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Summer Wedding Trends for 09

Summer is the perfect time to honor your big day with an outdoor wedding. It's the season to go 'light' on everything, from the food to the clothing and just enjoy the best the season has to offer. And there are lots of ways to cool down those hot summer nights.

Dress Trends

As to the styles of 2009 wedding gowns, there are several things on the horizon. A mix of classic styles and modern designs is always popular, so gowns are showing up on the runway with multilayered fabric. Tinted voile and chiffon can be seen layered over a simple white dress, resulting in an entirely different silhouette.

Flared skirts and dresses are making a comeback for Spring and Summer 2009 fashion trends, and the look is also popping up on the runway. Look for wedding dresses that are fitted from the neckline to the knees, and then flare out to create a 'bell' look. It's a fresh spin on the classic form-fitting dress for the modern bride,

and picking up the design in a metallic silver or pewter grey is sure to turn a few heads.



Vintage is in. Whether you wear your mother's dress, or pick something up at a vintage clothing shop, you'll be in style. Much like the glamour days in Hollywood's golden years, vintage is evidenced in halter necklines, cap sleeves, light draping, strapless gowns, plunging lace, satin ribbons for straps, ruffles, tea-length dresses. For the Spring and Summer, the vintage look gets its bling from diamond or rhinestone accessories, and open-toed stilettos, and dangling earrings.

Warmer weather will usher in really short wedding dresses, which can be paired with ankle-tied sandals. These short gowns will replace corset style, with straps and sleeves. To add color to their otherwise white gowns, brides will wear colored crinoline underskirts. Some brides will color the soles of their shoes to achieve the extra pick-me-up of color.

Colors

One of the great things about summer weddings is that brighter colors for your wedding don't seem at all out of place, or gaudy. Go with some sophisticated brighter colors, but don't go overboard on using them in your decorations or your wedding guests will have to bring sunglasses. Instead, choose just a few places in your wedding decorations where you can use that dynamic color, such as in the centerpieces or a table runner, and use a lighter accent color for the rest of your decorations.





And there will still be those who opt for black roses or rosettes, black table linens and black and white color combinations make a really sophisticated statement. Black orchids, albeit both rare and expensive, will make a fashionable statement floating on a pond, or in a fountain.

Dinner

Sit-down dinners will not be as popular as they have been in the past, instead the trend is toward having several food stations with a variety of foods, everything from appetizer selections to dessert choices.



Caterers will have an opportunity to demonstrate their skills with what's being called a "progressive wedding." The idea is to have every course with a different country's cuisine for each part of the dinner. In that way guests can sample foods from all over the world and are sure to find something on the menu that suits their taste. Ethnic theme dishes such as Middle Eastern, Latin and Mediterranean themes are the newest trends.



Signature drinks and family recipes are popular. Color will be key in food presentation with caterers making an attempt to make food even more pleasing to the eye.

There's nothing quite like a summer cook out. While it would be unthinkable to plan a bar-b-que for several hundred people, you can find some great recipes from your caterer that are much more summery. Think of some lighter choices of meat, such as chicken or fish, and then add salads with fresh fruit, potato salad, or any other popular food that goes great with a summer cook out.

The Cake

White wedding cakes are popular for every season, and of course, chocolate always reigns for groom's cakes. But with cake bakers nowadays offering so many



delectable flavors and fillings, why not try a seasonal selection? Get inspired by the summer flavors you loved as a child. Think fresh strawberries and whipped cream filling for a strawberry shortcake-style wedding cake, or a citrus-infused filling like Key lime, lemon, or orange vanilla butter cream that honors a summertime fruit. Beyond the cake, consider serving other desserts. A big-hit idea we love: Hire an ice cream truck to arrive at the end of the night offering summertime favorites -- the perfect nostalgic, late-night snack for your guests.

Décor

Summer is very popular for a beach themed wedding. And you don't have to have a destination wedding to bring the beach to your ceremony and reception. If a combo of budget and the idea of a big wedding is the issue, think of creating your own beach on a lakefront. Or pump in a little sand at an outdoor wedding for aisle and altar.

Another great summer wedding trend is to go for wedding centerpieces that are all natural. Cut citrus fruit is a tried-and-true favorite for summertime centerpieces, but other options out there are more unexpected and just as visually appealing. Another option is to go natural and green with your containers.



Incorporate your cake into your décor. More brides are using what is considered a “fake cake” and using smaller cakes at each table as a centerpiece, served in different flavors. Your guests may interact more by moving from table to table to try other flavors.

Flowers

Opt for flowers that will stay fresh throughout the entire day. Look for ones with a waxy texture to ensure staying power. Buying local flowers is another way to go; blooms that are in season in your area will more likely survive a long day in a bouquet. Check with your florist to see which ones will work for your venue. When it comes to wedding flowers, the higher the temperature, the more upkeep they'll require. Have them delivered the day of the wedding and make sure there's a refrigerator on-site to store them before the ceremony starts. Also, be mindful of your flowers during photography sessions. When your photographer isn't snapping away, have a friend or



bridesmaid hold your bouquet in a shady spot, or place it in a vase of cool water. If your blooms will be exposed to the summer heat for an extended amount of time, keep a spray water bottle on hand and give your flowers a light misting every hour or so.

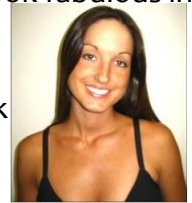
Beauty

Whether you're accenting your hair with a veil, flowers, or nothing at all, you want tresses that move and look good in the sunny surroundings. Think of the weather before deciding on a do. The last thing you want to see in a photo is your hair standing off your head due to frizz. Try different styles, ups, downs, curls, flowers. Work with a stylist you know and respect.

Makeup. From a glowing complexion to engaging eyes, you want to ensure your picture-perfect look stays in place from the vows to the very last dance. Consider using airbrushed makeup. A special foundation formula that won't smudge or budge is sprayed over your face and neck (even your arms and back) using an air compressor. The result is an oil-free, light base that's heavy and won't sweat off. A makeup artist can even contour your foundation to give you killer cheekbones or airbrush on a rosy cheek. Before you commit, schedule a trial run at a spa or have a makeup artist come to your house to do your whole wedding party.



Body. With Summer comes hot bods and tans. Hit the gym, tone up, lay in a tanning bed and look fabulous in your pictures! Fair skinned? Head over to No Fry Zone in Evansville IN and talk to Jennifer. She can give you the exact look you want for your day with out all the streaking and orange tint you get from a a bottle or booth, from an airbrush tan. It allows for a more personalized and precise application of the solution, and if needed, she can add more definition to your cheekbones or your nose.



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