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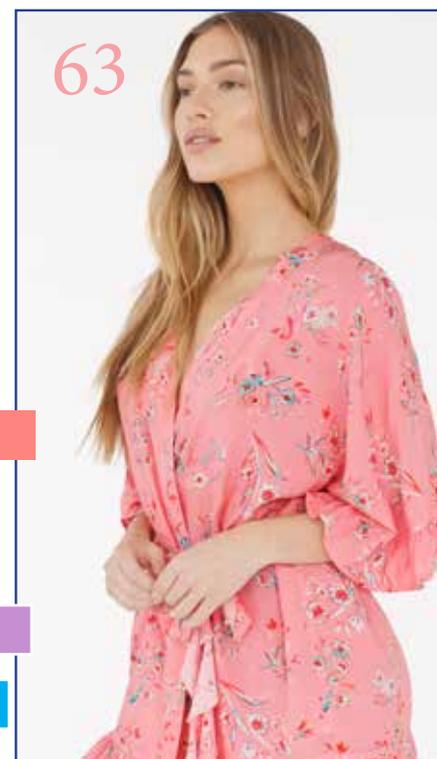
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Star Wars Issue

Letter from the Editor:

Now that all the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over, we can begin to think of taking some time for ourselves. Grab those sandals and head out to the beach and enjoy that beautiful sunshine! Our Real Wedding theme for our Spring/Summer issue is based on Star Wars. From the Millennium Falcon guest book to the Death Star greeting table this wedding is a true inspiration for couples who love the movie and want to embrace their fun-loving side.

Check out our Runway section for bridal designer and star of "Say Yes to the Dress" Pnina Tornai's bridal collection. Pnina's bridal collection is globally renowned, and the cover photo is a dress designed by her. Her love for beauty and intricate details grew into a desire to create beautiful gowns that reflected her unique heritage.

Wedding planner and TV star David Tutera has done it again! He launched his highly anticipated David Tutera Bridal line with "love, romance and beauty" at the heart of it all. David said he created the gowns in hopes of helping brides float "down the aisle in style."

Each year we introduce new wedding trends, and cotton candy weddings are a big new trend right now, and one I don't want to see leave anytime soon. It brings a touch of sweetness and whimsy to any wedding. Just imagine carrying a cotton candy bouquet up the aisle!!! Along with Pantones color of the year "Living Coral" your wedding will be vibrant and full of fun!

Find out what type of bride you are rustic, beach, boho, classic, glam or vintage. It's all inside.

On your wedding day all eyes will be on you, the bride and what frames your face will accessorize your beauty. Find out which earrings accentuate your facial features the best. Let's not forget our handsome groom. The Panama hats on the Grooms page will level up your wardrobe based on your own personality, and you can be sure you and your groomsmen will be the talk of the town!

All of the wonderful professionals that fill these pages will guide you to the wedding of your dreams.

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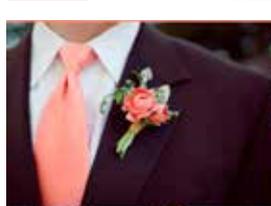
Inspiration



This choice is super fun and vibrant, and despite the fact that we've seen it go great in weddings over the last few years, it's really just the beginning for this versatile, punchy palette because it gives us life. And wedding vendors tend to agree! Brides and grooms, get to know Living Coral: an animating and life affirming coral hue with a golden undertone that energizes and enlivens with a softer edge. "

Symbolizing our innate need for optimism and joyful pursuits, Living Coral embodies our desire for playful expression. Joyful, optimistic, playful, all good words when it comes to wedding vibes.

This Color of the Year was inspired by the underwater ecosystem and is described by Pantone as being "sociable and spirited," and symbolizes "our innate need for optimism and joyful pursuits." What is more joyful than the joining of two in marriage?!



Touches of living coral

seasonal *palettes*

Sociable & Spirited

Living Coral is perfect for bold brides who want to venture outside the box, this bright hue is not your typical wedding color, which makes it all the more cool and original. Inspired by lively underwater ecosystems, this saturated orange-golden shade is described by Pantone as “sociable and spirited.” The energizing tint “encourages lighthearted activity,” explains Pantone. Like busting a move on the reception dance floor, perhaps?



You don't have to go all-orange-everything to successfully pull off 2019's top color trend. You can embrace bright and blooming pops of color in your bouquet, or colorful calligraphy on your wedding stationery. These minimal accents still pack a statement-worthy punch. Alternatively, you can go big and bold by drenching your ceremony backdrop or reception decor in this playful, summery shade.



quick tip!
Living Coral pairs well with navy blue or sage!



“Living Coral,” a pink-meets-orange hue that’s as cheerful as it gets. The shade is also true to its name: Its splashy notes really do feel alive. Best of all, there are so many fresh, inspired ways to incorporate the shade into you wedding day’s décor landscape.



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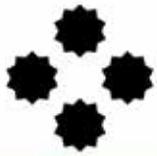
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Pnina's passion for design was inspired by her Moroccan mother and Egyptian father, who exposed her to elaborate cultural ceremonies and celebrations from a young age.

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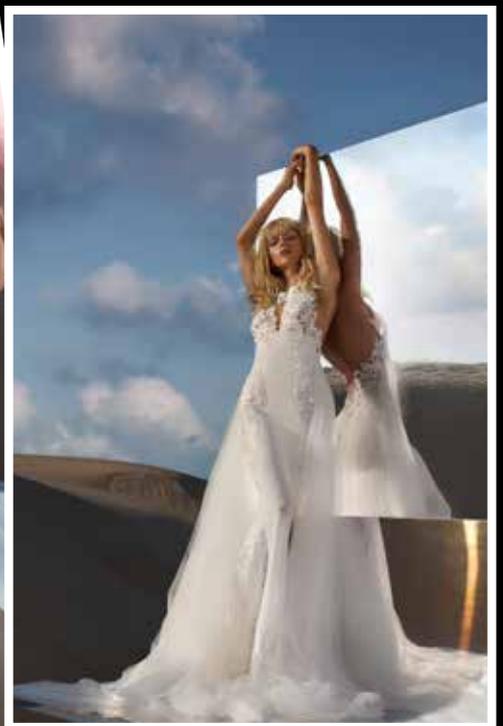
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"The things I've been through, all I experienced, the sights I've seen...All the women I have met. There was a time when I only tried to behave in a certain way, like a woman.

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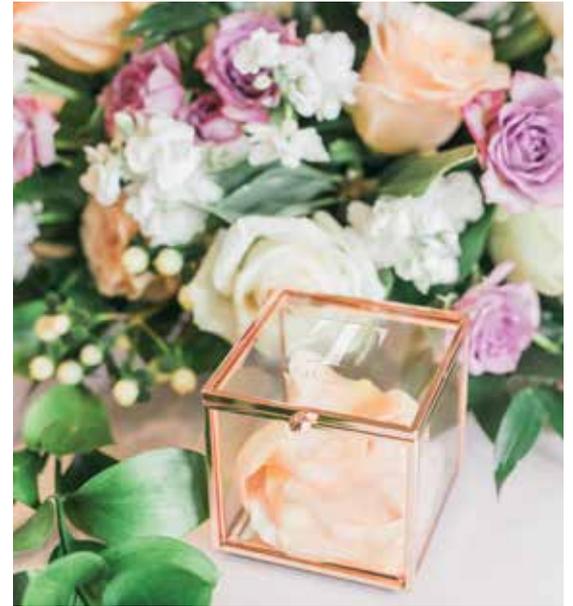
wedding ceremony

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look book

When it comes to wedding ceremonies, classic tends to be the style of choice. Wedding planner and Weddingstar Ambassador, Rebecca Chan, created a quirky and fun ceremony inspiration to encourage brides to embrace their fun-loving side! Here are her top 5 tips for pulling off a whimsical, yet elegant wedding ceremony.



It's All In The Details

Incorporate a mix of modern with vintage elements. This will create a layered effect that feels romantic with touches of whimsy.

Dreamy Accents

Incorporate a key element in your ceremony, like this dreamy vintage bicycle. Designed for use as a photo backdrop, this charming vignette captures the essence of this style perfectly – romantic, fun and definitely not boring.

CHALKBOARD *signs* *try* LINE THE AISLE

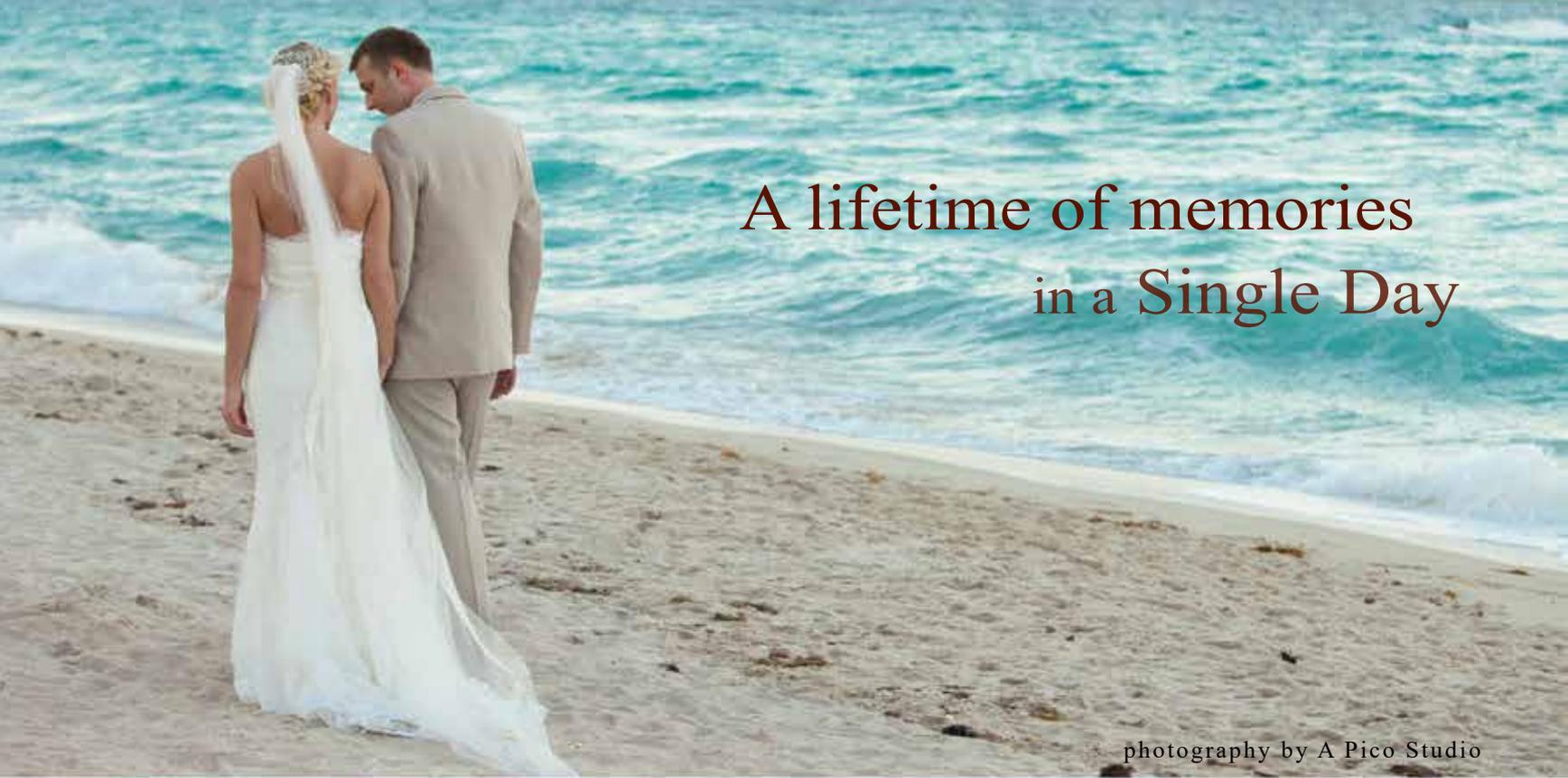
Bring The Outdoors In

Larger than life artisan paper flowers combined with garlands of natural greenery and glimmering gold lanterns provide an ultra-fun nod to the outdoors.

Welcome Your Guests

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The latest trend doesn't mean your wedding has to be carnival themed. Cotton candy, it turns out, adds a touch of whimsy to a ceremony or reception. There's no need for clowns to be around to justify the presence of the treat. Every trend needs a trendsetter, so who is behind the sugar rush?



From cake to cupcakes, cocktails to favors, there are some seriously fun ways to include this fun trend in your big day. If you're looking to bring out the kid in your guests, this is the place to start!



Brides are taking the trend and supersizing it, giving all of their bridesmaids cotton candy bouquets.

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Start house hunting after your bank has prequalified you for a mortgage. It puts you in a powerful bargaining position, and you will not waste time on homes out of your price range.

Research the neighborhood. With all the information available on the web, you can find out a lot about the place you're thinking of making home. Schools, zoning, crime stats — do your due diligence and know what you're buying into.

Buy the cheapest house on a good block, particularly if you're looking to get the best out of your investment. Plus, you're going to want to customize the decor yourself, anyway.

Do not fret if your first dream house is in the middle of a bidding war and don't get seduced into joining in. There's another one right around the corner you won't have to fight for.

Neighborhood renovations are a good sign. A neighborhood in the process of renovating means the neighborhood is worth staying in for the long haul.

Check out the local amenities. It is good to have a grocery store, great shopping and activities nearby, but if you have a local Starbucks and Whole Foods you can be sure the neighborhood is a good one.

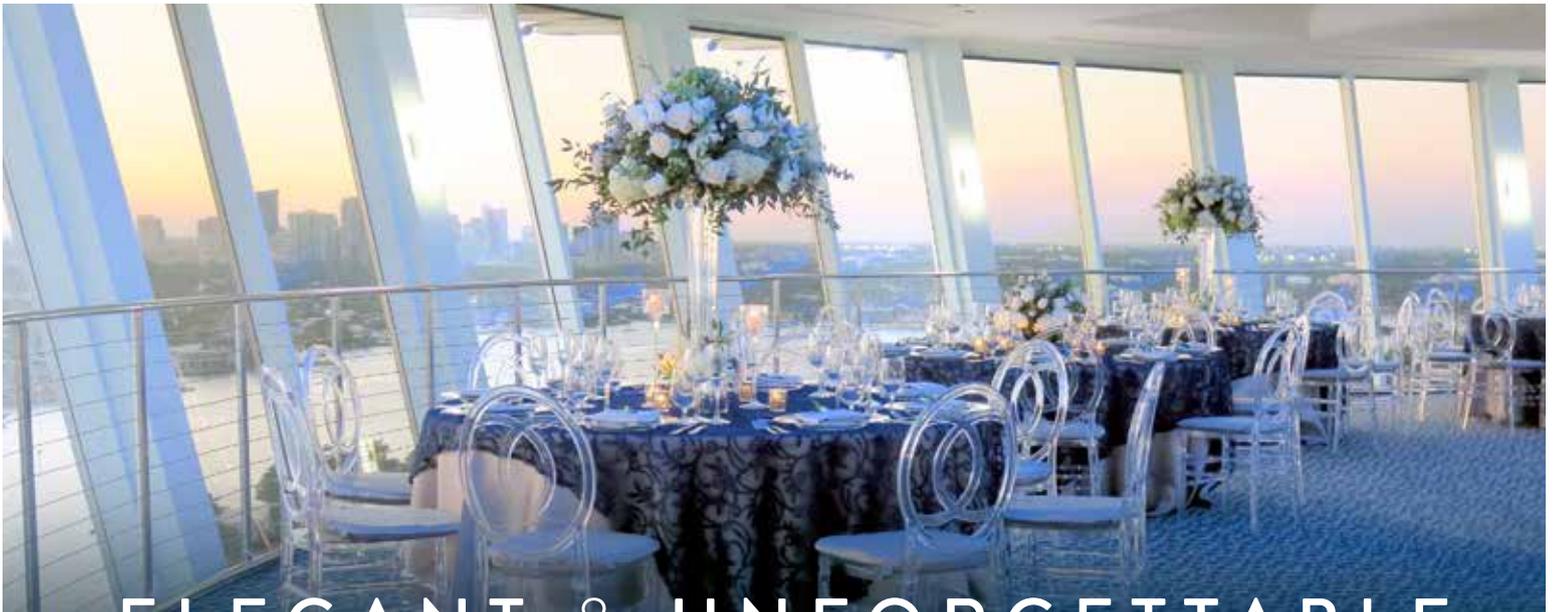
Buy on the outskirts of a good neighborhood to get a deal. It is typical for these areas to catch up in short order.

Go to lots of open houses. Besides being fun, it is a great way to get a feel for the market and the neighborhoods you're interested in residing. If you don't have a Realtor, this is a great way to connect with them.



Start looking early in the home buying season. While there is a large inventory and lots of home sales in spring and summer, you're also competing with the most people. Begin looking in January and February for a jump on the competition.

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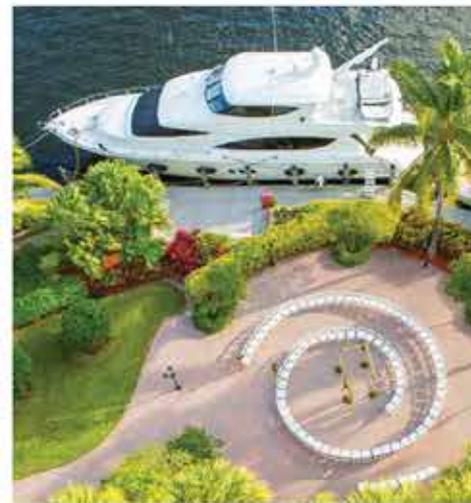


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Tip #1:

Call the customer service number of your Airline. An agent will be able to see if your plane has an upright storage option in-cabin and they will take notes of what you need which is very helpful. Most planes do have a closet, however if you are on a plane that does not have that option try laying it flat in the overhead cabin. Make sure you call ahead so both you and the airlines know what your needs are to make things go more smoothly on the day of your flight.



Tip #2:

Take your gown to the dry cleaner and ask them to steam your dress, have them hang it on a paper dress form, and make sure it is stuffed with acid-free tissue paper. Then have them cover it with a plastic slip, and zip it up in a nylon waterproof garment bag.

Tip #3:

On the day of your flight, go early to make sure that everything you planned for is in order, and there are no surprises.

Tip #4:

All brides need a backup plan, here is a tip for that just in case moment. Get a box that is the length of your dress and bring it with you to the airport. That way, in the worse case scenario your gown will be protected if the airlines have to put it in a different section.



Tip #5

Don't Forget to pack a portable steamer. Trust us, you'll want a steamer (and an adapter too, if you're getting married overseas!). To guard against water spots place a towel or Steamer Sock (even a cotton sock will do) over the head of your steamer. Now you know everything you need to know about how to fly with a wedding dress!



Ring bearers are pretty awesome. These little guys (whether you trust them with your rings or not) help usher in the bride and even help a flower girl or two along the way. Give them a sign that will charm your guests, because every ring bearer loves an adoring crowd! Modern couples may appreciate a humorous sign for their ring bearers. Weddings are really emotional, and sometimes taking a break for a big laugh is welcomed.

1 Ring bearers will be thrilled to play it super cool as your official ring “security” detail. We’ve seen a bunch of variations on this, from safes to briefcases to signs.



2 This sign is sure to get a laugh from all your guests. Just when you think your ring bearer has it under control. “Has anybody seen the rings?”



6 Whatever sign you choose for your little guys to carry down the aisle, it will add a little something special to the ceremony.



3 This little gem is a banner sign allowing both the ring bearer and flower girl to walk down the aisle together.



5 Then there is this little guy with one of our favorite signs for the ring bearer to carry. Don't worry ladies I'm still single is sure to get any guest to crack a smile. And of course what a great photo op during the processional.



4 Let's not forget the more traditional of ring bearer signs. The last chance to run always seems to get a smile from some of the guys in the bridal party even if it is only in jest.



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CONCRETE



JUNGLEBIRD

What You Need:

.25 oz demerara,
.5 oz lime juice, .75 oz Campari, 1.5 oz caramelized pineapple concentrate, .75 oz Appleton Reserve Jamaican Rum, .75 oz chai infused Jameson Black Barrel.

How to Make It:

Add all ingredients to a mixer with ice. Shake vigorously, strain into a double rocks glass and garnish with a pineapple leaf.

GMP



COLLINS

What You Need:

2 oz Ford's Gin, .75 oz Fennel Syrup, .75 oz Lemon Juice, 1 dash Scrappy's Celery Bitters, 2 dashes of Peychaud bitters, Pinch of salt, Soda.

How to Make It:

Add gin, fennel syrup, lemon, celery bitters, and salt to a small tin, add ice and shake. Strain into a Collins glass and top with soda and two dashes of Peychaud bitters on the top cube. Garnish with a fennel frond.

GINGER SAGE



COCKTAIL

What You Need:

1 bottle of Santa Margherita Prosecco, 2 tbsp simple Syrup, 1 cup of honey, 3 cups of water, 2 whole pears, peeled, cored and diced, 1 large piece of ginger, peeled and diced, 20 fresh sage leaves.

How to Make It:

Dissolve honey. Add the pears, ginger and sage leaves. Discard the ginger and sage leaves. Place a few pieces of the cooked pear into each stemless wine glass followed by the simple syrup. Add the Prosecco and serve with a garnish of sage leaves.

RASPBERRY



GINGER BEER

What You Need:

.75 oz raspberry puree, 1.5 oz of Brooklyn, Crafted Ginger Beer, Lemon and Lime, Splash of limoncello, 4 oz champagne, Squeeze of lime juice.

Fresh raspberries

How to Make It:

Add raspberry puree, ginger beer, and limoncello into a champagne glass and stir. Top with champagne and a squeeze of lime juice. Garnish with fresh raspberries.

LEAVES



OF GRASS

What You Need:

2 oz Botanist Gin, .5 oz blueberry liqueur, .5 oz fresh thyme cordial, .75 oz fresh blood Orange juice, .5 oz ginger-mint syrup, Fresh blueberries, Club soda.

How to Make It:

Add all ingredients to an ice-filled shaker. Strain into a coupe glass. Top with club soda and garnish with wild mint leaves.

SPRING



BOURBINI

What You Need:

1 oz. Heaven Hill 6-year bourbon, 2 dashes peach bitters, 5 oz. Mathilde Peche peach liqueur, Sparkling wine

How to Make It:

Shake ingredients with ice, strain into flute, top with sparkling wine, and garnish with mint sprig.

IN THE NEW SEASON



TEQUILA



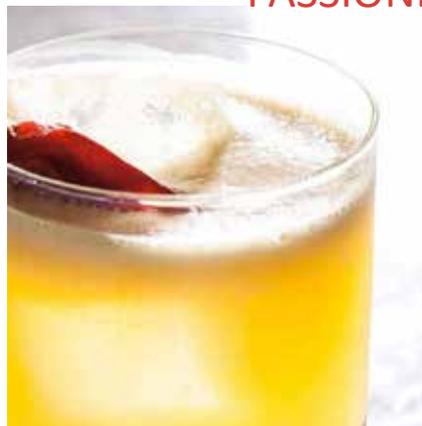
HONEYSUCKLE

Ingredients
2 oz Milagro Blanco Tequila, .75 oz Honey Syrup, .75 oz Lime Juice.

Directions

Combine ingredients in a shaker and shake with ice. Strain into a coupe and garnish with a lime wedge.

PASSIONE



ARRABIATA

Ingredients
1.5 oz simple syrup
1 oz passion fruit purée
1 oz lime juice
2 oz chili infused Cazadores reposado tequila

Directions

Combine all ingredients in a cobbler shaker. Shake and strain over fresh ice in a double old fashioned glass. Place straws and garnish with a whole Calabrian chili.

BEE'S



KNEES

Ingredients
2 oz Bombay Sapphire gin, 1 oz lemonade, 1 oz honey-thyme gastrique, Thyme for garnish.

Directions

1 quart honey 1 quart white vinegar 1 large handful fresh thyme. Combine vinegar and thyme in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil. In another saucepan, bring honey up to a simmer over medium heat. Slowly pour the honey into the vinegar and thyme mixture with care not to add too quickly as it will boil over.

Bring the honey-vinegar mixture to a boil. Reduce heat to low, and simmer for 12 minutes. Strain the mixture into a container and let cool.

Instructions:

In a cocktail shaker, combine the gin, lemonade and gastrique. Add ice and shake until the outside of the cocktail shaker is frosted. Strain over a highball glass filled with ice. Garnish with a thyme sprig.



LIZZY LAKE



Ingredients
1.5 oz Hendrick's gin, 3 drops rose water, 1 egg white, 2 tablespoons powdered sugar, 2 thick slices cucumber, Splash of lemon juice.

Directions

Muddle one thick slice of cucumber in a cocktail shaker.

(Save the second slice of cucumber for a garnish.) Add remaining ingredients and ice to the shaker and shake vigorously until the outside of the shaker is frosted. Strain into a rocks glass over ice.

If available, use a fine mesh strainer to avoid large pieces of cucumber in the cocktail. Garnish with the cucumber slice.



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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.





FLORID BRIDE MAGAZINE'S

TOP CHEF

Spring Desserts for Entertaining

Lemon Yogurt Cake

-- Ina Garten



What you need:

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, 1 cup plain whole-milk yogurt, 1 1/3 cups sugar, divided, 3 extra-large eggs, 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest (2 lemons), 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract, 1/2 cup vegetable oil, 1/3 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice.

For the Glaze:

1 cup confectioners' sugar, 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease an 8 1/2 by 4 1/4 by 2 1/2-inch loaf pan. Line the bottom with parchment paper. Grease and flour the pan.

Sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt into 1 bowl. In another bowl, whisk together the yogurt, 1 cup sugar, the eggs, lemon zest, and vanilla. Slowly whisk the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients. With a rubber spatula, fold the vegetable oil into the batter, making sure it's all incorporated. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for about 50 minutes, or until a cake tester placed in the center of the loaf comes out clean.

Meanwhile, cook the 1/3 cup lemon juice and remaining 1/3 cup sugar in a small pan until the sugar dissolves and the mixture is clear. Set aside.

When the cake is done, allow it to cool in the pan for 10 minutes. Carefully place on a baking rack over a sheet pan. While the cake is still warm, pour the lemon-sugar mixture over the cake and allow it to soak in. Cool.

For the glaze, combine the confectioners' sugar and lemon juice and pour over the cake.

In 1999, Ina wrote her first book, *The Barefoot Contessa Cookbook*, which was one of the best-selling cookbooks of the year. The book invites readers into her specialty food store and shares the recipes that made it such a success. In 2001, Ina followed with best-selling *Barefoot Contessa Parties!* in which she invites readers into her home and shares her ideas and recipes for having parties that are fun for all — including the host. Her follow-up cookbooks, *Barefoot Contessa Family Style* (2002), *Barefoot in Paris* (2004), *Barefoot Contessa at Home* (2006), *Barefoot Contessa Back to Basics* (2008), *Barefoot Contessa How Easy Is That?* (2010) *Barefoot Contessa Foolproof* (2012), *Make It Ahead* (2014) and *Cooking for Jeffrey* (2016) all continue her style of cooking with easy, delicious, and foolproof recipes that you can make at home.

for the love of food...



Earrings that Fit your face!



A bridal look isn't complete without sparkling jewelry to draw all eyes to the star of the show, the bride. When selecting wedding jewelry, thinking beyond the gown and choosing earrings for a bride's face shape will complement her natural beauty and allow her to shine in person and in photos. Experts from Diamond Nexus share tips on how to choose the best earrings for every face shape.

Face Shape: Round

Longer drop earrings elongate a round face and show off the neck. Pear or teardrop silhouettes are also great for round faces, as they provide contrast in their outline.



Face Shape: Rectangle

Studs, cluster style earrings and hoops will look gorgeous on rectangle shaped faces. These types of earrings draw the attention up and emphasize a strong jawline.



Face Shape: Heart

The best earrings based on face shape, balance out proportions. Pear and triangle cuts, and silhouettes that are wider at the bottom to show off a daintier jawline.



Face Shape: Oval

Oval shaped faces look great with any style and cut. Studs, hoops, drops—go wild!





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Southern twist of Charm

This fun, bold stylized wedding day shoot featured saturated, energizing colors of fuchsia, orange, and yellow. The theme was tropical with a southern twist of charm. Gold silverware and gold trimmed plates, lemons with plexiglass name tags.

Favors

Monstera Leaf cookies dusted with gold powder from She Bakes It .



Cocktails

Saint Cecilia's Society Punch (Bitty Pineapple Garnish) - Dark Rum, Brandy, Cava, Black Tea, Lemon, and Pineapple

Blackberry Mint Tea - Bourbon, Blackberries, Mint Green Tea, Simple Syrup, Fresh Mint, Lime Garnish

She's a Peach (Cheers stick Garnish) - Fresh Peach, Bourbon, Black Tea, Ginger Bitters, Ginger Beer.



Linen

hot pink linen tablecloths with splattered design/orange napkins accent the vibrant settings for this one of a kind wedding decor setup.



Centerpiece

Tall gold vases of floral which included oversized Monstera leaves, mini pineapples (a sign of southern hospitality), and bright red ginger.



Food

The menu featured a Heirloom Tomato and Watermelon Salad with Feta, Honey Vinaigrette, Basil, and Black Pepper and a main course of Seared Dayboat Snapper with local Shem Creek Shrimp - Geechie Boy Mill Grits (a Charleston staple), Asparagus, and Pickled Sweet Peppers.

quick tip!

Pair these shades with gold and silver to pop the colors!



The Bouquet

The ultimate tropical bouquet with large tropical leaves and vibrant colors that will turn the heads of any guest in attendance.

Decor

Decor to die for! Right down to the color coordination of the maids dresses to the reception colors. This tropical theme wedding is one that will be the talk of the town for a long time to come.



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David Tutera the popular wedding planner and TV star announced that he is set to launch his highly anticipated David Tutera Bridal line with “love, romance and beauty” at the heart of it all. The David Tutera Bridal collection will feature nine custom couture gowns and matching veils, which he’ll roll out one per week. All of the gowns were designed by Tutera himself, and were created in hopes of helping brides float “down the aisle in style.”

WEEK 1

DAVIDTUTERA™

Krista



A soft Ball Gown that is grand, stunning yet understated. Krista is a rare combination in design with a high panel neckline adorned with delicate lace, encased boning on the bodice dressed with ivory duchess satin and soft tulle and a delicate ruched waistline all adding a touch of modernism to this fabulous gown. The laces are hand arranged and sewn over the entire gown, with a light petticoat sewn into the inside of the skirt to add volume and three layers of ivory duchess satin, nude signet and ivory tulle give this gown a truly soft and magical feel. Krista will make every bride feel like a princess when they walk down the aisle in style.

A gown for the bride who wants to stand out and look absolutely beautiful without even trying! Kristen is a Fit & Flare ethereal beauty, regal yet understated using four soft layers of fabric – nude satin, glitter organza, nude tulle, and ivory tulle all creating a soft dimension to the shape of this gorgeous gown. With a draped satin accent on top of the sweetheart bodice with laces cut, all arranged and hand sewn on most of the top layer and the outer skirt it's the simplicity of detail that makes this gown truly breathtaking.

WEEK 2

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Kristen



WEEK 3

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Mariana



Using three layers of extraordinary fabric - ivory satin, glitter tulle, and ivory lace Mariana is designed for the unique yet truly romantic bride. With laces cut, arranged and hand sewn on the top layer of the bodice, a softly unfinished illusion neckline, and sleeves of illusion and tulle inserted with delicate lace this is truly an enchanting gown. Two layers of satin and glitter tulle inside the gown give wonderful movement and an overall illusion of sparkle with sections of fabric magnificently opening and falling to the ground. Mariana's opulent fabric and details start from the neckline and continue all the way down the hemline of the gown, a side open slit in the gown will add to this spectacular look.

WEEK 4

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Jennifer



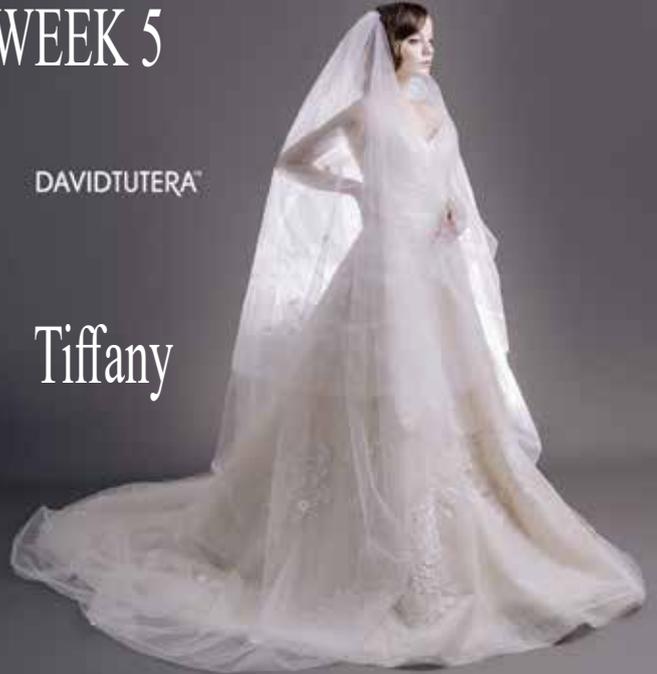
Lacey with a stunning illusion cover across the top and tie back in coordinating fabric has the look of the classic elegance of 1950's bridal fashion yet is truly modern in design. The delicate detail in the straps and trim of the neckline has a simple touch that makes the most visual impact to this amazing gown. The top nude satin layered with ivory tulle and lace, detachable bows accented with crystal and pearls are attached to the ivory tulle with stardust. This unique Fit & Flare gown is designed using four fabrics; nude satin, glitter organza, nude tulle, and ivory tulle, and the lines in this design are modern and clean with a unique patterned cut lace. With a soft skirt using two layers.

A whimsical Ball Gown that is a stunning combination of ivory duchess satin, soft nude tulle, glitter tulle, ivory tulle and lace provides a variety of textures on the bodice and skirt making it feel ethereal. Tiffany has lace flowers carefully arranged and hand sewn onto the top layer of the bodice and skirt, a modest waistband for details that bring a brilliant visual to this romantic ball gown. From the floor length hemline to the stunning train this gown can be worn in any setting and a bride will feel and truly look spectacular.

WEEK 5

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Tiffany



WEEK 6

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Jamie



A simple yet elegant A-Line gown is hard to design, but this striking gown can be both understated and glamorous. Jamie has a modest sweetheart neckline with delicate bodice boning, with striking lines designed of three layers of fabric, champagne satin, ivory signet and ivory tulle. The laces are hand cut and sewn onto the bodice and top of skirt in a fabulous geometric pattern. The skirt designed using $\frac{3}{4}$ sunray pleats made of champagne tulle, organza and satin falls into a soft natural unfinished hemline accenting the waist with a narrow satin belt all adding grace and simplicity to this unique gown.

WEEK 7

DAVIDTUTERA™

Joslyn



Joslyn's Mermaid design is a truly unique collection of fabrics all within one gown. From the unfinished neckline in soft tulle, a fully boned bodice designed using four fabrics; ivory duchess satin, ivory soft tulle, Chantilly lace and ivory tulle with sewn on lace to a fabulous skirt in pleated organza and chiffon crepe this gown is a breathtaking movement of fabric. A blend of fabrics and artistic craftsmanship that will take the breath away as the fabric moves and the bride floats down the aisle.

Fio is for the bride who wants to sparkle just a bit but with a fresh, clean and very romantic look. The soft mini cape has delicate crystals, pearls and stardust over ivory tulle that float ever so softly across the top of this gorgeous gown. With delicate hand sewn lace on the bodice and top most layer of the skirt, light champagne duchess satin, glitter tulle, ivory tulle and lace with a invisible hemline this gown is truly stunning.

WEEK 8

DAVIDTUTERA™

Fio



WEEK 9

DAVIDTUTERA™

Cielo



Cielo is a celebration of glamour inspired by haute couture but designed with modernized influences. A artfully crafted Ball Gown with a full circle pleated tiered tulle skirt and added lace trimmings for fine detail. This ethereal bridal gown has soft yet opulent colors and textures. Layering ivory duchess satin, rose gold organza, ivory tulle and chantilly lace you can't help but fall in love. The striking curved bodice, enhanced with pearls, stunning embroidery, delicate lace trimmings and crystal embellishments will speak to the confident bride who dares to be cool, yet is undeniably elegant.

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A windswept Wyoming sky provides the perfect back drop for Leanne Marshall's latest collection.

From sunrise shades of orange to sentimental something blues, these water colored detailed wonders are a sight to behold!



LOVING THE SEASONS

Jose and Sam officially tied the knot on Saturday evening at the gorgeous Villa Woodbine mansion in Coconut Grove, Florida. These lovebirds were surrounded by family, friends, and their favorite pups (Dreik and Bear) as they said their vows and danced the night away!





We looked at only 3 venues and when I walked into Villa Woodbine I knew that I had to have it. The venue has a fairy tale feel in the middle of wild Miami. It was outdoorsy enough to create a whimsical atmosphere.

Every detail was planned out perfectly and Sam did an amazing job! From the memorial mantel to all the incredible flowers, candles, and photos (they even had a pancake artist!). Every single moment was perfect and it was incredible documenting Sam's dream wedding to her dream man!

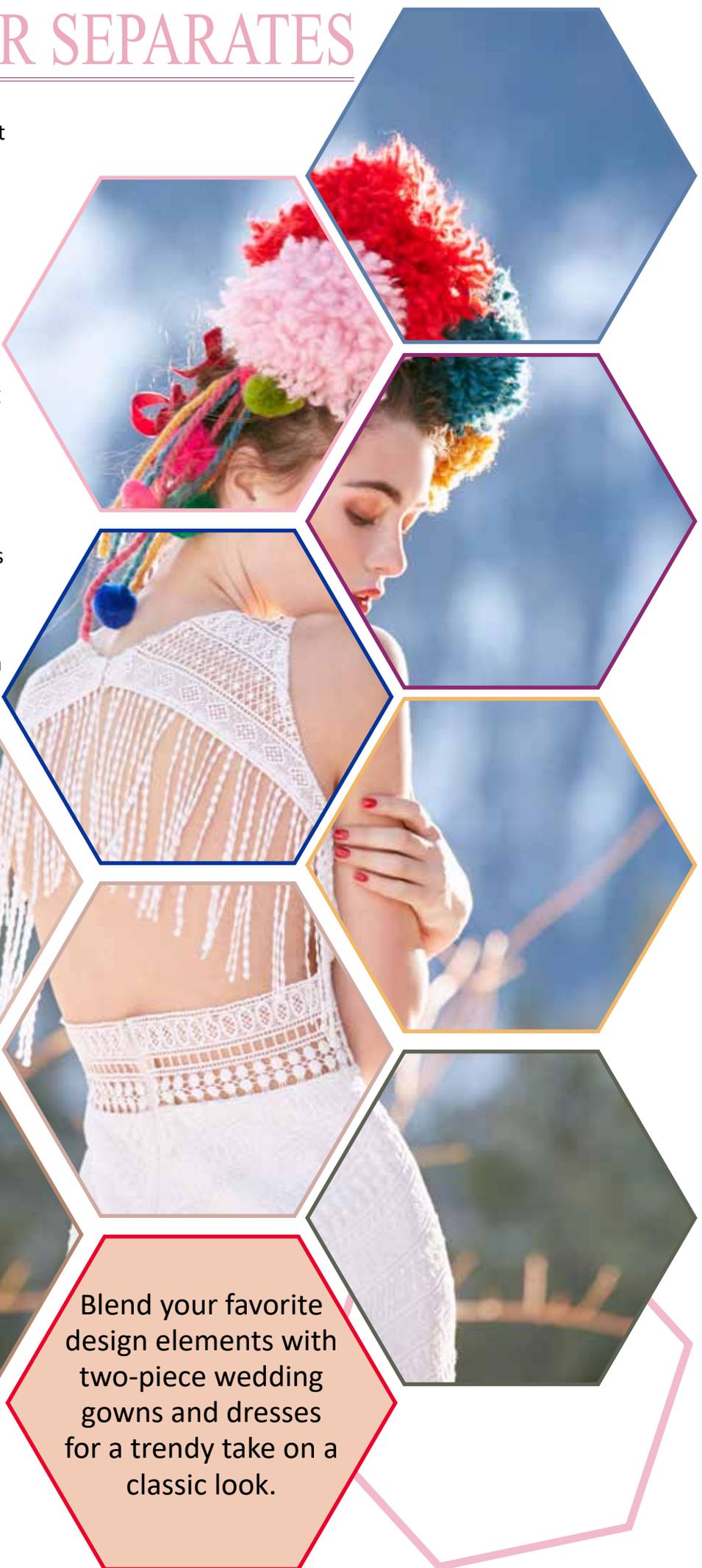


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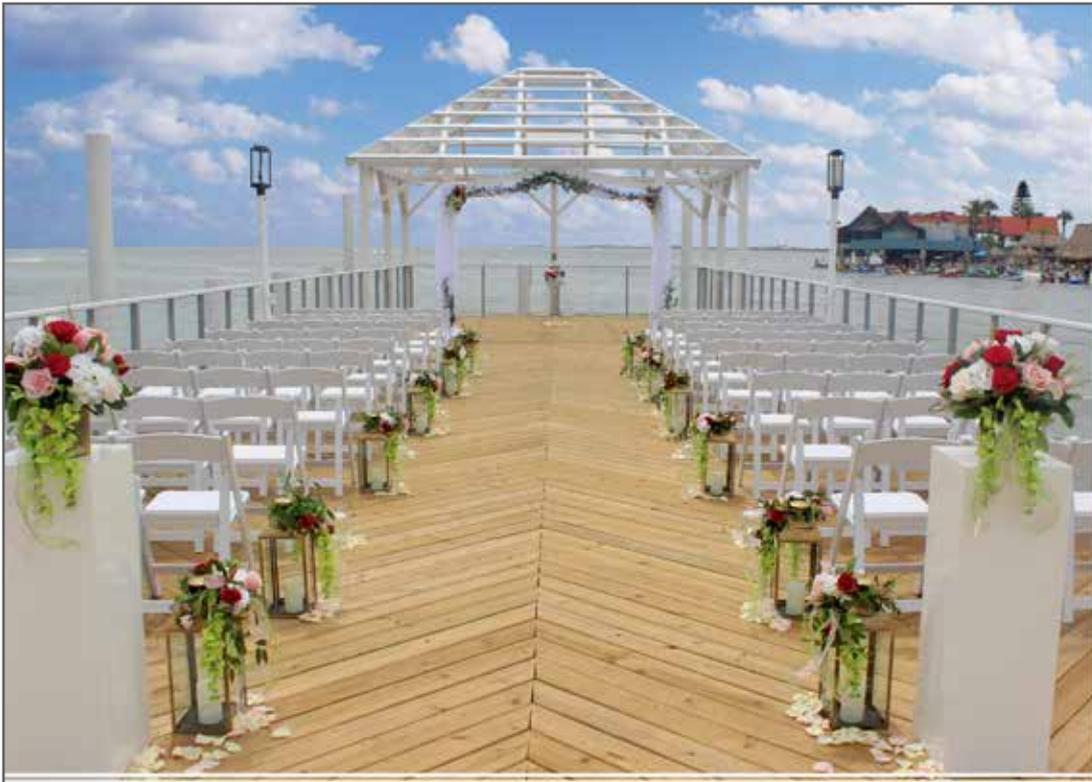
TIME FOR SUMMER SEPARATES

Your wedding attire is perhaps one of the most important things to consider on your wedding day. Some brides prefer a ball gown and others go with a backless dress, but no matter what you are looking for we understand how important each little detail is in your wedding dress.

With bridal separates, you are able to mix and match bridal skirts with bridal tops to outfit together your very own unique wedding dress. Pair a simple white wedding dress with a lace topper and transform it into a completely new two piece wedding dress. If you are a bride who desires the ball gown look, match a voluminous bridal skirt with an embellished corset for a unique wedding dress separates look. There are plenty of options to contemplate when building your own look of two piece dresses for weddings. Be sure to complete your wedding dress separates with a jacket or bridal sash.



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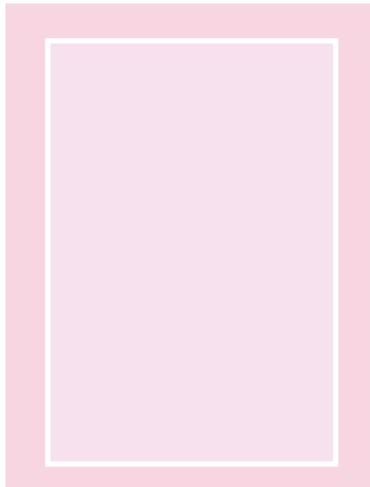
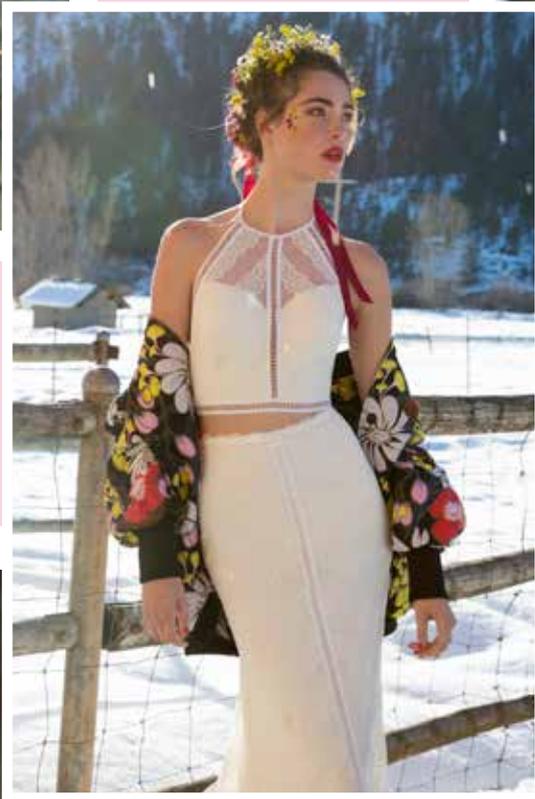
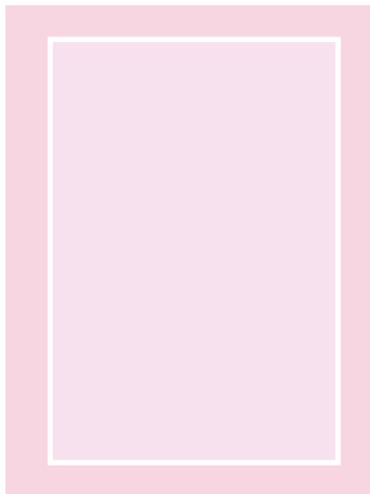
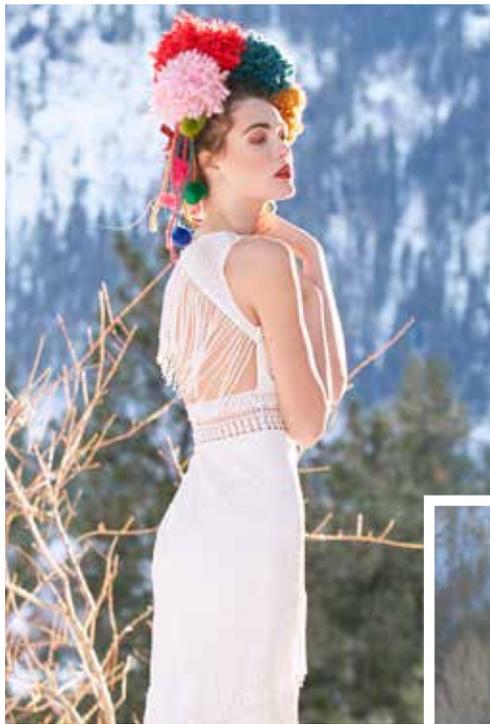
Your getting-ready shots will be some of the most cherished photos from your wedding day. And while there's no shortage of beautiful bridesmaid robes for your girls to get ready in, it can be a bit more challenging to find the right thing to wrap yourself in while you get your hair and makeup done. So no matter what style you're looking for, be it lace or silk, white, personalized or floral, you'll feel picture perfect and extremely comfortable.

A bridal robe ties around your waist and is easy to remove when it's time to get dressed. You don't want to wear something while getting ready that will go above your head and ruin your bridal hairstyle and/or makeup. When you pick one of these bridal robes or dressing gowns, your hair and makeup will stay on-point and you'll look great all morning long.



Willowby Separates

Bridal separates are everywhere! And they are breaking all the rules of traditional wedding fashion. These unique wedding day looks are chic, sexy and modern. With bridal separates you can have two pieces that combine to create a more traditional wedding day look - or mix and match for a completely un-traditional and un-expected wedding day style. Bridal separates are fun and playful. And lets be honest - don't we all like breaking the rules?



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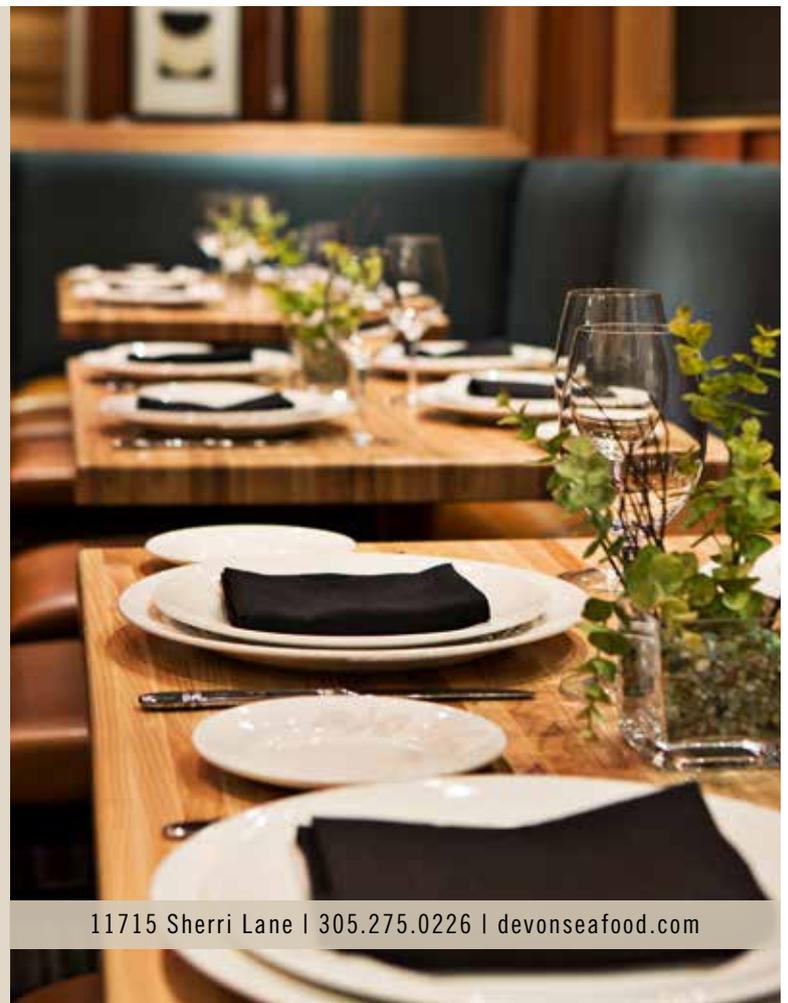
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Rehearsal dinners take place after the bride, groom, and wedding party rehearse the wedding ceremony in advance of the big day. A rehearsal dinner usually takes place the night before the wedding at a restaurant or the home of the groom's parents, since they are traditionally the hosts. The dinner can be a formal or casual event, so when you're deciding what to wear, you'll need to keep the venue in mind.



Black tie.

This style is more common for the actual wedding day, but you may see a request for black tie attire on a rehearsal dinner invitation. Men should wear a tuxedo to a black tie event, while women should wear a cocktail dress or long evening gown.

Formal or black tie optional.

A formal or black tie optional event indicates that the suggested attire is slightly less formal than a black tie event. Men may wear a tuxedo, but could also wear a dark suit and tie. Women may wear a cocktail dress, dressy suit or evening gown.

Dress for a "beach formal" event.

If the invitation states that the rehearsal dinner is beach formal, be prepared for an elegant event held outdoors. Guests should dress for the elements, including sun and sand. Men may wear a lightweight suit with a linen shirt, or khaki or linen pants with a cotton button-down shirt. Ties typically are not required at beach formal events. Women may wear a tea-length or knee-length sundress.

Select appropriate attire for a "semi-formal" or "dressy casual" rehearsal dinner.

For men, semi-formal attire indicates a suit and tie. A dark suit is recommended for evening events, while lighter colors may be appropriate for a daytime event. However, as most rehearsal dinners are held in the evening, darker colors are recommended. Women may wear a cocktail dress or a dressy skirt and top to a semi-formal dinner.

Dress for a "casual" event.

While casual dress to some people may mean jeans and shorts, in most cases that is not appropriate attire for a rehearsal dinner unless specifically noted on the invitation. Men should wear dress pants with a polo or button-down shirt to a casual rehearsal dinner. Women should wear a dress, or skirt or pants with a dressy blouse.

Check the invitation for dress details. The bride and groom or the groom's parents will have sent you an invitation noting the details of the rehearsal dinner. In addition to the time and date of the event, some invitations note the style of dress the hosts wish for guests to wear.



Vibrant Citrus wedding inspiration



Brides have gone for soft neutral tones for far too long. Adding bright colors to your wedding can be a scary thought, but if your adding vibrant tones in the right way it can also make it completely unforgettable!





Photographer - Kaitlyn de Villiers Photography

Venue - The Cellars-Hohenort

Model - Jessica Ledger

Hair & Make-up - by Almari

Wedding Gowns - Elizabeth Stockenstrom

Wedding Gowns Stationary - Pretty in Stains

Floral Art - Liezl Kotze

Cake - Connie's Cakery

Jewelry - Hayley Goodrich Accessories

Rental decor - My Pretty Vintage



When planning your color palette using such strong and vibrant colors be sure to use softer organic forms and less geometric ones. This softens the colors in such a romantic and elegant way.

The strong citrus color palette was inspired by bright grapefruits, limes and melons, contrasted against soft pastel fabrics and flower arrangements. Connie's Cakery designed a citrus shaded ombre wedding cake. Liezl's floral art created lush flower arrangements, working with berries for texture, and soft pink peonies to contrast the rich citrus shades. The cheerful, brush lettered wedding stationery from Pretty in Stains added the final touches to the table, bringing everything to life.

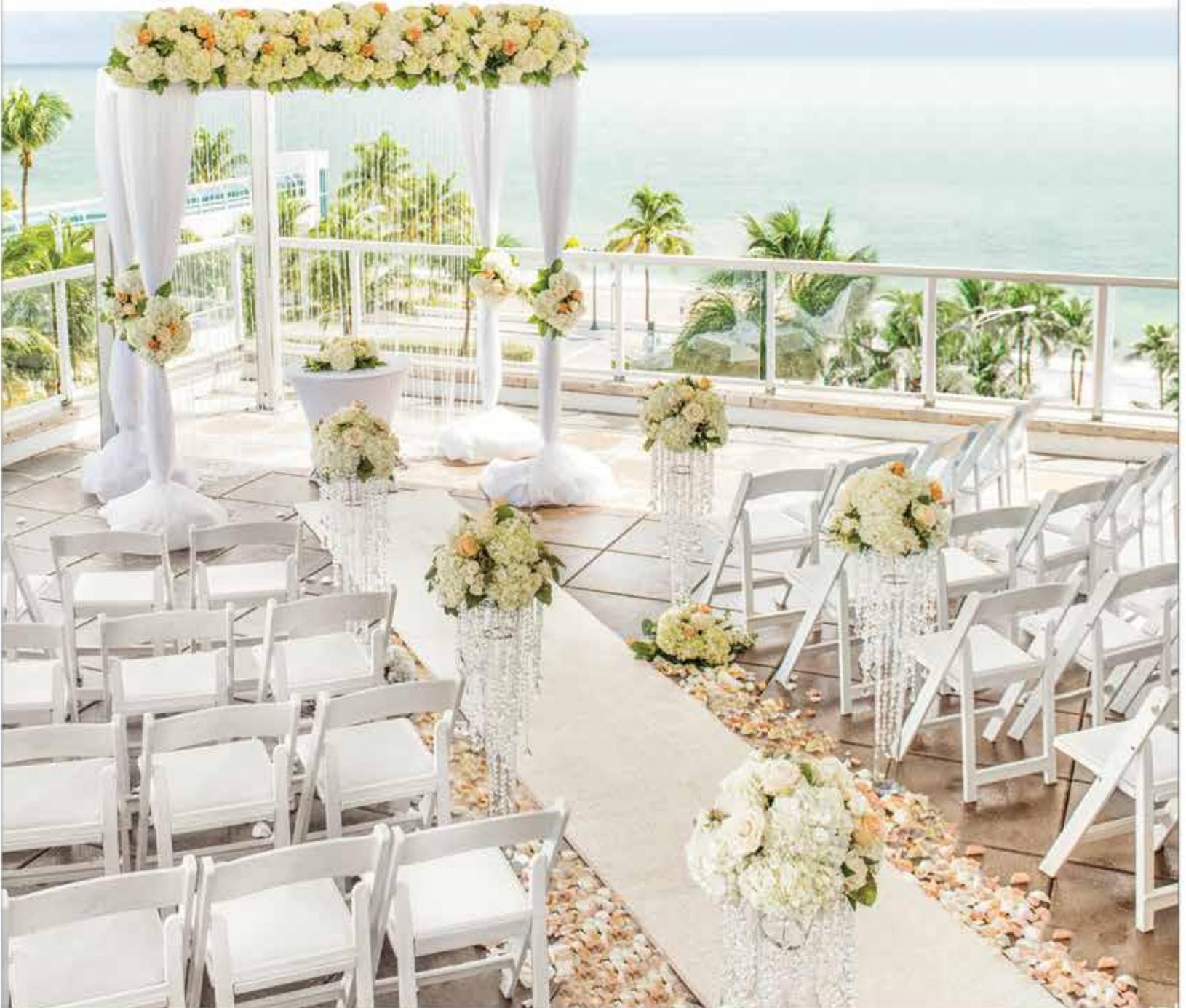


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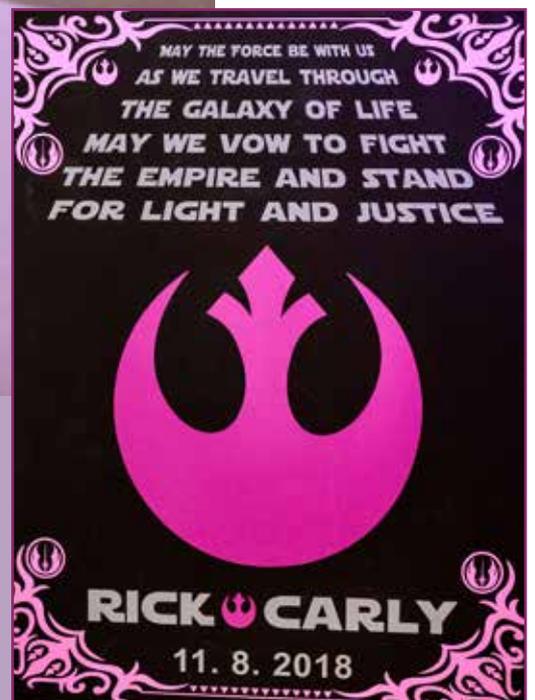
STAR WARS

WEDDING INSPIRATION



Star Wars became the theme of their wedding day. With the main color being purple, you could see hints of Star Wars from every side: Carly's earrings were shaped in the form of the Millennium Falcon. The theme was carried in the grooms tie, brides garter and favors. Tables were named after planets from the trilogy and the table for the guest book was shaped in the form of the Death Star.

STAR WARS



I met Carly+Rick shortly after their engagement in May, when Rick surprised Carly at work with their oldest son Braxton, who played a huge part in the proposal and was the first one to ask: Will you marry Rick? That's when Rick went down on one knee and asked Carly to be his wife in marriage. She said YES! They met while working in the Army Reserves, and became best friends before their friendship grew into something more.

They both love Star Wars so it wasn't a surprise when Star Wars became a theme of their wedding day. With the main color being purple, you could see hints of Star Wars from every side: Carly's earrings were shaped in the form of Millennium Falcon. The groom wore a themed tie, guests had a few Star Wars outfits, tables were named after planets from the trilogy. The table for the wedding favors, bride's garter, and the guest book was shaped in the form of the Death Star and custom-made from Etsy with R2-D2 guests sign-in mini plates. Introduction to the wedding stated the following: " May the Force be with us as we travel through the galaxy of life. May we vow to fight the empire and stand for light and justice!"





Details

DJ: Any Day DJ-Ramsey

Dress Store: The Bridal Suite

Floral Designer: Just Judy's Flowers

Officiant: Beach Preacher

Ceremony Location: Scenic Hills Country Club

Reception Venue: Scenic Hills Country Club

Photographer: Lazzat Photography, LLC





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Hot Summer Hairstyles

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A season of fun in the sun is upon us and that means warm temps and lots of sunshine! From tropical vacations, fun festivals and poolside days it always seems to make our days a little brighter and our hair a little crazier. When the humidity kicks in the struggle is real no matter what kind of hair you have, so why not get creative with styles to keep you and your hair cool. From ponytails to braids and buns, we've got insight on all the hottest summer hairstyles.

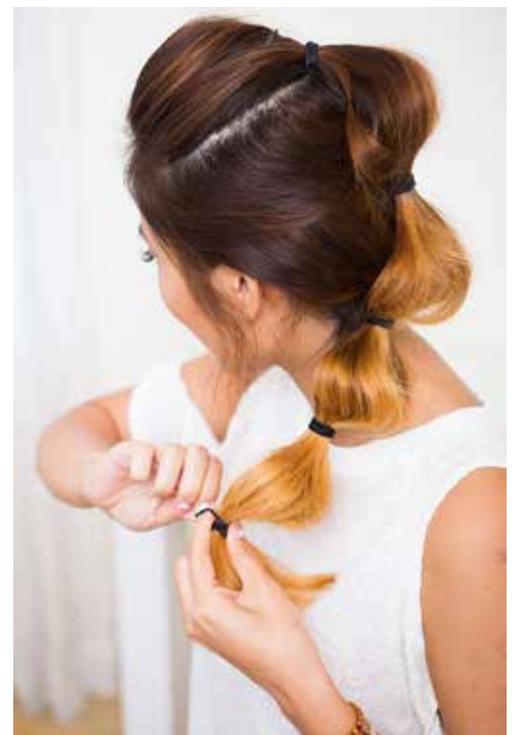
The Power Pony

Celebrities like Ariana Grande, JLO and Kim Kardashian never cease to amaze us with the power of a ponytail. This look is a modern spin on your basic ponytail pulling it super high on top of the head and wrapping a piece of hair around the base to conceal the hair tie. It's chic, powerful and most of all super playful! Clip in extensions for extra lift, keep it sleek and smooth or give it tousled volume, either way you will feel pretty and powerful.



Space Buns

What's better than one topknot? TWO! This Star Wars Princess Leia inspired style is here to stay all summer long! It has taken festival season by storm and has been spotted on celebrities like Kendall Jenner and Mille Bobby Brown who are definitely influential when it comes to style. The cool thing is the look can be styled a variety of different ways, as two high buns on top of the head, as two low buns on the back of the head, or half up half down. Whichever way you decide to rock this style, it will be young and fun all summer long!



The Bubble Pony

I want a boring ponytail said no one ever! Bubble Ponies are playful and a creative, revived twist on a standard ponytail that has been seen all over the runways of fashion week. It's a style that is far from boring, yet simple to do, and oh so stylish for summer. You can even change it up by trading the poufy round sections for sections of poufy fishtail braids. For added length and volume try clipping in extensions!

The Wedding Makeup Trends Every upcoming Bride Needs to Know

Here's how to get the Look!



Like many aspects of wedding planning, selecting a bridal makeup look can be a fun opportunity to incorporate a touch of your personal style. Whether you err on the side of trendy or timeless, doing your homework on the biggest wedding makeup trends is a great place to start. From bold lips to trendy metallics to defined brows, there are so many ways to take a wedding day look up a notch while still allowing your natural beauty to steal the show.

On the other end of the spectrum, it was all about being bold and embracing your inner rock star with statement-making beauty looks you can't miss. Case in point: The faux-hawks and metallic makeup at Naeem Khan. Other standouts include the sleek ponytails and silver lids at Berta, boho hair at Reem Acra, and vivid flower crowns at Wtoo by Watters.

Focal Feature

Whether you want to highlight your eyes, lips, brows, or cheekbones, 2019 brides are likely to focus on one particular feature to play up in their bridal makeup look. "No matter what season, embracing your natural features is always a wedding makeup trend while accentuating one focus feature. For example, smokey eyes with soft lips or soft eye makeup with bold lips," said Miranda Xiong of 139 Hair by Heidi in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

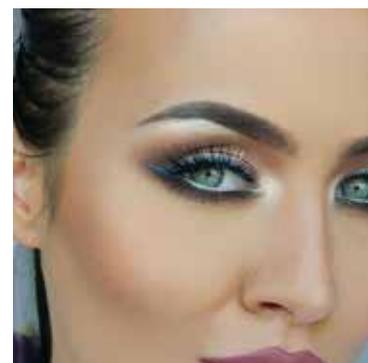


Healthy Skin

According to the experts, this year's brides are shying away from heavy foundation coverage and instead placing a greater emphasis on their pre-wedding skincare routine. "Brides want to still look like themselves and have the makeup enhance their natural features," said Aleesha Peterson of 139 Hair by Heidi. "Good skincare is becoming much more important to brides who want to have a natural, radiant glow."

Metallic Tones

Bronze tones on the eyes have swept wedding makeup trends in previous years, and Shields doesn't think the look will fade anytime soon. "Last year we saw a lot of metallics and we're certainly going with the flow." Miranda of 139 Hair by Heidi agreed, adding gold sparkles or shimmer will continue in popularity for this year's brides.



Statement-Making Lips

"Lips are being featured for the first time in a long time with the on-trend of red," Shields said. "The sum of a light complexion, popped eyes in neutrals and a bold lip equals what we think is what you'll see going down the aisle." For brides unsure if a bold lip is right for them, Shields recommends booking a trial-run to test out the look.

Unconventional Gifts Your Bridesmaids are Sure to Love...

Your bridesmaids are the gals that have, and will, stick by your side to the very end. Whether it's a large group or a handful of your nearest and dearest, it's possible that the months and weeks leading up to the big day have included a moment or two of calling in for reinforcements as you get closer to "I do". You'll feel compelled to show your appreciation, not just for standing by your side at the altar but for all the time they've spent being your friend.

1. Get a little something just for her.

Rather than try to find a handful of things that will work for everyone, why not focus on getting one specific gift, tailor-made for each friend? Maybe you've got a fashion-savvy maid of honor, and a beauty-obsessed best friend, and a few friends in between. Spend some time thinking about what might be the perfect addition to an arsenal they already possess, or something you've heard them mention that would be fun to surprise them with--whether that's a great accessory, a cookbook, or a gift card for a blowout!



2. Craft the ultimate gift box.

A collection of all the things one might need on the big day could be just the thing to take the pressure off of a bridesmaid wanting to make sure all the details are covered! Mini bottles of champagne, cute flats to replace their heels on the dance floor, a handful of chocolates or truffles, even tube of lipstick officially declared "the color of the day" combine the practical with a taste of fun, sure to last beyond just the wedding day.



3. Everybody loves a monogram.

We're here for anything branded, whether it be hangers for their bridesmaid dresses, bouquet ribbons, or something to get ready in the morning of the wedding. A tote or duffel bag might be just the thing she needs to pack up and hit the road when the next girls' trip calls!



4. Go for a day at the spa.

Massages, manicures, blowouts...the gift of pampering will never go out of style, and even if you're not with them when they go for their hot stone massage, you can rest assured knowing a day at the spa might be exactly what the doctor (and the bride) ordered.



5. Gift a framed photo.

Who's to say the gift-giving has to happen prior to your walk down the aisle? The only thing that lasts beyond the wedding day are the pictures to prove it; have a shot of the two of you from the day as bride & bridesmaid set in a frame she'll love.



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How to Make a **Mimosa** Bar that Brings Your Event to the Next Level

from The Zola Team

Getting ready to plan your next wedding celebration or looking for an excuse to get friends and family together to celebrate your engagement? Our DIY mimosa bar is exactly what you need to take your brunch to the next level and create a fun experience for the entire party. Not only is our seven-step guide to making the perfect mimosa bar easy, but it lets guests join in on the fun and make their own drinks—leaving you to enjoy the party along with them. We've created four drink recipes for you as well as a step-by-step guide to make the setting-up process run as smoothly as possible.



In order to create the perfect mimosa bar, you'll need a few key ingredients. Since one bottle of champagne is equivalent to around six to eight mimosas, keep your guest list in mind when shopping for your favorite bottles of bubbly. Here are the essentials you'll need to make a mimosa bar that will impress your guests.

Champagne: The number of bottles will vary depending on the size of your party. Consider purchasing one bottle of what you need per four guests.

Juices: We used pomegranate, pineapple, grapefruit, and orange juice, but feel free to select juices based on your taste and color scheme.

Garnishes: We used pomegranate seeds, strawberries, pineapple wedges, edible flowers, and rosemary, but any fragrant herb or complementing fruit will work too.

Juice carafes: Put your juices on display in unique vessels for a clean look like juice carafes. We used 12 oz. carafes for each flavor of juice.

Champagne flutes: Can't forget the most important part! Make sure you have enough champagne glasses available for everyone attending the party.

Sugar (optional): We created a sugaring station so guests have an option to add a sugar rim to their glass. In order to make the sugar stick, you will need to include a small bowl of lime juice or water.

Decorations: Some ideas include flowers, banners, straws, coasters, and flute charms.



BUILDING THE PERFECT WEDDING



How to Set Up a Mimosa Bar

Now it's time for the fun part! Follow these seven steps to create the ultimate mimosa bar for your next celebration. Feel free to add or skip any steps based on the supplies you can find and the number of guests at your party. Remember to have a theme in mind when setting up your mimosa bar. If you want to reuse your mimosa bar decor and supplies at your wedding, stick to the same color scheme.

Presentation is key and the same goes for your mimosa bar. In order to make sure guests can easily access all ingredients, set up your mimosa bar in order of sequence by starting with the champagne flutes and ending with garnishes, plates, and napkins. If you choose to add a sugaring station, make sure to have it at the beginning of the bar, since that's one of the first steps when making a mimosa.

Decorate your Bar

Whether you will be placing your mimosa essentials on a bar or a table, make sure to add some fun decor to complement the setup. Some ideas include banners, appetizers, confetti, and straws. For our design, we included mini muffins and cinnamon buns as appetizers for guests to snack on, as well as fun straws meant to accessorize their mimosas. If you're stuck on what to add to your bar decor, fresh flowers will help liven up the space and go great with any design.



Label your Juices

Pour your juices into serving glasses and label them so guests know what they are. Make sure the design of your labels works with the rest of your bar decor. We used heart shaped labels to match our love sign and banner. We also put our juices in 12-oz. carafes with wooden corks to compliment the rest of the table set up. Pro tip: Use clear jars so that guests can easily differentiate between the juices.

Mimosa Bar Recipes

Depending on the number of guests and your budget for the celebration, feel free to include as many options as you like.

Pineapple mimosa: champagne, pineapple juice, pineapple slices, and edible flowers.

Grapefruit mimosa: champagne, grapefruit juice, and rosemary.

Classic mimosa: champagne, orange juice, and strawberries.

Pomegranate mimosa: champagne, pomegranate juice, pomegranate seeds, and edible flowers.



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Details

Invitation Designer: 24th Ave Designs

Bakery: The Starfish Cottage

Equipment Rentals: Different Look

Jewelry: Rochenne Sol Jewelry

Veils and headpieces: Roxana Lynch

Beauty: Makeup by Safai

Beauty: Vanessa G Beauty

Tuxedo and Mens Attire: My Grooms Room

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Dress Store: A and Be Miami

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With the Atlantic Ocean as its backdrop, Pelican Grand -- part of the Noble House Hotels & Resorts collection -- couples Old Florida grandeur with seaside elegance to offer guests a coastal-chic waterfront retreat. And unlike its overly modernized, trendy and sometimes pretentious neighbors, Pelican Grand Beach Resort is Fort Lauderdale’s luxurious hideaway found off the beaten path, perfect for lovers as it’s close enough to enjoy all Fort Lauderdale and South Florida has to offer, yet far enough away to quiet the sound.

The chilled Floridian vibe continues in the nearly all-suite product, configured in city and ocean view rooms, with the more spacious being the queen and king oceanfront suites. As of February 2019, the resort completed a \$7 million total guest room renovation, which honored the existing property’s old Floridian charm while blending sleek, modernized concepts and boho-inspired elements to provide a quaint and tranquil experience.



Channeling vacation vibes, sand between the toes and relaxed luxury, the rooms are dressed in an intentionally tonal color palette of warm creams, clean whites and soft grey tones with splashes of bright Florida chroma to accentuate the resort’s best asset – the unobstructed sunrise and vast beachfront ocean views. Accessorized with coastal artwork using a variety of materials from frame prints and canvas to driftwood and nautical rope, each room also boasts spa-inspired fixtures, freestanding soaking tubs, walk-in showers and quartz countertops. To enhance your wedding weekend, the bride and groom or bridal parties can opt for an even more luxurious and expansive option in booking either the Sky Suite or Pure Suite a true jewel of the beach, boasting the very best views and the largest outdoor space on the water in Fort Lauderdale with a 1,100 sq. ft. balcony, complete with a rooftop shower, sunning area and Microsilk Tub.

Other posh points include a private dining room and living room, an exclusive elevator, state of the art marble steam shower, wet bar, stocked Nespresso amenities, as well as stocked soft drinks and juices. And perfectly situated steps from PURE SPA, the 11th floor penthouse provides an idyllic escape for guests who want to decompress and enjoy the all-natural experiences nearby. With plenty of options for fun in the sun, guests can enjoy beachfront lounging, on-site paddle boarding, floating down Fort Lauderdale’s only lazy river or taking in the views on the veranda. For those looking for ultimate relaxation leading up to the big day, PURE Spa offers the ideal solution serving up Scandinavian-inspired treatments located on the 11th floor rooftop. With floor-to-ceiling glass and unobstructed views of the Atlantic Ocean, spa goes unwind with unlimited relaxation ranging from a Swedish-style massage to hot stone therapy and vitamin c facials to the more lavish platinum hydra facial, the options are limitless. The spa also accommodates beauty prep in anticipation for “I do,” including manicures, pedicures, waxing, scrubs and more!



After your pedicure, you can sink your perfectly polished toes into the sand and take a bite of fresh, American fare at OCEAN2000 the resort's waterfront restaurant. This signature waterfront restaurant offers a "seafood centric" menu of contemporary American cuisine. With a distinct emphasis on regionally influenced fare, OCEAN2000 blends local produce and character into a refined sophisticated menu. The imaginative offerings pay homage to the local foodways, devoting itself to the fine combination of great mixology, good times and superior cuisine. Embracing spectacular waterfront views, the resort's expansive oceanfront verandah - lined with classic rocking chairs for quiet relaxation - is an ideal choice for breakfast, lunch, sundowner cocktails or the famed Sunday brunch that includes an unlimited Bloody Mary bar along with mimosas, a large variety of do-it-yourself stations.



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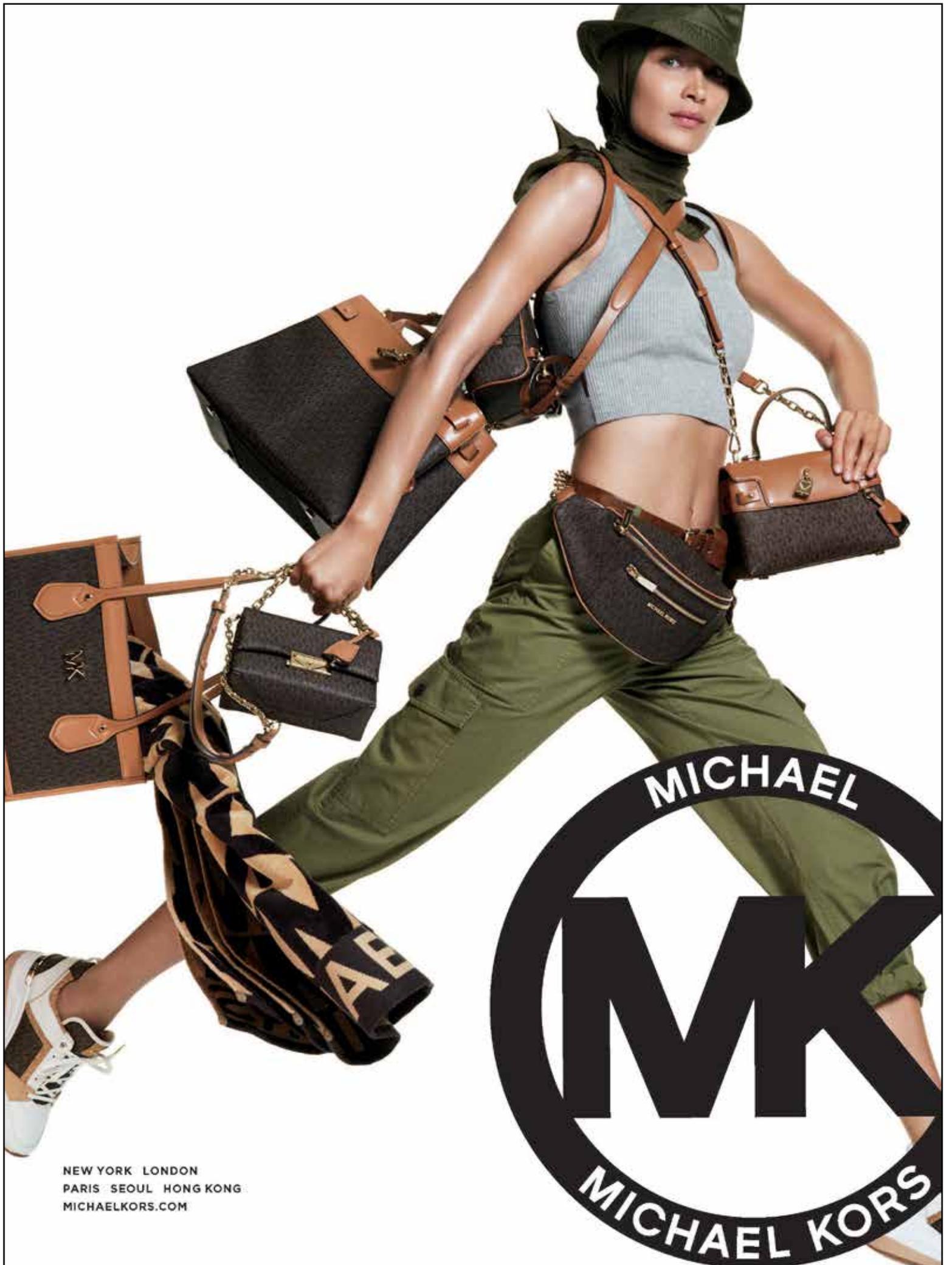
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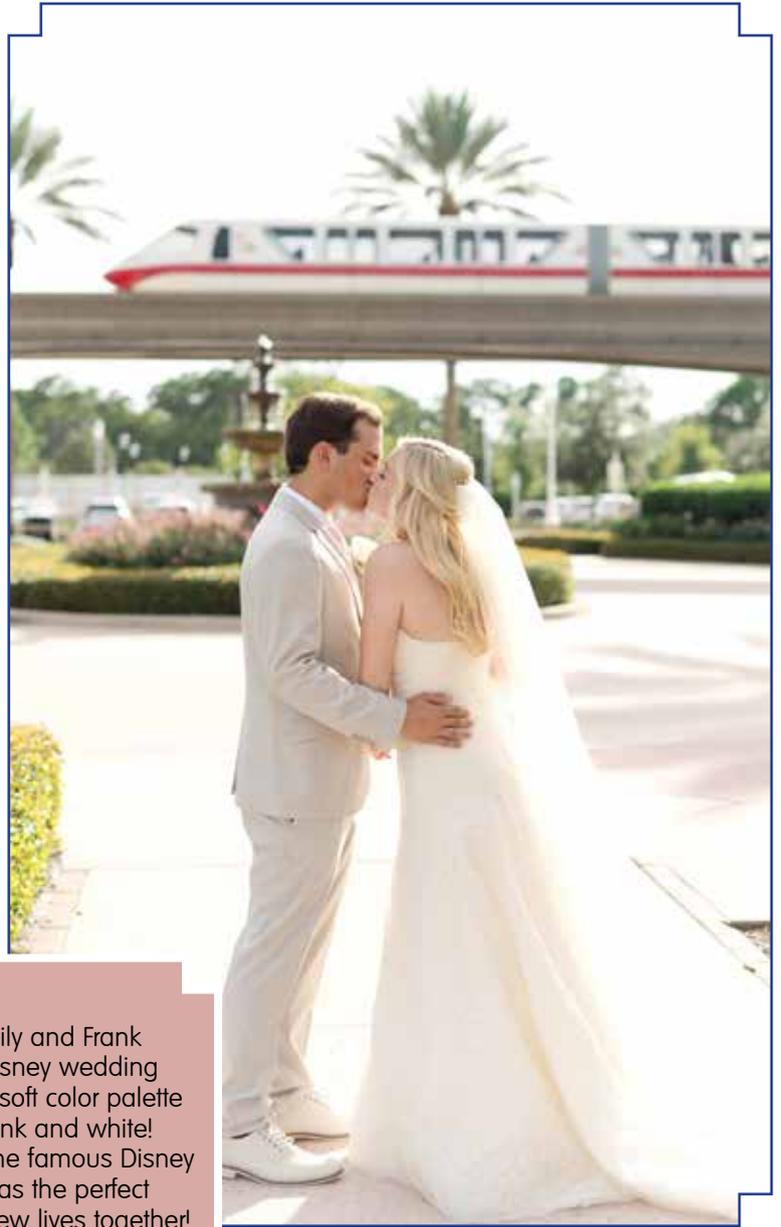
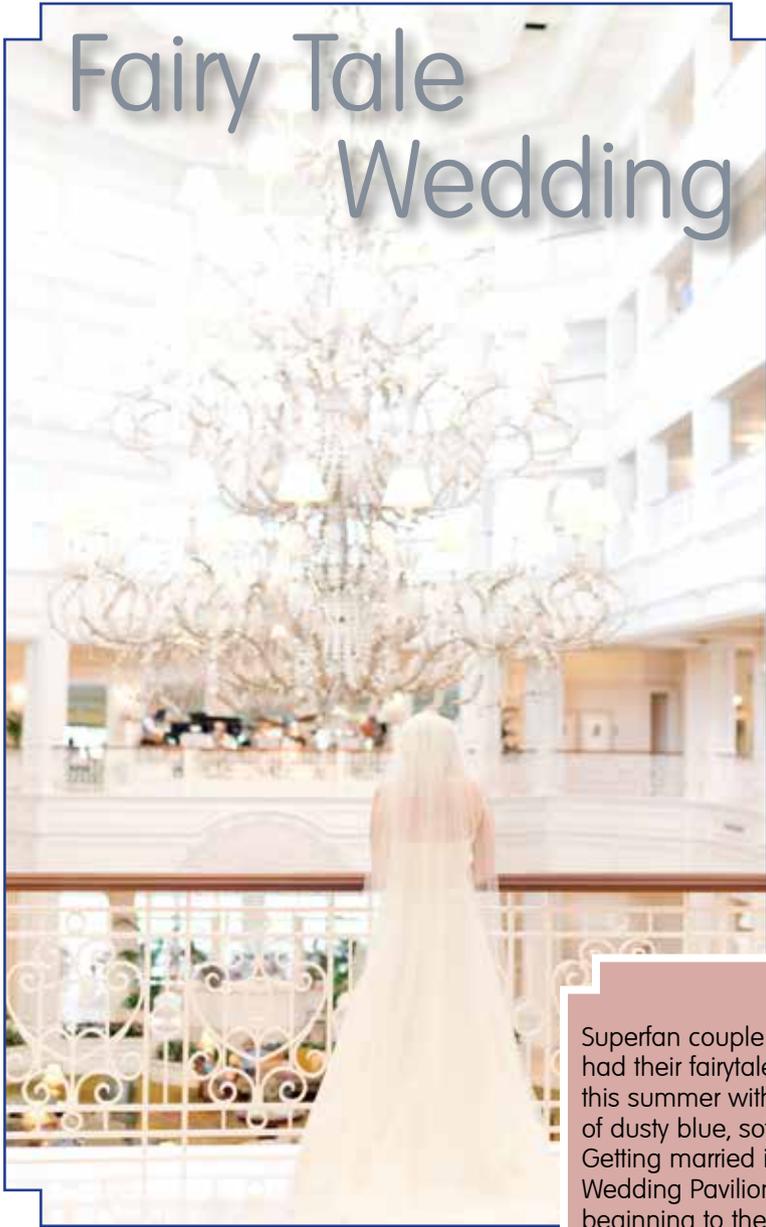
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Fairy Tale Wedding



Superfan couple Emily and Frank had their fairytale Disney wedding this summer with a soft color palette of dusty blue, soft pink and white! Getting married in the famous Disney Wedding Pavilion was the perfect beginning to their new lives together! As avid Disney fans, they spent many of their favorite memories there together. Frank proposed to Emily on the beach of the Polynesian Resort.





DJ: Power Entertainment DJ Service
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Event Venue: Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
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Where to sit or **where not to sit** That is the question?



The standard used to be that a newlywed couple would sit with the bridal party or their closest relatives at a long table at the reception. However, over the past decade couples are choosing to sit together at a smaller table known as a “sweetheart table” to spend time together after the ceremony. Neither way is right or wrong, so whatever you choose it’s a personal one. To help you with your choice we are presenting some positive and negative reasons of having or not having a sweetheart table for your reception. On a Positive note Sweetheart Tables are a personal space and sitting with just your spouse makes you feel like you are getting some time together between all the hecticness of the day. Placing a floral wall or backdrop behind a sweetheart table looks fabulous! Get creative and go with your floral designer’s ideas. Other ideas are special seats for the two of you to sit on. The Bridesmaids and Groomsmen can then sit with their spouse or date. When your bridal party is sitting at a head table, unless they have been paired together, they are separated. So, giving them the choice is thoughtful.

Longer tables allow you to spend more time with your bridal party especially if they have traveled from out of town. Longer tables may be a better option for a bride or groom that does not like to have a lot of attention placed on them.

On a negative note If you do choose a sweetheart table let the bridal party and your family know it is not meant to hurt anyone’s feelings. For example, if your parents are used to a tradition where the head table is reserved for family, they may be offended that you and your sweetheart want to sit by yourselves. It also puts you at the center of attention, this is not a downside for everyone, but if saying your vows in front of a crowd made you anxious and the prospect of your first dance makes your palms sweat, the idea of all eyes on you during dinner may be too much to bear.



Should you hire a Wedding *Stylist?*

Your wedding consultant will help you choose professionals for every other aspect of the wedding – the photographer, caterer, musicians, and florist are all carefully selected to ensure your guests are treated to a memorable experience – but many times the assistance of a professional stylist is overlooked, or presented as an afterthought. The style of the bride and bridal party sets the tone of the entire wedding, and choosing the perfect gown is one of the most important parts of planning your celebration! This is of course a personal choice. One of the most stressful parts of planning a wedding is choosing the right looks for the bride and the bridal party yet one of the most important aspects to set the wedding style. A bridal stylist usually has a group of designers they work with, and will help you find the perfect dress to assure you look and feel your best on your wedding day.

There are so many choices it can get overwhelming and that is where a stylist can help. Don't forget the shoes, your stylist can bring several different pairs with them for you to try on with your gown. That way you will be able to see which pair works for the style you choose. They can also ask for favors that are not always available for people not on the inside like rush orders. Not all designers are carried in local stores, a stylist may have access to them. They will also help you choose the perfect length and style of veil to go with your gown. If your boutique does not carry accessories, your stylist can bring in several choices from different boutiques so you can see the final look all put together. A bridal stylist can coordinate the entire bridal party look from mother of the bride and groom to the entire wedding party. Are you going to change into a second dress for the reception? Do you need something special to wear for your rehearsal dinner or day after brunch? A stylist will help you decide what the perfect choice of dress would be keeping you within budget. A professional can add special treasured items such as your grandmother's locket or a family heirloom to use on the wedding day, or help you find the perfect gifts for your bridal party. It is without doubt that a bride can benefit from the help of an expert.





Let's bring on the Bubbly

from our friends at:



It goes without saying that every wedding needs some sparkle. Planning a wedding is an exciting time in a couple's lives, albeit stressful with all the details that need to be thought through. Moët & Chandon is here to ease the beverage planning with champagne tips for every step of the way from their Winemaker Marie-Christine Osselin.

Beginning with the proposal through to the end of the wedding night, Moët has different champagnes to pour and ways to incorporate into the big day:

Proposal:

The proposal is the perfect moment to celebrate with Champagne! When choosing which champagne, first think about what the bride likes - if she loves rosé, go for Moët & Chandon Imperial Rosé. It is our flagship Rosé Champagne with fruity, romantic flavors and I'm sure she will love it. If she prefers something crisper, go with Imperial Brut.



Bridal Shower:

Moët Minis are the perfect bridal shower accessory. Tie a nametag along the neck of the mini with the guest's name and table number for them to enjoy as they find their seat. Alternatively, as the most loved Champagne brand, give away a Moët Imperial Mini as a special something to thank guests for coming to celebrate the bride to be! Tie a pretty ribbon in the bride's color palate around the neck, with a "Thank You" note attached.



Bachelorette Party:

Kick off the "last fling before the ring" with the first of its kind - Ice Imperial or Ice Imperial Rosé - champagne to be enjoyed over ice! Have the girls bring some fresh fruit and ice cubes and create their own unique refreshing cocktails with Champagne over ice.



Rehearsal Dinner:

Marie-Christine recommends choosing a special champagne to thank your family and friends for their love and support during the wedding preparation, with one of Moët's Grand Vintage Wines. Choose Grand Vintage Brut 2009 or Grand Vintage Rosé 2009 as a special way to symbolize the time and love your parents have invested in you, and they'll appreciate the thought you've put into it.



Wedding:

Moët has something for every step of the big day. Bridal parties are known to pop some bubbly while getting ready before walking down the aisle. Start the day off with a classic Imperial Brut. On a hot summer day, let guests enjoy Ice Imperial after the nuptials. Not only will it cool them off but will also get everyone in the celebration mood! Not getting married in the summer? No problem! Moët was the first brand to coin the Champagne tower - why not have a beautiful tower during cocktail hour for guests to not only take a photo for social media, but also enjoy a glass of bubbly to kick off the evening. During dinner, pour a Grand Vintage to pair well with a variety of foods - meats, chicken, even fish. For cake and dessert, offer guests Nectar Imperial Rosé, as the sweetness in the wine will pair perfectly with the cake.

New York Fashion Week 2019

The Best Runway Looks at New York Fashion Week Spring 2019



1

ROSIE ASSOULIN

Rosie Assoulin has long mastered the art of swoon-worthy gowns, but this season she proved her design chops go well-beyond that. Amongst a mix of whimsical dresses and ballgowns, Assoulin managed to make tailored suiting and separates look just as dreamy. A floor-length skirt was styled over a button-down shirt and wide-leg trousers for the woman who wants to wear both the pants and the gown.



2

MICHAELS KORS

Patti Hansen served as the inspiration behind Michael Kors' fall collection. The end result was a series of ultra '70s, Studio 54-inspired pieces that channeled the model/rock 'n' roll icon's signature look. The cherry on top of Kors' nostalgic disco fest? A surprise live performance by Barry Manilow singing "Copacabana" for the finale walk.



3

COACH 1941

Stuart Vevers is all about contrasts; juxtapositions; mix and match; opposites attract. His point of view for Coach 1941 is all about taking the frilly and fussy and pairing it with a utilitarian toughness that balances both ends out. Cap off the look with shoes you can actually strut (or stomp) the streets in, along with a carry-all that's far from a dainty clutch.



4

SALLY LAPOINTE

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

OSCAR DE LA RENTA

Laura Kim and Fernando Garcia are perfecting their vision at Oscar de la Renta. It's been two years since the design duo took the creative reins at the fashion house and their Fall 2019 collection proved to be their strongest yet. Opening with a series of strong suiting, checked coats, and reimagined tweeds.



6

PHILLIP LIM

"Make less, mean more" is Phillip Lims philosophy for his latest collection. It's clear he's a designer who is giving more thought to sustainability and the conscious consumer as his brand moves towards the future. The designer announced his label would go fur-free the morning of his show.

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7

LELA ROSE

Lela Rose's love of dogs not only inspired her Fall 2019 collection, it also led to a full-on dog show on the runway. Making for an unexpected NYFW moment, the designer staged the "Roseminster Dog Show" (the Westminster Dog Show, but make it fashion) on a turf-covered runway surrounded by mini white picket fences.



8

CAROLINA HERRERA

Wes Gordon is putting his stamp on Carolina Herrera and it's a bold one with a young, bright outlook. The procession of looks that showed this morning at the New York Historical Society included abstract florals of blue and yellow, chiffon gowns in lemon and pink, mixed with black and white suiting and duster coats.



9

PRABAL GURUNG

Prabal Gurung began his namesake label after a 5-year stint at Bill Blass, and perhaps as a result, his collections always seemed pointedly designed with the New York woman in mind. This season (and in his last two collections), his point of view has a more of a globetrotting feel, focusing more on his native Kathmandu and the world beyond.



10

TORY BURCH

Tory Burch took her preppy Americana vibes back in time to North Carolina for Fall and Black Mountain College in particular, an art school founded in 1933 (and open for a mere 25 years). In its short life the school taught such heavy-weights as Cy Twombly and Franz Kline.



11

BRANDON MAXWELL

Brandon Maxwell's runway shows feel like a celebration—this one was a nod to "resolving where I am," according to his show notes. Perhaps, where he is a very glam cocktail party loosely inspired by the mid-90s, with Carolyn Bessette-worthy streamlined black and white dresses and ballgowns.



12

HELLESSY

The Hellessy woman won't be hiding behind an all-black wardrobe come fall. It was an explosion of color and texture on Sylvie Millstein's runway—one that ranged from suiting separates to party dresses. Blending in wasn't an option with pops of neon, tall wide-brim hats, colorful prints, and strong '80s silhouettes.



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Designer Wedding Gowns: From Sketch to Dress

*Badgley
Mischka*

The classic glamour of the '40s is a staple of Mark Badgley and James Mischka's design style, and from the looks of this open-back fit-and-flare gown, their next crop of dresses won't disappoint!



*Claire
Pettibone*

Embark on a journey through the four seasons, with an Art Nouveau influence, in Claire Pettibone's new designs. The season depicted in this colorfully embroidered gown? Unequivocally spring.



Hayley Paige

Are you "a go-getter, a good human, and a phenomenal dancer"? Look no further than Hayley Paige's celestial new collection. "Meet 'Chandon':

She is what I like to call Champagne wishes in ball gown form," says Paige of the sketch shown here.

Ines Di Santo

Ines Di Santo cited the sweetest inspiration for her latest wedding dresses: exquisite Parisian confections! Also: "I travel around the world meeting brides, and what they dream of is so varied," Di Santo says. "People can expect to see a collection emerged from my respect for the spirit and style of today's lovely brides." Sure enough, this sketch depicts both femininity with its Juliet sleeves and presence in its ball gown skirt.



Watters

The fringe and lucent chiffon fabric the team at Watters is utilizing in their new line aim to transform a bride's movements into design elements within themselves. Other standout details: beaded straps, capelets, and a full overskirt. This dress, the Ferrera, "exemplifies the joyous and celebratory aspect of weddings," Xay Vongphachanh, creative director at Watters, says. "I loved the idea of harnessing the actions of our brides into the mesmerizing motion of the beaded fringe."



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Videographer: Kenneth Cooper Films
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Dress Shop: Something Bleu Bridal
Dress Designer's: Lea-Ann Belter- Olvi
Bridal Shoes: Something Bleu Bridal
Bridal Accessories: Something Bleu Bridal -Tess Original's
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Hair & Makeup artist: Make Me Fabulous
Stationary: Paper Dolls of Saratoga
Wedding Cake: Gingersnap Cake Shop



BETSEY JOHNSON

Known for her celebration of the exuberant, the embellished and the over the top, Betsey has been rocking the fashion industry with her unique and original designs since the 1960's. Her commitment to remain true to her one-of-a-kind vision has afforded Betsey continued success in an industry known for its fickleness. Her ability to change with the times while keeping her designs pure has not gone unnoticed.

Betsey Johnson, both the woman and the label, is constantly moving forward and continues to keep a strong foothold in the fashion industry with no signs of letting up anytime soon. Her love of detail and design is evident in everything she does in life and in business. Her enthusiasm, creativity and boundless talent that have kept her at the forefront of fashion for the past 45 years will keep Betsey going for years to come.



MEET THE FASHION ICON: BETSEY JOHNSON



I worked for 10 years in the industry before starting my namestake brand, and between the '60s and '70s, I realized that I wanted to be my own boss, have my own company, do my own thing. I simply just didn't want to work for anyone anymore.

I cast my shows to represent the world I see around me, and that is the most important thing to me.



Nothing can keep you creative, you either live it and you have it, you either do it or you don't. There is no time zone, season, or reason for you to be creative. You just have to motivate yourself and be your own biggest source of energy!



You have to work really really really hard, but you should want to work hard. I think you make your own luck. I've been lucky in my life, but that is because I've worked hard. I believe the same thing can happen for any other young women out there. Women like Tina Turner, Madonna, and Janis Joplin have always been huge inspirations for my clothing and in my life.



Wedding Website

Should I get rid of it after I am Married?

Nowadays you shop online, you make friends online and some of us even find love online! According to research Brides spend 1 of every 12 waking minutes or 43 hours a month online. So if most people you know have an email account and are checking their computers, smartphones or tablets as often as it seems, it kind of makes sense to create your own wedding website. But should you keep it after the wedding?



We have been hearing brides ask that question.

It feels like an old friend, you've told your love story and planned your Big Day on it, and you're not quite ready to let it go. What to do, what to do? Fret no more, because we have some ideas that will make the transition easier for you. Though a lot of the information that is on it has happened you can hide those particular pages, and keep them as a keepsake digitally.



If you paid for a custom site you can keep it as long as you like. Upload your wedding photos onto it to share with family and friends. Share your honeymoon pictures, and let everyone know the adventures you went on and the fun you had together.

To extend it even further you can turn it into a blog. By posting on it you can still be linked to those who are close to you. Show them the new sink in the kitchen, the new décor in your living room, and what color you painted the babies room! Just saying...

Having your own wedding website is just another chance for you to celebrate your love. Even after the big day, by keeping your wedding website, you're bringing everyone in on the fun and sharing your life with them long after the wedding is over!



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WHAT'S TRENDING Trends that are going to be huge this year



Getting married ? Don't worry, we have got you covered with all the latest!

Wedding Styling

Colin Cowie, the party and wedding planner of choice for celebrities like Jennifer Aniston, Tom Cruise, Jennifer Lopez, Oprah Winfrey, Ryan Seacrest and Kim Kardashian.

Being in the industry for as long as I have, I can quickly pick up on a few things we can expect to see this year: keep an eye out for the return of modern, contemporary, minimalist looks, less is more. Out with the over-the-top floral walls and in with non-traditional florals composed of wheat or grass. Round ceremonies are something I've always enjoyed designing because they ensure friends and loved ones are no more than a few feet away from the couple, creating a more intimate atmosphere. Eco-friendly weddings will definitely be trending this year, and with that will continue the rise of vegan meal options.

Invitations & Wedding Stationery

Giant Invitations is one of the leading luxury wedding invitation companies (commonly chosen for celebrity weddings including Vanessa Williams) comments:

"Metallic hot stamp foiling has always been popular and it continues to grow. This year we will expect to see a higher demand for copper foiling, followed by the popular rose gold foiling. You will also see more nature inspired invitations and softer touches including the use of watercolours and deckled edges. A popular trend for 2019 includes adding your own custom illustration of the venue to the invitation! Taking a page from the traditional and classic designs, interlocking monograms and monogram wreaths are back! Using the couple's initials, monograms are an amazing way to add a personal touch. Lastly, there will be a greater demand for custom designed envelopes. Expect to see more bold colored envelopes and linings."



Cakes

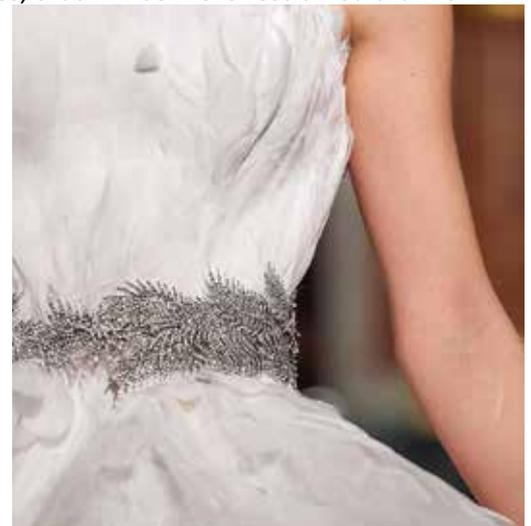
The famous and multi award-winning cake designer Faye Cahill predicts the trend of artistic and fun styles for 2019. Faye comments:

"Think painted watercolour finishes, palette knife textures, fondant ruffles, drippy icing and abstract sculptures of chocolate and isomalt (a technical clear sugar). You will also find fun and optimistic cakes. Following the announcement of living Coral as the colour of the year, I think we will see a move away from dull neutrals to more vibrant hues. For wedding cakes, that will be more restrained than for celebration cakes, however some couples will choose to go all out and express the joy of their union."

Bridal Gowns

From the Bridal Fashion Week, we found 2019 gowns will include plenty of bows, sparkles, statement sleeves, halter gowns, capes, touches of colour, multi-tiered dresses, and as Alin Le' Kal (the celebrity couture designer who just debuted his collection at Paris Fashion Week) comments:

"Designers are just loving feathers! It is going to be everywhere. Crystals and Feathers, you can't go wrong! I think we could possibly still see feathers in 2020."



DRESSING FOR THE WEDDING

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FASCINATOR

Is your outdoor ceremony a little more fancy than casual? Dress it up with a matching fascinator.

ACCESSORIZE

There can never be too many accessories! Accent with a beaded bracelet to dress up the outfit.



CASUAL SUNDRESS

Always be prepared for the hot summer months with an outdoor or beach ceremony. A casual sundress is cool yet elegant.



SHOES

Though some guests opt for the barefoot beach look at the seaside wedding, it's always a good idea to have a pair of beach wedding shoes ready for your big day.



BEACHY EARRINGS

Plan for something lightweight when attending an outdoor event. Keep it simple and classy.



STYLISH BELT

Adding a belt to the sundress can dress up the style and get you reception ready!



BOLERO JACKET

If the weather is colder or very breezy at the outdoor event, bring along a light bolero jacket. It's not too heavy, and will really stand out at the more formal reception!



SMALL CLUTCH

Forget the bulky purse! A small clutch for an outdoor or beach wedding makes it easier to handle, and still has enough room for just the essentials.

formal guest

DRESSING FOR THE WEDDING

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ELEGANT EARRINGS

A must have for any formal event or occasion. The stylish bling will compliment your formal dress.



HAIR

Adding a classy gold hair pin will top off your formal affair look.

STATEMENT PIECE

Go big on the necklace and really try to make a statement. After all, it's the first thing they see when you walk into the room!



ACCESSORIZE & CUSTOMIZE

Your accessories play a major part in the overall look of your formal attire. Don't be afraid to dress it up! Try multiple bracelets to add that wow factor.



ACCESSORY BELT

Dress up that formal dress with a stylish belt. Keep it formal with some gold or silver highlights. Cinching the waste will stylize the whole ensemble.



CLASSY CLUTCH

Make sure your clutch has that added bling to stand out from the crowd. A clutch is easier to handle and looks more formal than a shoulder purse.



BLACK SHOES

Typical black shoes add that elegance to any affair. Especially if they have that touch of bling. Keep the heels medium in height. Remember you will be dancing!



Grooms Corner

2019 Wedding Fashion Trends for Grooms



Everyone will be turning heads to see the bride when she walks down the aisle, but there's no reason why the groom can't also have some fun with his wedding day attire! As grooms are slowly included in more of the planning and taking ownership over their fashion and style choices for the day we are seeing so many new trends for grooms and we love it! This year your grooms style will be more elevated, sophisticated, and fun. Here's what's trending for our Grooms...

Navy and Black Suits

We've spent decades worrying about clashing navy with black, but in 2019 designers are putting these colors together for a sleek look. We really love a royal blue suit with black lapels that's perfect for a wedding in a boutique hotel or even a black tie affair.



Showstopper Shoes

Who doesn't love a good wingtip, this year is all about defying expectations with groom looks, which includes mixing up the outfit with some incredible shoes. Even if you're wearing a fairly conservative suit, you can still spice it up by wearing cool sneakers or dress shoes in a bold color like khaki, blue or magenta.



Fun and Colorful Socks

Fun and colorful socks have been the thing the last several years, but you are sure to see more of them. Display your interests right on your socks in a colorful fashion. Colorful socks are so in style right now that it might actually look a little strange if you're not wearing them!

The Three-Piece Suit

Grooms have been more or less ditching the vest and cummerbund for a more casual suit with just a tie and a pocket square. This year three-piece suits are going to be back and bigger than ever. The three-piece suit is the ultimate elegant throwback piece. A three-piece is a bit more formal than a regular suit, but the jacket can be removed and the sleeves can be pushed up for the reception.



Hats Off ! to our Grooms!

Best Hats for your Personality Type



As one of the most iconic, timeless, and luxurious fashion accessories in the world, a Panama hat is a must-have for stylish men and women alike. But despite its fame and esteemed reputation, the Panama hat can be somewhat of a mystery. For starters, contrary to what the name suggests, Panama hats are not from Panama. They are from Ecuador. More specifically, they are made of Ecuadorian straw from the toquilla palm plant. Allow us to give you a little Panama hat history: Back in the early 1600s, hat weaving became a growing industry in Ecuador. While the town of Montecristi is considered the birthplace of these fine hats, the city of Cuenca has since become a major hub of hat makers. Fast forward to 1904, when United States President Theodore Roosevelt was photographed wearing an Ecuadorian straw hat at the site of the Panama Canal. It was that moment when the Ecuadorian “montecristi hat” became known around the world as a Panama hat. Now that you’ve been schooled on the particulars of the Panama hat, it’s time to see our top picks that will level up your wardrobe based on your own personality.

Classic: Fedora Panama Hat

You prefer clean lines, tailored fits, and will always choose timeless over trendy. As such, a classic fedora Panama hat is just your speed. Suited for both men and women, Chronicle by Biltmore won’t disappoint with its lightweight hand-woven Ecuadorian straw construction and shorter 2-inch brim that keeps things orderly without venturing into dreaded trilby territory. To prove that simple does not mean boring, the map print on the double bow trim adds an unexpected dash of charm. Available in caramel or grey.



Hipster: Pork Pie Panama Hat

Admit it. You’re a hipster. You have the tats, vinyl, thick-rimmed glasses, and beard to prove it. So naturally you want to rock a pork pie hat, that fly short-brim topper beloved by jazz musicians since the 1940s. Although these flat-topped hats are usually constructed of wool felt, go against the grain with the Montegro straw pork pie hat by Biltmore. Made in the USA from handwoven Ecuadorian straw, this smart-looking straw hat features a simple black grosgrain band and unobtrusive 2-inch brim that’ll take you from your daytime co-working office space to late-night concerts in the park. For more fashion inspo, check out these other hipster hats to add to your shopping wish list.



Adventurous: Outback Panama Hat

You like to take chances and your unyielding sense of adventure translates into all aspects of your life, including your wardrobe. So why would you choose anything less than Muirfield by Scala, a versatile statement-making Panama hat with style to spare? Breathable and lightweight, this hand-woven straw hat features a handsome vented crown and a three-inch brim for optimum sun protection. The slim, stitched leather band adds just a dash of flair.

Elegant: Safari Panama Hat

Quality is your middle name. You believe that you get what you pay for, which is why you’d rather invest in a well-curated collection of essentials than a trove of trendier items that won’t be in season a few months from now. Naturally, an authentic Panama hat is a must for your closet.



To that end, consider Roswell by Scala Classico, a most sophisticated safari hat crafted from hand-woven Grade 8 Ecuadorian straw. Ideal for dressier daytime affairs, this high-quality hat will make you feel and look like a Hollywood star.

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Crystal Tiara

Maybe you aren't officially a royal, but your wedding day is the perfect excuse to pretend. This Swarovski crystal crown is sure to make you feel like a princess.



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This set of three bobby pins can be arranged throughout different sections of your hair, or can be placed together to create a sparkling bouquet.

Hair Comb

These work well for accenting an updo or embellishing a simple veil, particularly a birdcage veil. You can also often find a comb to perfectly match any adornments on your gown!





The Butterfly Bow Tie

This is a bow tie that tends to go in and out of style over the years. It is the largest of all the bow ties, making it difficult to wear in proportion for many people. These ties often flare out quite a bit as well, meaning they work well for people who are broad shouldered... or have broad egos. There will always be a place for these in a formal setting, but this bow tie isn't the right choice for everyone.



Butterfly

The Diamond Bow Tie

If you're looking to follow the traditional bow tie style, but want to add a little adventure into the mix, then this is the right bow tie for you. You'll often see a diamond bow tie worn by James Bond and other action stars in the movies. If you want to really draw attention to yourself at a formal event, this is definitely the bow tie to wear!



Diamond

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Thin



Skinny

The Thin Bow Tie

This is the bow tie that most people think of when they think of a formal bow tie. A little bit smaller than the traditional bow tie, it speaks to your sophistication and desire to look great during a formal event. The best part is that just about anyone can wear this style of bow tie and look good!

The Classic Bow Tie

Bow ties that have a wing size of 2.25"-2.75" are most popular, and therefore will be available at any mens retailer. It is a bow tie that will be a safe choice for any black tie attire function regardless of the wearer's height and weight. If you want to be safe and do not like to stand out, then this bow tie will be the right choice for you.



ENJOY THE SWEET TREATS OF SUMMER!

For the brides look Sara Ray used bold orange tones and styled her hair in a loose braided style. For a bold and crisp look for the decor the designer chose a more romantic, perfectly detailed lace dress by Jessi Rae to show brides that even if they want to go bold they can still look as romantic and dreamy as ever!

CITRUS GLAM!



Inspired by the scents in the air of the citrus blooms around this time of year, and by creating something bold, colorful, fun and crisp to inspire all those summer brides to be. Those bold beautiful colors of citrus. Using oranges, lemons and limes



The venue served as the perfect backdrop for our shoot from its gorgeous landscaped garden to the beautiful rustic wood aspects. Stationary was designed by Perfect Day Productions and incorporated a citrus design in all of those gorgeous orange and green tones. The floral art by The Twisted Tulip FLA was just swoon-worthy with the bold tones that popped.





This beautiful citrus cake was created by Got Candy and More. It was pivotal to have the exact orange tone throughout with hints of yellow and greens, for it all to tie in. The Bolder the better with this color scheme!



THE DETAILS

Dress Store: Jessi Rae Bridal
 Hair Stylist: Sara Ray Hair & Makeup
 Bakery: Got Candy and More
 Caterer: Runways at Bartow
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 Other: Southern Chairs
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Master Class

with Ron Ben-Israel

1. Make it personal

Your wedding cake should represent you as a couple. This means that there should be a distinguishing feature that marks the wedding cake as distinctly yours. Whether it represents your history, your dreams, or something more concrete like your hobbies, a cake should reveal/represent something about you both. Therefore, when working with a baker on the wedding cake design, give them photos of you and your significant other and recount important moments in the relationship.

2. Match your decor theme

In addition to personalizing the wedding cake, Ron recommends incorporating the wedding decoration into the design as well. This means that ordering your cake comes after you've established the theme of your wedding, so make sure you have plenty of time to discuss incorporating your décor. Bring your wedding invitations and flashcards (e.g. Pantone) of the color palette you've chosen for your wedding.

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