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WHAT'S TRENDY IN wedding DECOR?

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WHEN IT COMES TO WEDDING DÉCOR, EVERY couple has their own taste and individuality. Knowing the latest style and trends, however, can help you think outside the box and add that “wow” factor.

THINK OUTSIDE THE FLOWER BOX

Nothing expresses the beauty of an occasion like flowers, yet our natural embellishments don't need to stop there. Today, many brides are incorporating fruit, especially citrus, into their reception centerpieces. Twigs, bark, and leaves are also increasingly popular. Fancy feathers and crystals can also be used to add a fashionable touch.

BACK IN BLACK

A color that in the past has been considered a “no-no” has come back. Blending a splash of black into the occasion is classic and elegant. For a cocktail reception, black glassware, black lacquer vases, and black pillows can be balanced with deep jewel tones, such as purples, greens, and red, to offer a sophisticated and timeless look. It's no longer uncommon to see a wedding gown with black accents or bridesmaids wearing the once-considered gloomy color.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Have a great seating area at home? Why not incorporate it into the cocktail reception area? It's an impressive way to make your guests feel truly at home. Use a variety of items from the home to make the area feel warm and welcoming. Framed family photos on a coffee table add an even more charming touch.

A SWEET SMORGASBORD

Blending a buffet with sweet treats is certain to appeal to the inner child in everyone. In lieu of guest favors, incorporate an assortment of candy displayed in glass bowls or vases in a variety of sizes. Provide little gift bags or boxes for the candy, so your guests can take home their tasty souvenirs.

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE?

For a real attention grabber, try mixing and matching the centerpieces and using vases of varied shapes and sizes. This invites the eye to naturally wander around the entire room in order to see the complete picture that you have uniquely created for your special day. If everything is repetitive on each table, it may appear a bit uninspired.

A PERSONAL TOUCH

Every couple wants to add a personal touch to their wedding, and a monogram is an ideal way to cleverly draw attention to any part of your wedding. For example, adding a monogram to the wedding cake is very chic. Another idea is to light up the dance floor with a light-projected monogram.

DINNER BY CANDLELIGHT

It's really no surprise that candles continue to be stylish. The romance, beauty, and ambience of candlelight are perennial. To present a memorable table-scape, try an array of sizes and designs, such as pillars, tapers, floaters, and tea lights.

Whatever décor you choose for your wedding, just remember that everything about your wedding should reflect who you are as an individual and as a couple. It is your wedding day, so don't take too much inspiration from someone else's ideas. Create your own trends, and maybe I will soon be writing about your fabulous ideas and style!

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