

Wedding Trends 2008

Colors

It is true, Platinum is the new chocolate brown for the season. This new trend color is easily pair with a number of complimentary colors such as bright aqua, pale pink and also yellow, which is a hot color seen on the runway this season. Some other colors that will be popular are aqua, soft pink, pale yellow, and coral for spring and summer. For fall and winter weddings; wine, purple, turquoise, navy, and emerald green will be in high demand. Also think of mixing bold jeweled tones with soft creamy colors to add an extra something to your color plate.

Wedding Dresses

Draping romantic dresses are going to be very popular this wedding season. Flowing fabrics, detailed floral designs, soft fabrics and sashes will play a big role along with modified A-line skirts and accenting the waist. In past years strapless dresses were popular, but this season we will see more off the shoulder or unique neckline that will create a more romantic feel. A new trend that is emerging is changing looks between ceremony and reception. Many will start with a romantic dress and up do, then for the reception let their hair down and don a much more casual dress. Also, color progression (light hue to bold colors) will be big too.

Hair Styles and Wedding Accessories

For the bride with long hair it is popular to wear it down with elegant waves and curls loosely pulled back with an embroider clip. In addition, shorter trains and veils are popular along with hair ornaments and gorgeous tiaras.

Wedding Bouquets

The majority of brides are using hand-wrapped bouquets, with wide stain ribbon to encircle the stems. For added personality, monogram charms, beads, pearls, or different shades of ribbon can be used.

Green Weddings

With threats of global warming, more and more couples are becoming eco-friendly with their weddings. Some ways to achieve this is by using organic food, flower arrangements and fabrics as well as recycled paper for invitation.

Designs by K has a wide selection of invitation styles, some of which are completely eco-friendly.

Wedding Ceremony

A new trend that more couples are incorporating is facing their guest during the ceremony. This allows the guest to be more included and gives the ceremony an intimate feel. Another way to give the wedding a more personal touch is by having couples write their own vows. This is not only special for the guest but also for the couple on an individual level. Traditional guest books remain popular, but a reoccurring trend is to have a wide bordered matting around a portrait of the happy couple and have guest sign it.

Wedding Reception

A new trend that Martha Stewart popularized was the candy buffet or confection bar. This allows guest to pick among the variety of different candies and sweets provided in small glass or crystal bowls and fill a little box or bag to take home as a favor. Another new promising trend is sampling stations. In one instance, guest can go to designated stations and choose among wine and cheese with instruction on pairing, or champagne and mixers. This will allow guest to go up and create their own mixed drinks or proper pairing. Another trend is having a play area set up with babysitters on staff to watch attending couples children. This will allow both parents and children to enjoy your wedding.

Invitation and Stationary

Wedding invitations are great at getting guest excited and informing them on the theme and style of the wedding. There are a number of great invitations that can be found these days. A great source for invitations is **Designs by K**. They offer a wide verity of invitations in an ample assortment of colors and designs that cater to any brides' needs and weddings' theme. Letterpress invitations will be a leading trend this season as well.

Photography

For wedding photography, more and more couples want pictures of the wedding from start to finish. This is why photo-journalistic photography will be a leading trend this year. It can feature candid pictures throughout the day that will give your wedding album a enjoyable feel that is not so stiff. Some brides also request occasional black and white picture for an artistic touch. Also make sure your other pictures are naturally posed and that you feel comfortable and have fun.

Wedding Favors and Gifts

There are many more favor alternatives to bottled bubbles or rose petals in a mesh bag. These days there are many great favors that are fashionable and functional. Some ideas for wedding favors this season are personalized chocolates or cookies, hand fans with the couples names and wedding date printed on the back, or CD compilations of the couple's favorite songs. Also themed favors are festive. For a winter wedding ornaments might be a

distinctive idea, and for a beach wedding; flowered lays or beach towels are a popular suggestion.

Wedding Cake

Many wedding cakes these days are multilayered displays of art. The typical wedding cake is a multilayered pyramid with an average size of 4 to 5 layers. However many brides are choosing to have each layer of their cake a different favor. This allows the bride and groom to have all their favorite flavors. Fondant and buttercream frostings remain the most popular. Now instead of typical bride and groom toppers, couples are replacing them with large monogram letters of their initials, sculptures or simply large cascading fresh flowers.

Wedding Theme

As far as wedding themes go the most popular are: “winter wonderland”, “garden”, “beach”, “butterflies”, “vintage glamour”, and “woodland/rustic.” Also ethnic inspired weddings remain popular.

Getting your Guest Input

There are several wedding websites that have proved to be very valuable. They enable you to keep in touch with guest and get their opinions on wedding topics you may be unsure of. They may also get involved with polls, quizzes or blogs.