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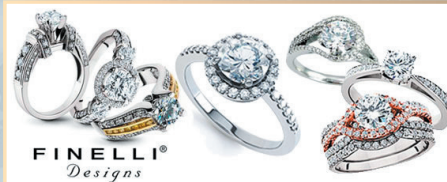
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How to feature *bright colors* in your wedding

An increasing number of brides and grooms are incorporating bright colors into their wedding outfits and decor. Here's how to do the same.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT COLOR

While red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet look great on a rainbow, it may be overwhelming to use them all at your wedding. Instead, choose only one or two of your favorite colors.

Or, choose colors based on the meaning behind them and the feelings they evoke. For example, green is the color of renewal and balance, while blue calls to mind feelings of serenity and peace.

USE COLOR JUDICIOUSLY

Incorporating colors into your wedding doesn't mean everything should be bright and bold. Instead, favor neutrals and use your chosen hue as an accent here and there. The bride's bouquet, bridesmaids' dresses, centerpieces and the groom and groomsmen's ties are perfect places to inject a vibrant shade.

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How to ace your wedding day makeup

All eyes are on the bride on her wedding day, and all cameras are too. Here are some makeup tips to ensure you look your best.

BE YOURSELF

Your wedding isn't the right time to try out a new look. Instead, strive for a slightly enhanced version of the makeup you normally wear. For some, this may be dark eyeliner and a bold lip and for others, it may be a natural but radiant look.

DO A TEST RUN

Try out your wedding day makeup in advance. If you're doing it yourself, run through applying it a

few times. If you're hiring a makeup artist, schedule an appointment a few weeks before the big day. Doing a test run will ensure you're happy with the results.

USE THE RIGHT PRODUCTS

Even if you're not usually the emotional type, plan for tears on your wedding day. Opt for waterproof mascara, high quality liquid foundation and lipstick that won't smudge.

Don't forget to pack a kit that includes concealer, blotting papers and your lipstick for touch ups throughout the day.



Tips for choosing the perfect wedding lingerie

Most people won't see it, but wearing the right lingerie is imperative to looking your best on your wedding day. Here are some tips to help you find the perfect undergarments.

- Consider the gown. Make sure the undergarments you wear are discreet enough that they won't be seen. Similarly, if the dress is made of a sheer or silky material, you may want to choose

a slip or body suit to be sure everything is smooth and invisible.

- Think about color. White lingerie may be traditional but could be noticeable under a white dress. Instead, wear lingerie that matches your skin tone.
- Make sure it fits perfectly. There's nothing worse than undergarments that don't fit well. Finding the exact right

size will ensure that you're comfortable throughout the day.

- Change for the evening. If your gown calls for something more demure, why not change into a spicier getup for your wedding night? A lacy baby-doll or a risqué black teddy are sure to drive your new spouse wild.

No matter what style of lingerie you decide to wear on your wedding day, be sure to bring it with you to your dress fitting. This will allow you to make certain it works well with your gown.



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3. IT'S A VARIED CHOICE

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If you want a ring you can wear with pride, visit the jewelry shops in your area and ask about their selection of engagement and wedding rings made with Canadian diamonds.



A wedding dress you can dance in

They may look striking, but many wedding gown styles restrict your movements, making it hard to dance. Here are some things to consider if you're shopping for a wedding dress you can move freely in.

- **Light fabric.** A flowy dress made of a lightweight fabric is sure to be comfortable enough to dance in.

- **Separates.** Choose an elegant halter top or corset and select two different bottoms. Wear a long tulle skirt to imitate the look of a ball gown for the ceremony and swap it out for a shorter style for the reception.

- **Tea length.** There's no rule that says a wedding gown must be long. Choose one

that ends just below your knees for a vintage style you can move in.

- **Reception dress.** Choose a second dress that's easier to dance in for the reception. This is a great option for brides who don't want to have to choose between two looks.

If you must wear a ballgown or a mermaid-style dress, choose one that can be modified throughout the day. Bustling a long train or removing a layer of tulle may be all you need to dance the night away.

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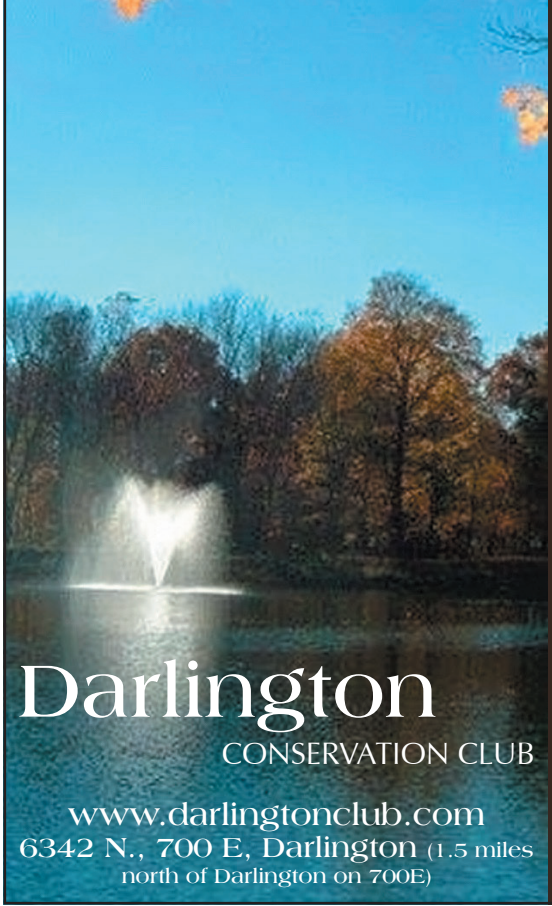
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4 FRESH IDEAS

for decorating wedding tables

The centrepieces at your wedding are sure to be the decor that your guests notice the most. Here are four fresh ideas for centrepieces that will make a statement.

1. Potted plants. A welcome change from cut flowers, potted plants can be taken home by guests and enjoyed for years to come. Anything goes, from cute succulents and cactuses to tall orchids and even herbs or flowers that can be transplanted outdoors.

2. Terrariums or lanterns. A geometric glass vase or container will complement almost any type of wedding esthetic. Fill it with moss and cut flowers for a romantic look or sand and seashells for a beachy vibe. Or, substitute the vase with an old lantern if you want to create a more rustic look.

3. Candles. A wedding is the perfect time to indulge in a romantic, candlelit dinner. Tall tapers in a variety of different candleholders are ideal. Or, use candles of varying heights to add visual interest.

4. Suspensions. If the ceiling and venue allow for it, consider hanging your centrepieces from above. Flower arrangements, candles and other items can be hung to add ambience to the table and will dramatically impact the look of the room as a whole.

No matter what type of centrepiece you choose, make sure it's not so tall or wide that it gets in the way of conversation around the table.





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Wedding checklist

The question was popped and the proposal joyfully accepted. Now it's time to plan the wedding. Here's a month-by-month checklist to make sure you don't forget a thing.

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Decide on the type of wedding you'd like (civil or religious, big or small)
- Choose a date
- Determine the number of guests
- Establish a budget
- Pick venues for the ceremony and reception (it's best to reserve early)

11 MONTHS BEFORE

- Make your guest list
- Choose a caterer (meet with a few first)
- Select your wedding party
- Hire a wedding planner

10 MONTHS BEFORE

- Start shopping for a wedding dress
- Decide on a theme for your wedding
- Choose an officiant if you haven't already done so

9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book a photographer
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for your out-of-town guests
- Purchase a wedding gown
- Shop for the groom's attire and purchase it

8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Meet with your officiant to plan your ceremony
- Book your entertainment (DJ, band, MC, etc.)
- Shop for and purchase your bridesmaids' dresses
- Design and order the wedding invitations and save-the-date cards

7 MONTHS BEFORE

- Create a gift registry
- Hire a florist
- Plan your honeymoon

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Send out the save-the-date cards
- Book your hair and makeup appointments for the day of (also schedule trial runs for both)
- Book a hotel room for the wedding night if necessary

5 MONTHS BEFORE

- Create a schedule for the big day
- Decide on dates for bachelor and bachelorette parties
- Shop for and purchase shoes, jewelry and accessories

4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Reserve wedding day transportation for the wedding party
- Select alcohol and other drinks for the reception
- Taste and choose your wedding cake
- Buy wedding bands
- Shop for and order the groomsmen's attire

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Purchase wedding favours for your guests
- If you'd like your loved ones to say or read something during the ceremony, let them know
- Write down your vows
- Decide on activities for the reception (photo booth, dancing, games, etc.)

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Send out your wedding invitations
- Do trial runs for both hair and makeup
- Give your music selections to the DJ or MC

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Finalize the schedule for the big day
- Choose a seating plan for the reception
- Break in your shoes

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Visit the desired beauty professionals (hair colourist, esthetician, etc.)
- Practise reading your vows
- Write out cheques to pay your vendors

1 DAY BEFORE

- Get your nails done
- Give the cheques to someone you trust to pay the vendors

DAY OF

- Enjoy!





How to dress your bridesmaids

Whether you have three bridesmaids or 13, you'll need to decide what you want them to wear. Here are some options.

SAME COLOR, SAME DRESS

For a classic and cohesive look, ask your bridesmaids to wear matching dresses that correspond to your wedding decor. This option is best when the girls

in the group have similar body shapes and skin tones.

DIFFERENT COLOR, SAME DRESS

For a multicolored esthetic, choose a style of dress and let your bridesmaids pick the hue they wear. If you prefer a more subtle approach, ask them to wear different shades of the same color.

SAME COLOR, DIFFERENT DRESS

This is a great way to show off your bridesmaids' personalities while still maintaining a cohesive look. You can even opt for convertible dresses. These can be worn as many as 20 different ways, so your girls will have no problem finding a look that suits them.

Ultimately, you don't have to follow any rules when choosing your bridesmaids' dresses. The most important thing is that the women who matter most to you will be there with you on your big day.

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