with diluted hues as well as place cards, escort cards, menu cards, and other paper goods look absolutely perfect.



Other options include hiring an event painter to create a watercolor picture of your big day. These paintings can serve double duty, and later be signed by loved ones in lieu of a guest book.

You can use watercolors as your muse when planning your theme and color scheme. Wedding cakes and bridesmaids dresses can feature patterns that nod to the watercolor style. You can turn to your favorite watercolor shades to pick your flowers and other décor items. Pastels and ombré designs reflect the nature of watercolor art.





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To do or not to do, that is the question ?

There are so many things to think about when you are planning your wedding.

Are there any shortcuts that may help lessen your load? Do you really need to have seating arrangements for your guests? After all, many couples nowadays are telling their guests to sit wherever they want. After giving some thought to this question we have made a list of some of the pluses and minuses to this dilemma.



Plus:

It lessens the confusion for your guests of who to sit with and gives them a sense of belonging.

Having seating charts will look like your wedding is more organized and will make a nicer transition into the reception area.

Your guests won't have to choose who to sit with or where to sit.

You know your guests well. When you are doing your seating cards you will know who doesn't play nice together, and make sure they are not at the same table.

Minus:

The time it takes to make a seating chart. It really can take you away from some of the items that just can't be left out.

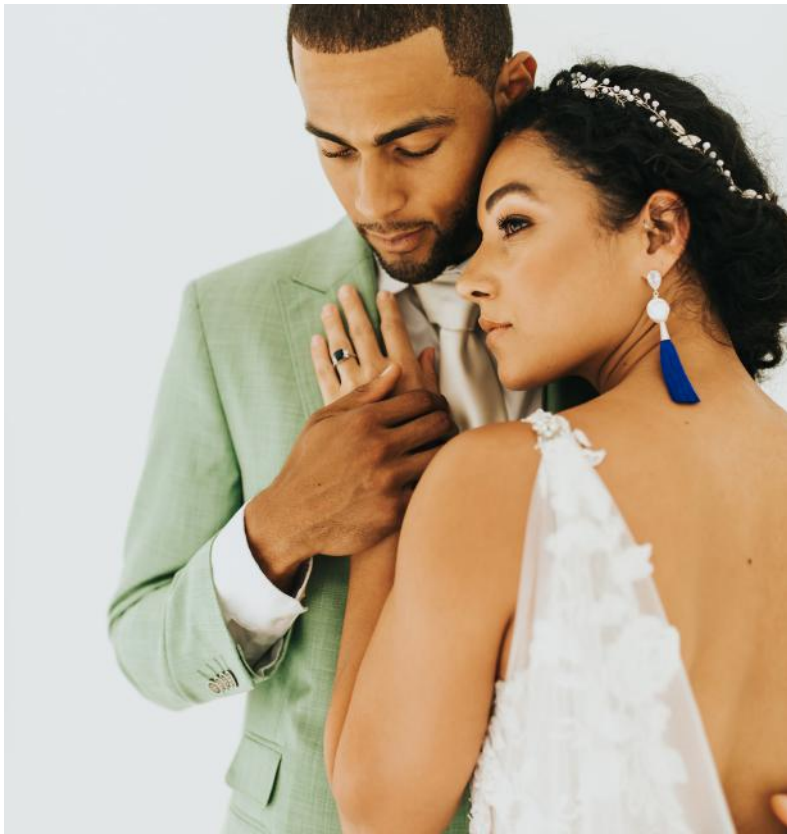
You've put a lot of time and thought in where each guest should sit, but you just can't always please everyone. There's always someone that may not like where they have been seated or who they are seated with.

Guests will be standing in line just to see where their table card is placed.

Someone who sent their RSVP card and said they definitely were attending backs out at the last minute. There will be card assignments left on the table.



lisbon portugal wedding inspiration



There's something special about Lisbon. With its rich history and vibrant personality this coastal city is a must-see for design lovers. Cobble alleyways that lead to ancient ruins and hilltop palaces are dotted with beautiful ceramic and breathtaking tile work all an endless source of inspiration for your upcoming wedding.





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Bring in the old-time feel of Lisbon's Chiado neighborhood with antique-inspired lighting and décor. Brighten your reception with bold-colored furniture and vibrant tile accents influenced by the color-drenched streets of Baixa, the city center that was rebuilt following the 1755 earthquake that shook the city's infrastructure.

Channel Parque das Nações, Lisbon's modern and artistic neighborhood with large artwork and patterned wallpaper are sure to inspire your creative planning talents.

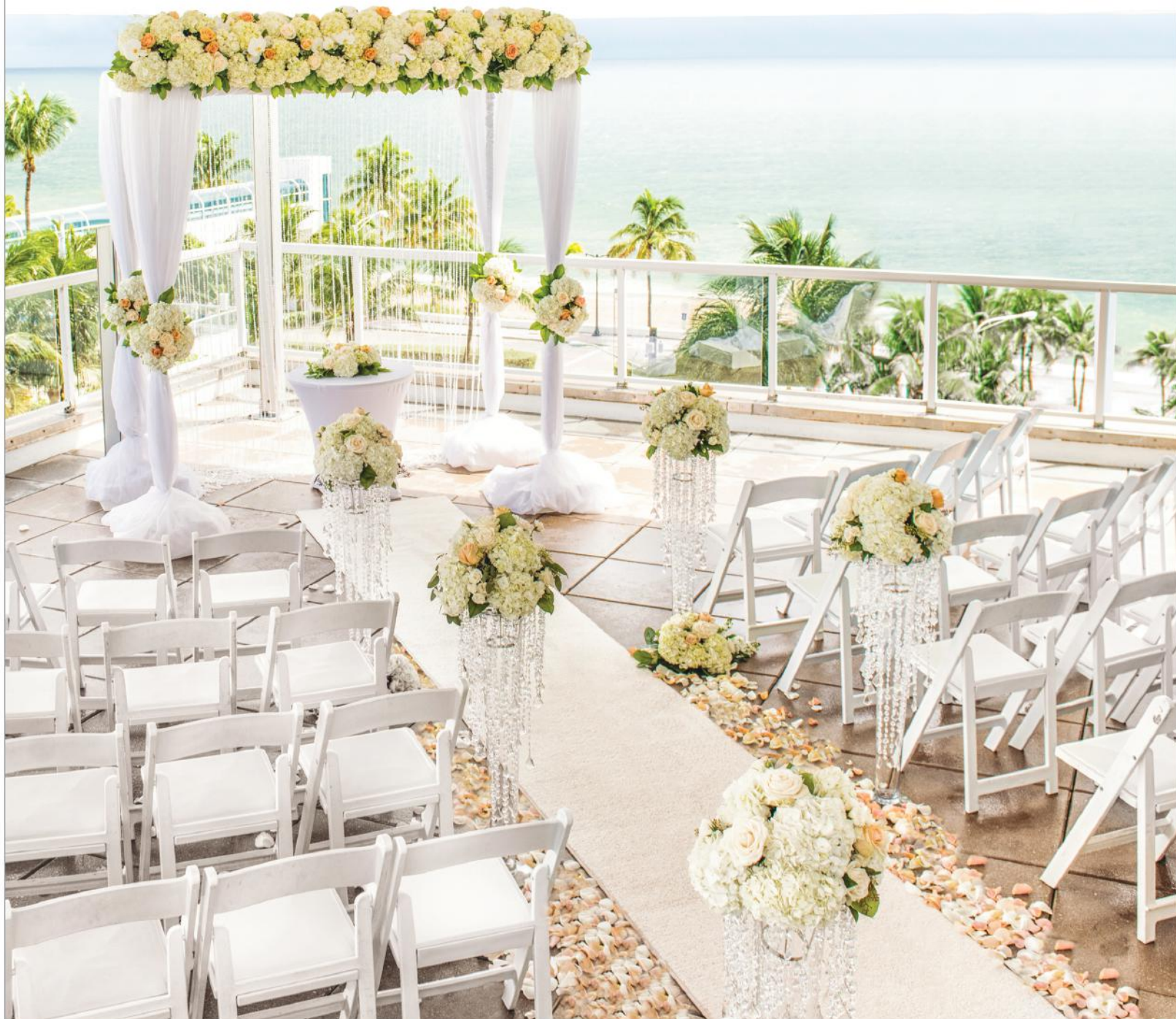


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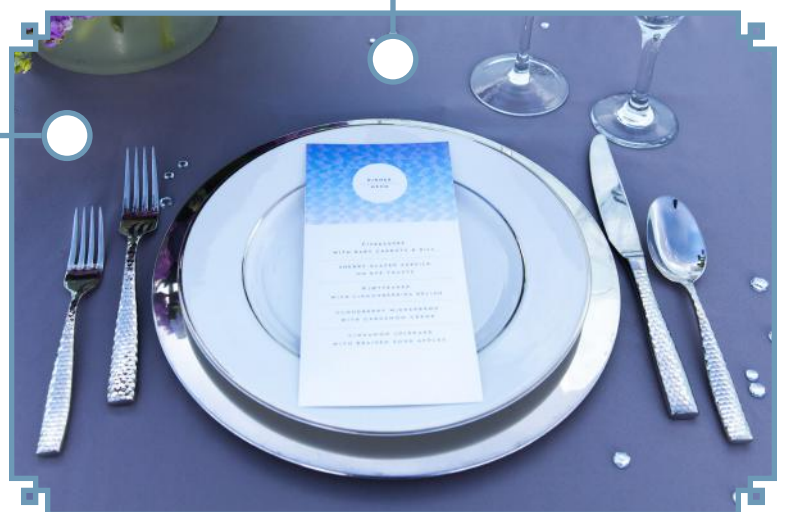
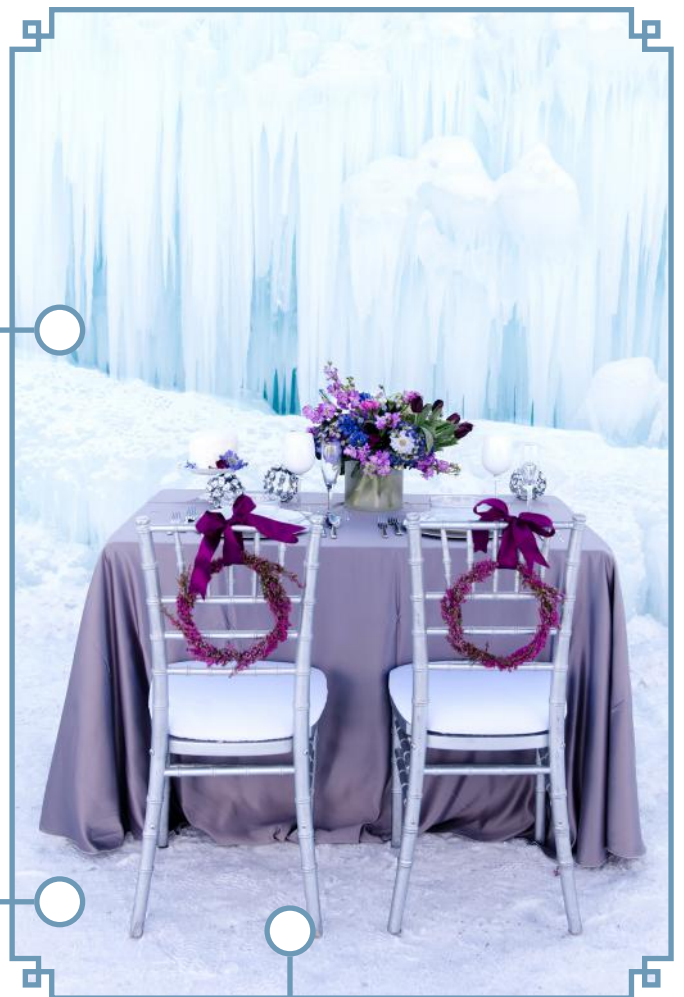


Disney FROZEN

How amazing a Frozen-themed bridal shoot would be! The photographer reached out to some of their favorite vendors and bounced ideas around for how we'd want the bride to look. Elsa-styled braid was a must, accessorized with chunky, eclectic jewelry to mimic the formations of ice along with how the other details should play out the Frozen theme. Pinks and purples in the florals, jewelry, tablecloth, and makeup to accent the blue and white ice, a pearlescent finish to the invitation stationery to play off shimmery ice, as well as the invite's geometric design and frosted vellum envelope.

WEDDING INSPIRATION

Disney FROZEN WEDDING INSPIRATION



White and clear glass dishware, a simple coconut flake encrusted cake to also mimic the snow, and a dinner menu with items that seemed fitting for a nordic queen's wedding. We had a lot of fun with all the details, including pairing Elsa with Jack Frost, and addressing one of their invites to Oaken's trading post. Everyone involved did such an incredible job bringing this shoot to life!



Model: Bailey Chiniqy Shuman

Photography: Meredith Carlson Photography

Disney FROZEN



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Photography: Meredith Carlson Photography

Makeup: Kayti Oldham/The Beyouty Bureau

Hair: Bethany Kartchner

Dress: Sara Sandberg/Illume Gowns

Styling: Lindsey Shores

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Prop/furniture rentals: Diamond Rental

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The Lowdown on keeping Nails in good Shape...



You're in a hurry and need to get your gel nail polish off fast for that last minute dinner date tonight. Your salon is booked for appointments, so what do you do?

The first thing you are going to want to do is make sure you are in a well-ventilated room. You don't want to faint on that first date!

It will take some time and plenty of patience, but it can be achieved. Here's what you are going to need:

1. A Nail File
One that is preferably coarse. Sand down the top layer (do not take the gel off all the way). It could damage your nails.



2. Cream or Cuticle Oil
Place on the skin around your nails to protect it.



You don't want to accidentally slip with that file and cut your cuticles. A band aid on your finger will be distracting while eating dinner!

3. Cotton Balls
Soak fingertips in acetone using a bowl and add a couple of drops of cuticle oil into it.

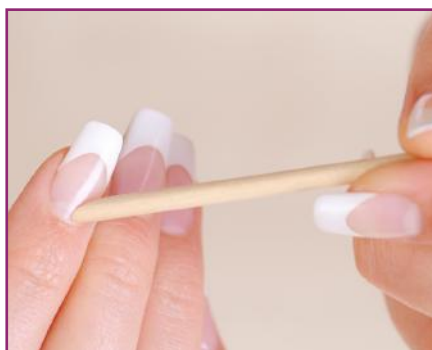


Another way of removing your polish is to soak the cotton balls in acetone and place on each fingertip.

4. Aluminum Foil
Wrap the aluminum foil which you have cut around the cotton balls to keep them in place.



5. Nail Stick
After removing the foil and cotton balls, use the nail stick to gently remove any leftover polish.



6. A Clock or Timer
After 15 minutes check the progress of your nails. The polish should be lifting off.



How to rock Color for your Skin Tone...

Rockin the colors



Grabbing that little black dress is oh so easy, but there are so many beautiful colors you could also choose. So, what's the problem?

Are you confused about what the best color is for you?

Warm Tones

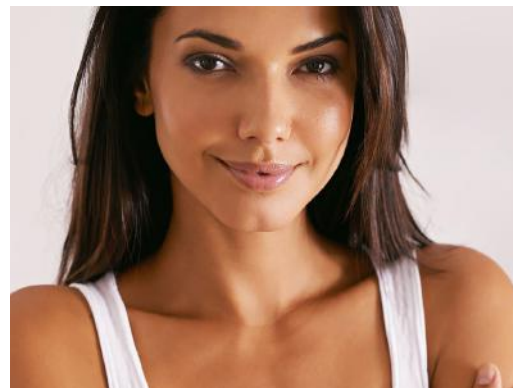
Here's a little quiz for you to figure that out.

Does your skin have a greenish or yellowish undertone?
Olive complexions also are in this group.

Is your hair color dark blond to dark brown?

If so, you are a part of the Warm tones and colors that will look best on you are:

Reds, honey (golden tone), golden yellow falling in the amber shades and oranges.



You fall into the Cool tone category if:

Your skin has a bluish undertone. It can also be dark or fair.

Your hair color has quite a range. It can go from light blonde to blue-black

Colors that look best on you are:

Deep purples, amethyst, lavender, lilac, emerald green, royal blue, sapphire and a bright blue.

Cool Tones

Neutral Tones

The Neutral group is sometimes hard to determine, but your hair color is usually brown with warm tones or blonde with ashy streaks in it. Most people who fall into the neutral group have hazel eyes. Try soft rose, dusty pink, a light shade of peach or peony pink. You will also look great in cameo green, jade and blue.

Remember to coordinate your makeup with the colors you will be wearing.



Now that you know the color chart you can master the prettiest wardrobe.

Wear it like a rock star!



A Statement Trend

Amazing Wedding Dresses with Capes

Jesus Peiro



Bridal capes are still going strong into 2021 and we're willing to bet they stay around for a while.

Marylise



Yumi Katsura



A whimsical alternative to the veil, capes are taking on fun new design elements like bows, polka dots, and even color.

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Dessert Bars Yes!

More and more couples are choosing to forego the cake cutting altogether. Skip the showmanship of wheeling the cake into the middle of the room for a grand slicing and give guests what they really all want: options. There are couples who choose to modernize their cake cutting, and then there are those who ask another question entirely. Do we have to serve wedding cake? Our answer is not entirely unique as many couples embrace dessert in the form of a bar. From ice cream and s'mores to churros and mini desserts, there are more options than you can begin to imagine for your wedding dessert bar. And, the only one involves cake.



There are few things more iconic to summer than ice cream! If you choose to serve it, there are a few options at your fingertips.

Think about offering guests the opportunity to create their own sundae, hire an ice cream or gelato truck to arrive as a treat, or serve ice cream cones that are pre-served for guests to grab and go or complete with all of the necessities for them to create themselves.

Chillin at the bar!



THRILLING AND *oh so chilling...*



Why popsicles? They're a great, light treat to keep guests cool during summer weddings! A popsicle bar doesn't have to be relegated to your reception either. You can serve them as a cool treat for guests to enjoy prior to your outdoor ceremony. If you serve them in the evening, don't be afraid to serve them spiked with champagne!



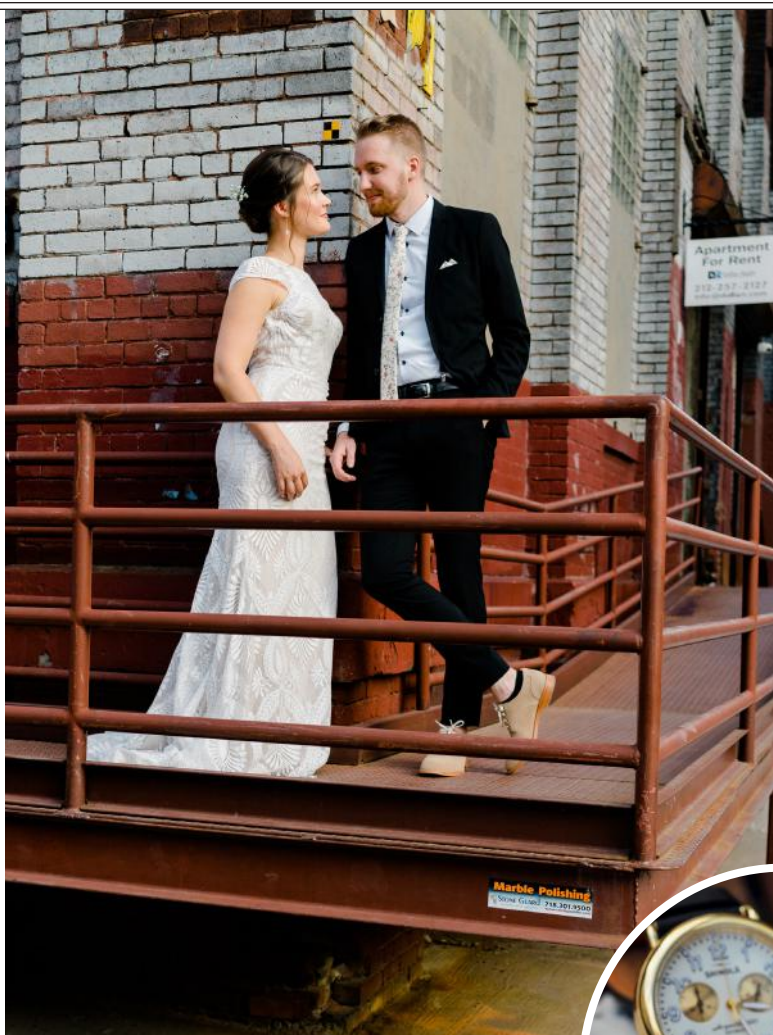
POPSICLE BARS

A Brooklyn Tale



The bride, a daughter of Polish immigrants, included special cultural touches throughout the day to highlight their heritage, including breaking of bread with salt for good fortune. Centerpieces were created from flowers from a NYC flower stand, lights were strung at the reception site by friends, the reception was catered by a make-your-own taco bar, and the Bride and Groom wrote their own ceremony and vows, which was performed by a close friend. The couple, both artistic in nature, created their own newspaper publication which was printed for each guest to read about their story. In the backgrounds of photos you can see the NYC skyline, yellow taxi cabs, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the subway line, we think it adds just a touch of magical city romance to their day!





Details

Reception location: DUMBO Loft

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Top Bridal Trends for 2021 Weddings

Last year's trends for the aisle were all inspired by the drama and classicism of royal weddings; but for 2021, it's all about new interpretations of those classics, fresh alternatives to ivory and alabaster, and inspirations from decades past that feel undeniably forward-thinking.

From the latest wedding-worthy accessories to effortless volume and the new take on bridal's ever-evolving bohemienne, these fresh takes on tailoring, style, and silhouettes are what you should be paying attention to as you plan, shop, and style your 2021 nuptials. Here, the fashion bride's guide to dressing for 2021 weddings.



Modern Bride

Meet the modern bride—she's more irreverent than ever before. This look is all about a major dose of attitude and edge. Take an irreverence and laissez-faire attitude to dressing for the aisle, then amp it up even further with a punk flair if you're feeling extra. Per Vera Wang's latest anniversary collection & Rime Arodaky 2020.

This look promises that you'll look all too cool, while still giving off an effortless vibe. Infuse hints of black, opt for '80s-inspired touches, embrace sheer elements, shorter lengths, and slits. Now, put them altogether & merge romance with rebellion.

Reem Acra Bridal Fall 2020; Vera Wang Bride Fall 2020



Nothing but Legs

High-low hemlines have made waves on Haute Couture and bridal runways alike; but this season, bridal cut to the chase.

Legs, legs, and more legs were on display from designers of all walks and aesthetics—be it via short hemlines, thigh-high slits, or new takes on high-low hems. Designers, it seems, are declaring that showing off your legs via micro minis and super-high slits shouldn't be reserved for civil ceremonies or the after party.

Viktor & Rolf Bridal Fall 2020; Galia Lahav Bridal Fall 2020



From bold color to unique necklines

these are the looks to love for next year's nuptials



Green with Envy

This shade was shown in droves during the Haute Couture collections in January, and bridal designers echoed the call on the runways, with Vera Wang and Monique Lhuillier leading the charge.

Wang showcased a range of soft colors for Spring 2020, highlighting a soft green amongst her other macaron shades of pink, purple, nude, and soft grey. And while blush (and now buff) wedding dresses have become a mainstay since they were first introduced by Vera Wang years ago, it's now pistachio's turn to take a walk down the aisle, with options in more than one shade of green to envy.

Monique Lhuillier Bridal Fall 2020; Vera Wang Bride Spring 2020.



A New Take on Lace

From Chantilly to Alençon, Guipure to corded lace, and all the re-embroidered and three-dimensional options in between, lace is perhaps bridal's biggest mainstay. It's therefore no surprise that to reinvent the wheel in this category proves challenging; one feels ready to morph into Miranda Priestley when the subject of lace arises in bridal. "Lace? For the aisle? Groundbreaking."

But what if it were—and this season, it is. Lace options unlike those we've seen before were popping up on the bridal and ready-to-wear runways, giving brides more lace options for and and every style, climate, and vibe.

Naeem Khan Bridal Fall 2020; Grace Loves Lace 2020





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Place Setting...

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Charger Plates...

A large decorative plate that's placed under the dinner plate to bring color and texture to the table.



Nosegay...

A small bouquet or flower arrangement usually given as a gift to the mothers of the bride and groom before the wedding ceremony.

Table Scape...

Another word for table arrangement or centerpiece. It's most often used when each table has multiple components.

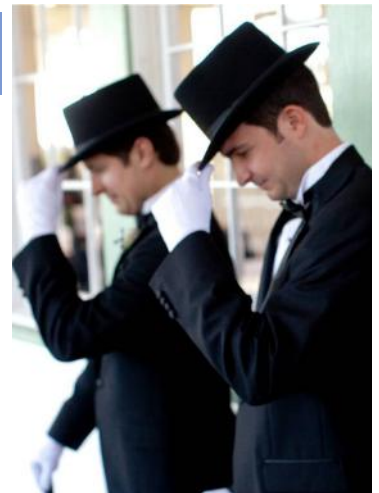


Pomander...

A ball of flowers that is used as a decoration or an accessory (flower girls often carry them in lieu of baskets). They can be suspended from ribbons or hooks, or placed on top of vases.

Usher...

A man—or men—selected by the groom, whose main responsibility is to seat guests as they enter the ceremony. This task can also fall to the groomsmen.



Escort Cards...

Printed cards that inform guests of what table they'll be seated at. They are typically displayed as guests enter the reception, or at cocktail hour.

Place Cards...

Printed cards that are placed at each seat at the reception to let guests know which chair they will be sitting at.





Maid/Matron...

A sister or friend of the bride who stands closest to her at the altar. Although this role is traditionally given to one person. The maid of honor title is given to a woman who is not married, while the matron of honor title is given to one who is.

Cathedral Veil...

A dramatic veil that extends at least 9 feet. Because of its volume, it demands the wide aisles of a cathedral (hence the name) and deft maneuvering on the part of the bride, as well as the assistance of at least one of her attendants.



Fascinator...

A hair accessory that's worn to the side and is often made of feathers, flowers, or wisps of fabric. It's often embellished with crystals, beads, or loops of ribbon, and attached with a comb, headband, or bobby pins.

Bouffant Veil...

A cloud of tulle that rises high above the bride's head. This style gained popularity in the 1950's. Today's bouffants are more understated and are typically worn without a headpiece for a cleaner, more modern look.



Bustle...

A type of framework used to expand the fullness of the back of a woman's dress. Many modern gowns contain hidden strings and buttons made for tying up the bustle after the ceremony so the bride can dance more freely at the reception.

Grosgrain...

A silk or silk-like fabric with a ribbed appearance. It's often used in trims, belts, and handle wraps—like this one.



Gum Paste...

A mixture of sugar, cornstarch, and gelatin that is used to create realistic-looking garnishes—such as flowers, fruits, and birds—for cakes.

Fondant...

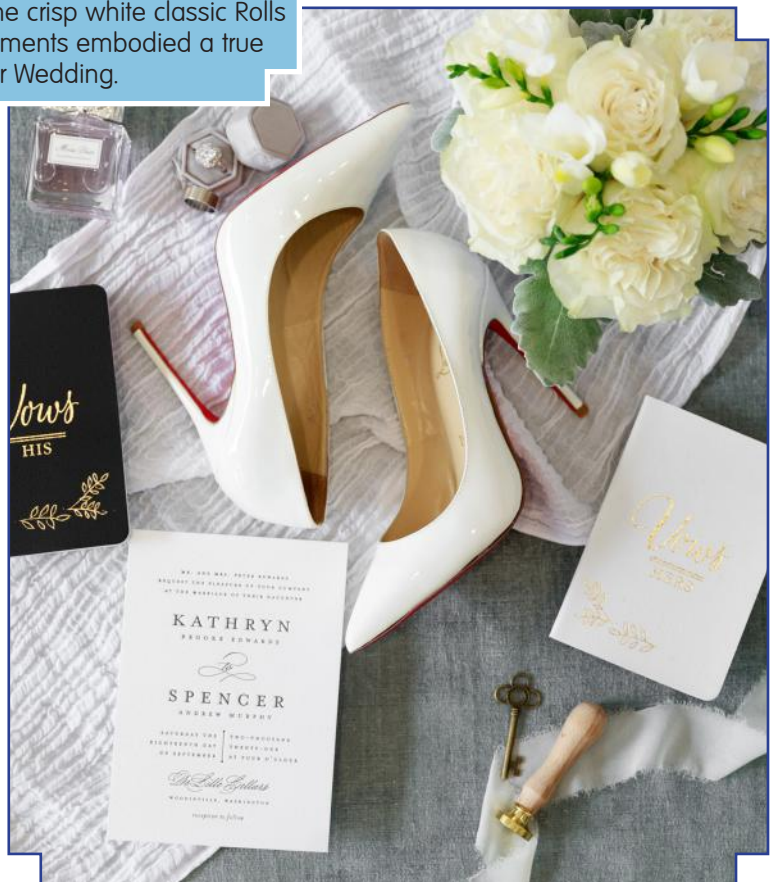
A hard frosting made of sugar and water that's mixed together, cooked, and cooled. Like buttercream, it is traditionally used on wedding cakes.



Modern Florida Winter



Welcome to winter in Florida! The sun was still shining, but we created a modern winter inspired wedding. Keeping the colors to white and silver with touches of acrylic and mirrored elements to create the illusion of a cool winter night. We also provided a new level of luxury. From the sequins table linens and mirrored sweetheart table to the crisp white classic Rolls Royce. All design elements embodied a true modern Florida Winter Wedding.





The Details

Mens Attire: Men's Wearhouse
 Dress Store: Ivy Bridal Shop
 Event Venue: Avanti Palms
 Transportation: Exotic Limo Orlando
 Linens: Over the Top Rental Linens
 Hair Stylist: Gabriella Anthoney's Design Artistry
 Floral Designer: Cheryl's Distinctive Creations
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How to Ripen an Avocado

10 minutes or less

If your friends and family laugh every time you volunteer to bring a covered dish, it's time to change that. You don't have to enroll in culinary school—you just have to pick up a few tricks of the trade. Wow them with your deviled eggs by learning how to master how to make perfect hardboiled eggs. Or impress them with an easy slow cooker recipe. Or if you really want to get the party started, bring guacamole! But let's say the only avocados on-hand are harder than rocks. We're here to share tips on what to do if you've ever found yourself needing to ripen a hard avocado in 10 minutes or less.



How to Ripen an Avocado in the Microwave:

First, cut the avocado in half and remove the pit. Wrap each half with microwave-safe plastic wrap and cook for 30-second intervals on medium-high, until desired softness is achieved. Check softness between each interval. Once cool enough to handle, unwrap halves and place them in the refrigerator for about six minutes (allowing for an extra 2 to 3 minutes for very hard avocados).

Why it works:

Avocados produce ethylene gas, which helps them ripen. When a firm avocado is wrapped in plastic, the plastic traps the gas close to the fruit, causing it to ripen faster.

The best method to ripen an avocado in 10 minutes:

When using the microwave, expect to sacrifice the avocado's naturally buttery taste and silky texture. This method may cause a bit of a stink (seriously!); the microwave should only be used as a last resort.

How to Ripen an Avocado in a Paper Bag

To ripen an avocado in a paper bag, enclose it with an apple or banana. Leave no holes or gaps in the bag, and check ripeness only once daily. Expect ripened avocados in 2 or 3 days.

Why it works:

Again, it's the ethylene gas. Apples and bananas emit this gas as well, so when a hard avocado is paired with an apple or a banana inside a paper bag, the ethylene becomes more concentrated, therefore yielding ripe avocados faster.

The best method to ripen an avocado in a couple of days:

This is not the best choice for super fast ripening, but if you can wait 48-72 hours, you'll get the best result with this method.

How to Ripen an Avocado with Aluminum Foil in the Oven.

Tightly wrap avocado with aluminum foil; place in a shallow ovenproof dish. Bake at 200°F, checking every 5 to 10 minutes, until the desired softness is achieved. Let cool, then unwrap the avocado and place it in the refrigerator. Let it sit for at least an hour (longer if it's super hard).

The best method to ripen an avocado in a few hours:

The foil-oven method is best when you need an avocado quickly but not immediately. Be warned that the taste and texture of the avocado will be somewhat compromised.

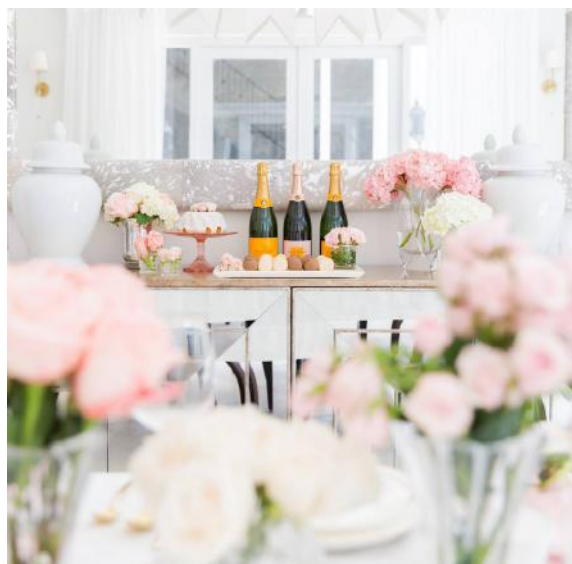


Be the Best Maid of honor..

Your BFF has asked you to be the maid of honor in her wedding—so commence the champagne popping and the squealing! But other than sending her Bridesmaids GIFS all day, what does it really take to be by the side of your friend as she plans her big day? Here are eight ways to be the best maid of honor you can for your bestie.

Be Available for Bridal Appointments as Necessary

Being a bride is a busy time. There's dress shopping, venue visits, and meeting with all of the wedding vendors like the caterer, DJ, baker, florist, and videographer. While it's unnecessary that you be available for all of these appointments (it's likely that the couple will want to make and attend these appointments by themselves), you should definitely be ready and available for dress shopping and dress fittings. Of course, if you live far away from the bride you likely won't be able to make it to most (or any) bridal appointments, but if you can't be there in-person, ask her to FaceTime or at least chat on the phone with you about her thoughts and opinions after the experience. The key is just doing the best you can to be there for her.



Help Throw a Bridal Shower

While you may not personally be throwing the bride a shower (this may be handled by her mom, aunts, or a friend of the family), your job as MOH is to be ready to assist in any way possible. Coordinate with the shower planner and see if there's anything you can do to help—whether that's sending out invitations, helping to decorate, or supplying the champagne. You can also help the bride out with her gift registry if she asks, giving her suggestions on what to get and tagging along on the shopping spree, if she wants.

Be Her Sounding Board

One of the most important roles of the maid of honor is just to be ready for a texting session or a late-night phone call when she inevitably gets frustrated with wedding planning, her future mother-in-law, or issues with vendors. Just being there to say “Girl, I feel you,” or “What a jerk” is all the reassurance that she may need to propel forward.



all the latest trends for Guess what's trending in weddings:

2021

Something Blue? Monograms? Going Neon? We mean, thank heaven wedding trends are always evolving. We checked in with our friends around the web and the top planners for the latest trends we can expect to see tons of in 2021.



Flower Girl: Something Blue

In need of something blue? Forget the traditional blue garter or jewelry ideas—a flower girl in blue is so much cuter, especially when accompanied by a flower crown. Alternatively, have the flower girl toss blue-dyed flower petals for a fun twist on this classic tradition.



Custom Monogram

Add a custom stamp of your and your partner's first initials throughout the wedding for a personal touch. Brand it on everything from wedding signs to table numbers and favors for consistency.



Make Fruit the Favor

For some favors that guests will actually use, set up a "farm stand" of fresh fruit and small baskets (or mini crates) that they can fill on their way out the door. Another fun idea is to adorn apples or pears with personalized stickers that contain your names or a pun along the lines of "we make a pear-fect couple."



Go Neon

There's no denying the charm of a wooden sign or elegance of a mirrored sign, but everyone uses them. Opt for something creative that reflects your theme, like a fun neon sign with a sweet love-centric slogan. For the reception, consider incorporating a neon sign with your wedding hashtag as a photo booth backdrop.



Wedding Day Cookies

Why not match your cookies to your décor? The wedding cookies shown above were "printed" with a toile pattern that was beloved by the bride. Another idea is to stack the dessert table with cookies frosted with your monogram or shaped like the numerals of your wedding date ("6," "18" "20") for a personal touch.



Whimsical Cocktail Hour

Instead of having waiters carry trays of champagne around, have them refill suspended platforms with the bubbly instead. If just a touch of whimsy is what you're after—and it fits the theme of your wedding—then we recommend adding cocktail umbrella picks or festive paper straws to guests' drinks.

New York Fashion Week 2021

The Best Runway Looks at New York Fashion Week 2021



1

Tory Burch

A love letter to Pennsylvania doesn't always sound like the most likely starting place for a new collection, but Tory Burch's romanticized memories of a childhood surrounded by her "Quaker elementary school; woven baskets hanging in the mud room on our farm in Valley Forge; handmade quilts from Pennsylvania Dutch shops.



2

Michael Kors

"Even in a very dark moment ... I am an optimist," said Michael Kors in a BTS short that accompanied his collection video. "I'm still convinced that people will do the right thing. That we can work to a better future." At their best, Kors' collections are filled with classic American sportswear, the sort of pragmatic yet elegant pieces that are so very New York.



3

Carolina Herrera

For all the designers who went to the drawing board this spring thinking of practicality and pieces meant for a life lived closer to home, others went guns blazing in the opposite direction. Wes Gordon belongs to the second camp and found himself falling deeper in love with fashion as he returned to his atelier post-lockdown.



4

Rosetta Getty

If our minds and hearts spent the entire spring and summer in a split-reality, dealing with conditions unlike any before while simultaneously trying to maintain a semblance of normalcy, Rosetta Getty was going through the same thing too. It's why spring mixed both the practical and the dreamy:



5

Christopher John Rogers

For many designers, quarantine was a time of reckoning what really matters, of tapering down to the bare essentials. This sentiment certainly rang true for Christopher John Rogers, who presented a collection inspired by kindergarten mainstays of primary colors and geometrical shapes.



6

The Row

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen understand that there is beauty in simplicity. And for spring 2021, The Row designers drove this point home, presenting a collection of sizable coats, boxy button-downs, and roomy suits in shades of black, beige, and white.

New York Fashion Week 2021

Here are our Editor's Picks...



7

Coach

Stuart Vevers is on a mission to lower Coach's carbon footprint. To that end, the lookbook for Coach Forever, as the creative director named his spring 2021 collection, makes the case for slow fashion. It remixes the American heritage brand's past, present, and future styles in remotely shot portraits of 16 international, multigenerational celebrities shot by Juergen Teller.



8

Tom Ford

In a candid letter to accompany his Spring 2021 collection, Tom Ford explains his mindset while designing this collection, saying, "fashion itself just seemed like an extravagance. 'I thought about skipping the season altogether. After all when no one can go out of their house, who needs new clothes?'" But design a collection, he did, inspired in part by a documentary about the fashion illustrator Antonio Lopez



9

*Eckhaus
Latta*

With COVID times leaving native New Yorkers to explore their hometown on daily strolls and long haul jogs, there seemed no better place to showcase an array of easy daytime pieces than on a running path underneath the FDR Drive.



10

*Christian
Siriano*

In a season that was marked overwhelmingly by digital lookbooks consisting of no-fuss basics, Christian Siriano presented a backyard spectacle in Westport, Connecticut that brought the pomp and pageantry. The designer's quarantine doldrums—spent binging on favorite films from his childhood like *Clueless*, *Troop Beverly Hills*, and *Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead*



11

*LaQuan
Smith*

For many designers operating in a global pandemic, completing a collection in time for New York Fashion Week was a race to the finish. This car analogy especially rang true for LaQuan Smith, who took inspiration from '70s automotive culture.



12

*Maxhosa
Africa*

Though 10 years in business and with fans that includes Beyoncé's stylist, Zerina Akers, Maxhosa Africa has mostly flown under the radar. But with his spring 2021 collection, South African designer Laduma Ngxokolo intends to get his vision across loud and clear. "In the midst of sadness, it is very important to give people hope,"



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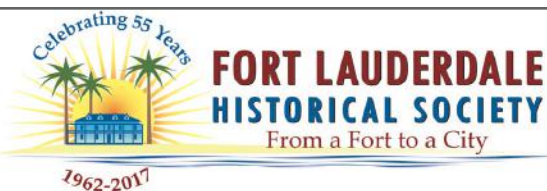
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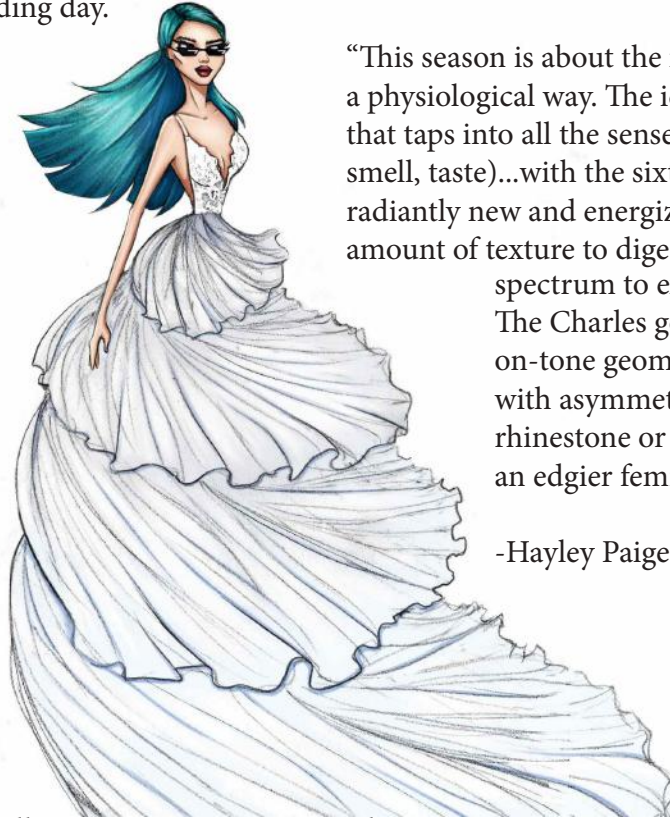
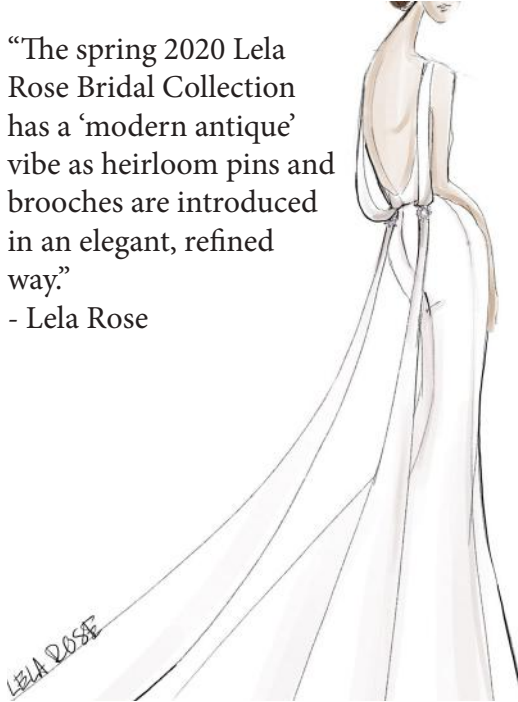


Brides Everywhere Will Be Dying to Wear

Say hello to your new dream dress! Or should we say, dresses. Bridal Fashion Week is upon us and that means that all of our favorite bridal designers will soon be showing off their collections of new wedding dresses and obviously you're going to have a tough time choosing just one favorite! In fact, once you see these gorgeous gowns, you're going to wish that you can wear at least 10 dresses on your wedding day.

"The spring 2020 Lela Rose Bridal Collection has a 'modern antique' vibe as heirloom pins and brooches are introduced in an elegant, refined way."

- Lela Rose



"This season is about the interpretation of design in a physiological way. The idea is to create a collection that taps into all the senses (touch, sight, hearing, smell, taste)...with the sixth sense being something radiantly new and energizing. There is generous amount of texture to digest, but also a considerable spectrum to explore a wider range in style. The Charles gown illustrated here is tone-on-tone geometric organza A-line gown with asymmetrical draping; her absence of rhinestone or sparkle is compensated by an edgier feminine swag."

-Hayley Paige

"The collection is Make a Wish; the overall inspiration was to turn a dream into a reality through the power of a wish. Our wish was to incorporate technology outside of the fashion world to create something new and innovative. The gown illustrated is a playful cocktail dress made from silk gauze and features a pleated skirt with an open-back corset." – Mira Zwillinger



"My inspiration this season lives in a fairy-tale dream. Our bride spends time in a shimmering lunar garden filled with celestial wonder. She dances through branches with fluorescent blossoms. Sunrise brings with it gorgeous soft color and the dream leaves a trace of wonder she tucks in her memory."

—Ines Di Santo



"The collection is an exploration of modern sensuality, elegance, and simplicity." —Margo LaFontaine Amsale



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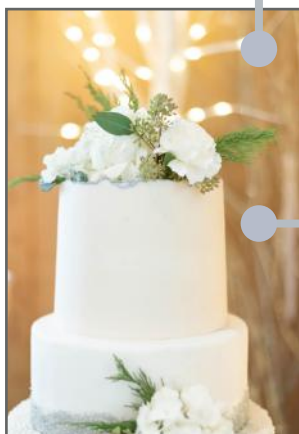
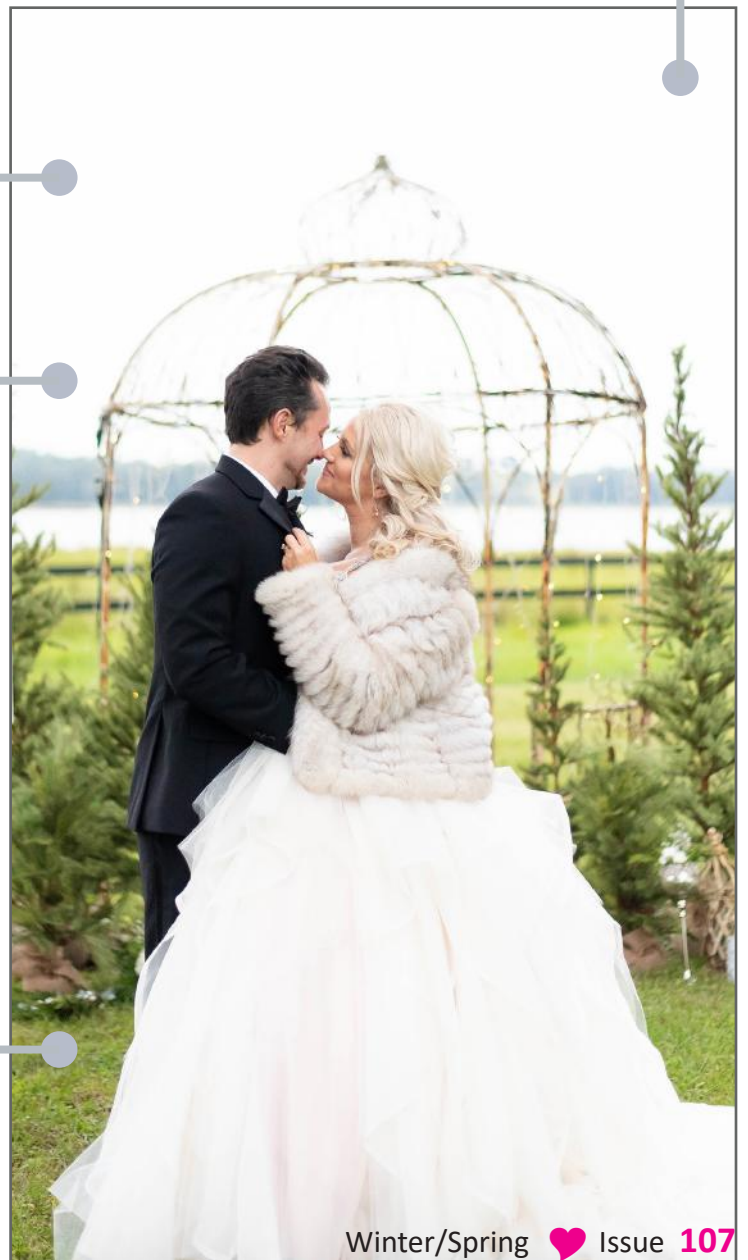
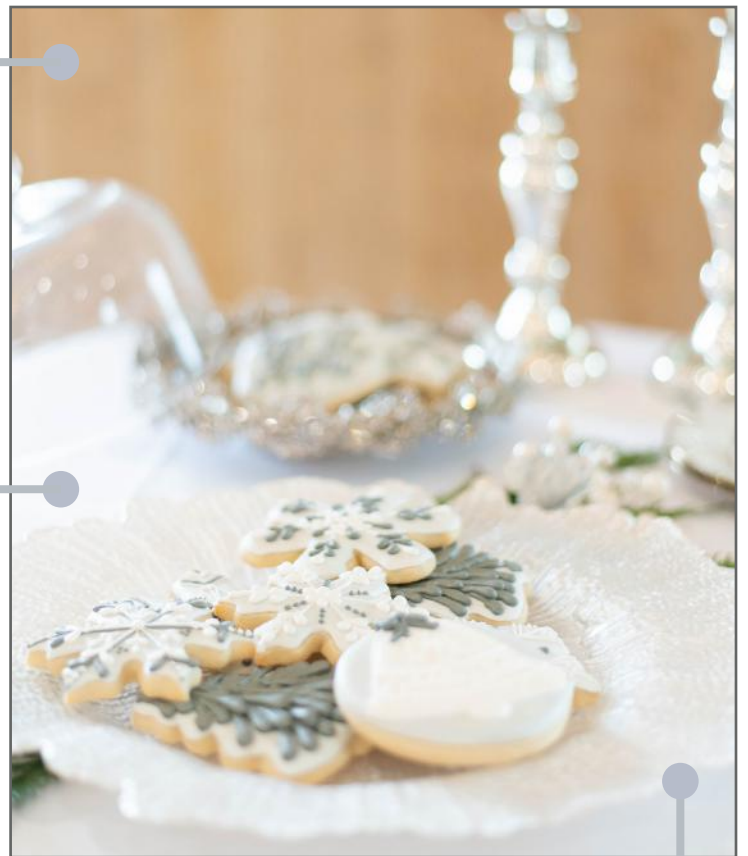
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Winter is here, even in warm Florida with the Winter Wonderland Theme for this styled shoot which featured a fairy-tale-like horse carriage covered in garlands and white florals, silver and white colors and abundant greenery, a gorgeous feminine ball gown, snow decor and a beautiful couple. The reception table was silver with white glassware and linens, the cake was white and silver decorated with a pearl-like design and white florals. What dreams are made of!





Model: TanTurri

Linens: Connie Duglin

Accommodations: BFR Carriage Service LLC

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Bakery: Twenty One Sweets

Caterer: Catering by the Family

Event Planner: Stephanie Voht Events

Invitation Designer: Written Expressions Ink

Beauty: Adore Bridal

Dress Designer: Morilee by Madeline Gardner

Calligrapher: Lettering Lou

Event Venue: Covington Farm

Photographer: Ruth Terrero Photography

Diane Von Fürstenberg

MEET THE FASHION ICON SPOTLIGHT

“Generosity is the best investment.”

— Diane von Furstenberg



MEET THE FASHION ICON SPOTLIGHT

A year after marrying, Fürstenberg began designing women's clothes: "The minute I knew I was about to be Egon's wife, I decided to have a career. I wanted to be someone of my own, and not just a plain little girl who got married beyond her deserts." After the Fürstenbergs separated in 1973, Egon also became a fashion designer. After moving to New York, she met high-profile Vogue editor Diana Vreeland, who declared her designs "absolutely smashing". She had her name listed on the Fashion Calendar for New York Fashion Week, and so her business was created.

In 1974, she introduced the knitted jersey "wrap dress", which became an iconic piece in women's fashion; it is included in the collection of the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. After the success of the wrap dress, Furstenberg was featured on the cover of Newsweek magazine in 1976. The accompanying article declared her "the most marketable woman since Coco Chanel." She launched a cosmetic line and her first fragrance, "Tatiana", named after her daughter. The New York Times reported that by 1979 the annual retail sales for the company were \$150 million.

In 1985, Fürstenberg moved to Paris, France where she founded Salvy, a French-language publishing house. Fürstenberg started a number of other businesses including a line of cosmetics and a home-shopping business, which she launched in 1991. In 1992, Fürstenberg sold \$1.2 million dollars of her Silk Assets collection in two hours on QVC. She credits the success with giving her the confidence to relaunch her company.

Fürstenberg relaunched her company in 1997, and reintroduced the wrap dress, which gained traction with a new generation of women. In 1998, she published her business memoir, *Diane: A Signature Life*. In 2004, she introduced the DVF by H. Stern fine jewelry collection, and launched scarves and beachwear. In 2006, she was elected as president of the Council of Fashion Designers of America, a position she still holds. In 2008, she received a star on Seventh Avenue's Fashion Walk of Fame



"I wanted to be an independent woman, a woman who could pay for her bills, a woman who could run her own life - and I became that woman."

— Diane von Furstenberg



The Other White Dress

Morilee by Madeline Gardner proudly launches 'The Other White Dress' Collection



Morilee by Madeline Gardner proudly launches 'The Other White Dress' Collection which is comprised of 10 clean timeless looks fit for a casual or small intimate ceremony, chic wedding reception or surrounding events. The company which is steeped in rich history and brand heritage understands that weddings and their surrounding events are evolving past the wedding chapel, into intimate backyard gatherings, memorable vineyard and beach ceremonies & beyond.

Madeline Gardner, Designer and Creative Director of Morilee thoughtfully created stunning looks that are both elegant and minimal. Gardner, who is known within the industry as the 'Queen of Ball Gowns' certainly loves a high-drama glamorous moment which can always be found in her Signature Madeline Gardner collection. Gardner however also fully recognizing the retrained beauty of designing dresses that have simple clean architectural lines which has been the approach with 'The Other White Dress'. Every Intricate detail is executed with precision and passion making this collection truly special. This timeless yet contemporary styles are an ode to her real brides who were asking for just that. Gardner's customers are her ultimate muses who inspire to create gowns just as unique as they are. This was the true catalyst of creating 'The Other White Dress'.

"I've designed The Other White Dress collection with personalization at the forefront of each style. A blank canvas for my brides to make their own and bring their wedding day vision to life. From effortlessly chic to sophisticated and ultra-glamorous, this collection provides simple, sleek looks that can be versatility styled to beautifully complement any type of wedding setting. The perfect modern- day dresses for today's ever-evolving bride."





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If you are a group of scuba diver lovers Jules Undersea Lodge is such a unique location to go to. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to spend the night in an underwater lodge, the time has come to experience this wonderful adventure for yourself. Jules Undersea Lodge is no gimmick – the cottage-sized lodge is located 30 feet below the surface of Key Largo Undersea Park, comprising a fully equipped kitchen, comfy beds, hot showers, and even a TV. The only catch is that you have to scuba dive down to the hidden entrance of the lodge, which means that this adventure (including undersea pizza delivery) is restricted to registered scuba divers.



Bahia Honda State Park is one of the southernmost state parks and offers visitors an idyllic location to relax and unwind, surrounded by beautiful beaches, wonderful wildlife, and clear, warm waters. Everything you need for a beach holiday is right on your doorstep – there are campsites right on the edge of the ocean and a few stilted cabins overlooking the bay. You can bring a boat to launch from the boat ramp, and organized snorkeling tours to the reef are available. In addition, there are three hiking trails to explore and a nature center that offers ranger-led activities and talks.

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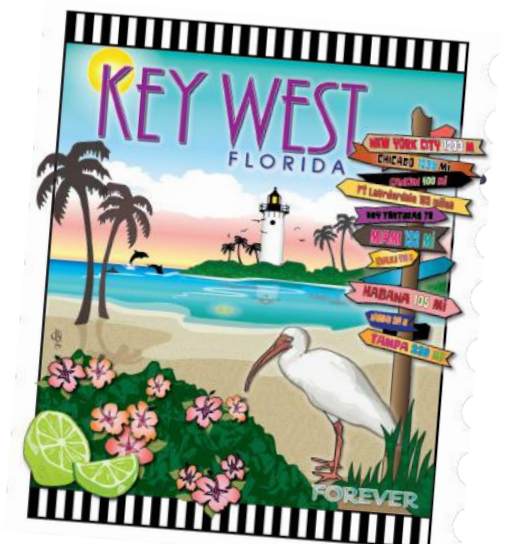
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If you still want to be two-gether, but you want to do different activities. You can each do what you like and then meet up afterwards. The whole idea is to have fun at your pre-vow party!



Grooms Corner

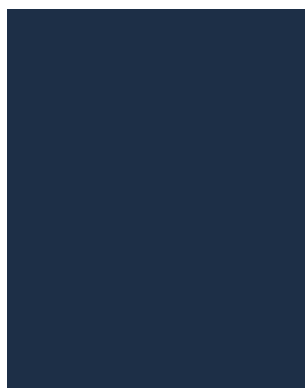


LAPEL PINS CAN TAKE YOUR SUIT GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL

By Mark Crompton

The lapel pin is a classic men's accessory that's made a real run-for-it in fashion this season. But, unsure of how to wear a lapel pin, not all gents are prepared to place their bets on the striking suit decoration. Yes, the wrong pin has the potential to look like a cheap, novelty accessory but so can certain ties, and we still wear them. In proper use, the pin adds personality to a suit, a garment that's hard to liven up considering our color options: navy, grey or black?

Going for a lapel pin also indicates an old-world taste, which is refreshing, considering most men are dead to the timeless qualities of menswear. From the corporate office to a springtime wedding (and smart casual dinner date on the weekend), we've got tips and tricks on how to wear the lapel pin for the modern man. We like those odds.



HOW TO WEAR A LAPEL PIN

The lapel pin should always be positioned on your left lapel, north of your pocket square (which can be a nice touch in unison with a tie)

As a general rule, attach your lapel pin (or stick the stem of your boutonniere) through the buttonhole found on your lapel

If your suit hasn't got one, pierce the pin straight through the material (the hole won't remain in suit fabric once the pin is removed provided you use caution when taking it out)

Alternatively, ask a tailor to sew an inconspicuous thread onto the back of their lapel as the thread will hold the lapel pins in place, without penetrating the fabric. Position the lapel pin so that it sits at the same angle of your lapel. This is particularly important with long-stem pins, where the pin pierces back through the lapel front before fastening





Notch Lapel

The “notch” is the opening where the bottom of the collar meets the top of the lapel, usually at a 75 – 90 degree angle. The notch lapel is the most common lapel for a reason – it’s the most versatile of the bunch. It is most often found in single-breasted suit jackets, blazers and sportcoats. If you only own one suit, this is the lapel type to go with. Also called the “stepped lapel”.

Shawl Lapel

Characterized by a rounded edge, the shawl lapel is most common on dinner jackets / tuxedos. Obviously, it’s safe to assume that the Shawl Lapel is the least common of the variety, and the most specialized type of Lapel out there (please don’t wear a Shawl Lapel to work).



Peak Lapel

Peak lapels are traditionally the most formal of the suit lapels and were originally common in formal wear garments such as tailcoats and morning coats. These will tend to look a little more fashion-forward (especially if you decide to go the Lapo Elkann route). In actuality, peak lapels have been around for over 100 years. It is also the most expensive suit lapel to manufacture (requires the most amount of skill).

Slim

A slimmer version that are typically 2.75 inches wide, roughly 0.5 inches thinner than our normal lapel, which are approximately 3.25 inches wide.) Like the slim notch, works best with a slim suit and flatters a slimmer body type.





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If you happen to be marrying someone with an extra-long last name, have no fear! You don't need to squeeze dozens of characters onto one purse—instead, just stick with the first initial. Also, how could you not be obsessed with the monogram lettering?



Hardshell Clutch

Hardshell clutches are having a serious moment right now. While we love the silver marble-esque print for a traditional bride, the clutch also comes in brown tortoise for a more daring, unexpected look.



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The Glitter Bag

If you would much rather soak up your bride status as long as possible, carry this bag on your wedding day. Stick with the silver glitter stitching or ask for "Bride" to be written in gold for a touch of glamour.

Clear Box Clutch

Already found your wedding day bag? We love this clear box clutch for your bachelorette instead! Besides, who doesn't love a little wordplay? This great clutch pairs with any color or style whether formal or casual.





Double Band

This is a popular option with modern brides as it looks more like a classic head band, which makes it easy to wear with lots of different dress types. The double band tiara can also be worn in several places on the head depending on your hairstyle.

Headband

Similar to the double band, this simple tiara is a popular low-key option. Worn flat against the head, this is the subtlest of the tiara styles – it looks particularly beautiful with loose hair to add a touch of elegance.



Bun Wrap

Worn further back on the head, the bun wrap (which is similar to a hair vine) is designed to perfectly complement a high updo. Traditional bun wrap tiaras are fairly formal, which makes them the perfect choice for a dramatic cathedral venue.

Wreath

As the name suggests, this tiara is inspired by nature, and is designed to look like a floral wreath or a vine. This romantic style works particularly well with a Grecian goddess style wedding dress.



ROMANIC MANSION

a love story



The historic Howey Mansion in Howey-in-the-Hills Florida was the setting for this romantic styled shoot. Over the years the mansion, once home to a Florida citrus tycoon, had fallen into a state of disrepair until it was purchased and restored to it's former glory. Now a wedding and event venue, it was the perfect spot to host this shoot. We worked with many of Orlando's best vendors to bring the romance to life.





THE DETAILS

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 Photographer: Sivan Photography

Wedding Separates...

Choosing a wedding dress silhouette is incredibly difficult. You may dream of that fairy-tale princess moment but have come to realize you'd never be comfortable in a full ball gown, and so finding something more figure-flattering has become a new priority. Or maybe you thought a fitted mermaid silhouette was the shape for you, only to gather that a more fluid skirt makes sense for dancing the night away.

Think of two dresses. One for the formal affair and another for dancing the night away. One silhouette you may not have considered? A two-piece wedding dress, or bridal separates.

And yes, this works for a myriad of bridal aesthetics whether you consider yourself a traditional, modern, or bohemian bride.

Bridal separates are amazing. Multiple looks throughout your wedding day. You can pair frilly skirts with crop tops, long sleeves, pant suits, sweaters, even sexy lingerie!

Maybe you found that perfect bodice you love that can be skirted for your grand ceremony and paired with pants at night. Whatever the look you will turn heads.

With endless combinations, your wedding day look can be perfectly tailored to your destination's climate.

Choosing a two-piece gown is quite possibly the best way to find ways to wear your bridal look again and again. We can imagine so many of these pretty crop tops & even the high-low skirts paired with ready to wear for fancy dinners & nights out to come.

You can balance out a peek of skin by choosing a style with long sleeves or by opting for a more voluminous skirt to offset a revealed waist.

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Mar Jennings

New Normal!

I hope this blog finds you safe & healthy as we accept our “new normal,” while attempting to keep our lives as copacetic as possible.

That said, as we continue to stay isolated and quarantined in our homes and implement social distancing around the world, we are discovering new ways to entertain ourselves through these unprecedented challenging times. Thank goodness for all the creative social media posts and clever song reinterpretations. I love them all!



Randy Fenoli

Have your dress altered by an experienced team

Finally, definitely make sure to inquire about alterations when booking your bridal appointment. While many bridal salons will have you take your dress elsewhere to have it altered, it's always helpful and convenient to have your alterations done at the same location, as the team working on your gown knows the style through and through, and is very familiar with the fabric and fit. Thankfully, our team of over 100 alterations experts work just downstairs at Kleinfeld, and Randy always recommends working with them to ensure your dress is altered to your specifications. Don't worry if you plan on purchasing your dress at Kleinfeld but cannot have your alterations completed here—we always have a list of reputable and Kleinfeld-approved tailors in your area we recommend.



Colin Cowie

Colin's Golden Rule

Colin Cowie, HSN host and celebrity party planner extraordinaire for stars like Jennifer Aniston, Tom Cruise, Jennifer Lopez, Oprah Winfrey and Kim Kardashian, sat down with us and passed on a few of his best tips for planning that perfect holiday soiree.

“Do as much as you can in advance. There's nothing fun about running around when your guests arrive, thinking you're left behind. Do it all the night before so it allows you to be a gracious host. Twenty minutes before your guests come, go put on a fresh outfit, lipstick, throw on a pair of heels, take 10 deep breaths and go enjoy yourself.”



David Tutera

Tie It Together With Color When Tying The Knot

We love symmetry, especially when it comes to wedding planning. From styles to color schemes, opportunities abound for your personality to shine. Bow K® recommends incorporating your wedding palette into all of your stationery.

Set the tone for your wedding with consistent colors on everything from save the date cards to the myriad of invitations (bridal shower, bachelorette, rehearsal, and wedding). Your unique style should also be visible on table cards with seat assignments as well as on the many thank you notes you will be writing.

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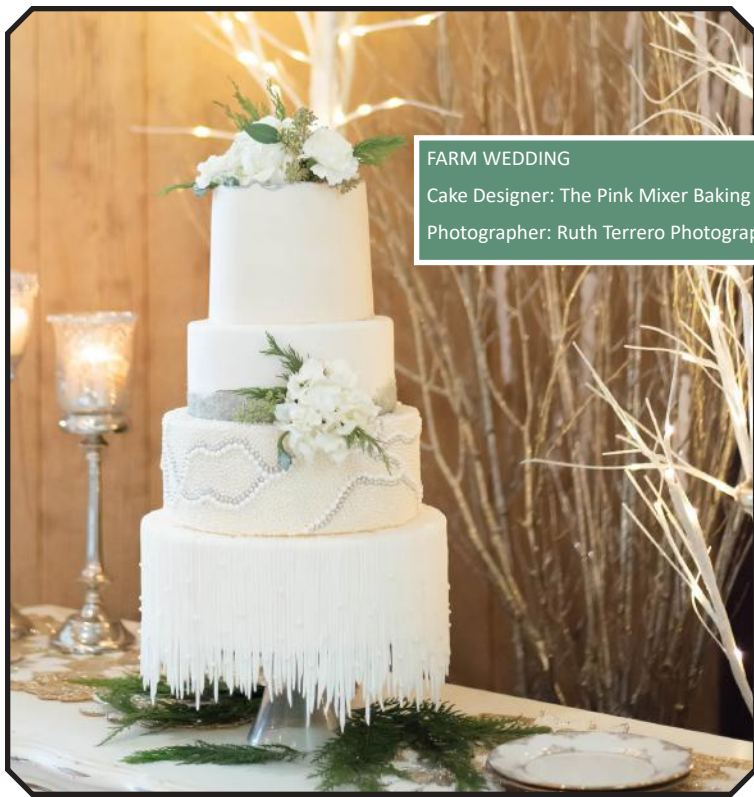
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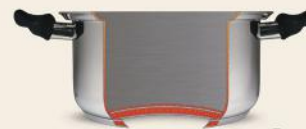


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