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Simply White Wedding Cakes

BY SHIRIN MEHDI

Wedding cakes today can be the focal point of your wedding, but did you know that this opulent centerpiece has a long history? A reflection of the tiered cake we know today was first seen only in the 1900s. In this day and age, couples go all out to make a memory out of this age-old tradition. The sky is the limit when it comes to creativity with wedding cakes.



This year is all about simplicity and sophistication as things take a more modern approach from the rustic theme that dominated 2019. A traditional cake is the first and the best choice, but 2020 is all about monochromatic themes.

The all white on white cake is back and it's making a statement. White cake, white pearls, white flowers, white piping are all going to be the must-haves for your show-stopper cakes this year.



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Fun Fact: The origins of the wedding cake were seen in ancient Rome where the groom crumbled a piece of bread over the bride's head as a symbol of fertility. All the guests would take a piece home for good luck.



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Fun Fact: Layered cakes probably evolved from the idea of a stack of spiced buns served at weddings in Medieval England.

It is said that if the bride and groom could share a kiss over these buns, they would enjoy a lifetime of togetherness.



Fill them with the flavor trends for 2020 like pistachio, lime, pink champagne and earl grey and your guests are going to be talking about your wedding cake for years to come.

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A woman with dark hair is sitting on stone steps in a lush garden. She is wearing a white, sleeveless, floor-length wedding dress with a deep V-neckline. The garden is filled with various flowers, including purple lavender and bright pink flowers. In the background, there is a stone wall and a window with white frames. The overall scene is bright and romantic.

Spring Bridal

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BY
CAROLINE CASTIGLIANO



ON THE COVER

Amber

Embroidered lace gown with bustier bodice and a full circle lace skirt.

« Mariah

The Mariah gown has a timeless silhouette; a fitted Silk Satin classic corseted bodice is paired with a full circle, layered Silk Organza skirt featuring side pockets.

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« *Jourdan* »

Italian Crepe gown featuring a striking off-the-shoulder cuff and a figure-hugging soft fishtail skirt.

Magnolia

Italian Jacquard
floral gown with pleated
skirt and low backed fully
boned corset.



Tulisa

Corded lace, stretch-
corseted gown with
camisole shaped
neckline and a full
lace circle skirt.



FAVORS

YOUR GUESTS WON'T FORGET

BY JULIE MADDOCK

The wedding favors! Your guests can't wait to discover what little take-home treat or gift you have prepared especially for them. And you certainly don't want to disappoint them. But, with literally hundreds of ideas to pick from and a budget to be mindful of, how do you choose a wedding favor that will make a lasting impression?

Simplicity, creativity, and a personal touch is all that is needed. It's time to indulge your inner artist and raise DIY to the next level. You can choose to incorporate the overall theme of your wedding into the party favor. Or, let the favor represent you and your partner's personal interests, a glimpse into what makes the two of you happy. Thoughtfully made, organic gifts are keepsakes that you and your guests will cherish long after the last dance.

Whether your guests are flying to your exotic destination wedding or simply across the country to be present on your special day, a perfect way to convey your appreciation for their travel is a personalized luggage tag. These one-of-a-kind gifts will not only make a great impression, but they are quite practical and may inspire your guests to embark on their own travel adventures.

Search online or at a fabric store for leather strips or shapes precut or larger genuine leather sheets that you can use to design your own luggage tag. Use a leather hole punch, rivets, and leather cord to finish off the tag. Ready to personalize it? Use acrylic leather or crafter's paint to paint your favorite wanderlust quote. Or use letter stencils designed for leather crafting. Your creativity and attention to detail will make these gifts unforgettable!

After a night of dancing and celebrating, waking up the following morning will be a whole lot easier for your guests with a coffee bean gift bag. Purchase your favorite coffee beans from a local roaster or from a place that is significant to you (perhaps the city you first met or the country you will be honeymooning in). Within a day or two before the wedding, measure out two servings or more into individual food safe bags or tiny jute bags (you can easily make these yourself). Print your own custom stickers telling your coffee "story" and then seal up the bag. Can you think of a better way for your friends and family to start their day?



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Meet Me At The Tapas Bar

BY JULIE MADDOCK



A tapas bar is a culinary mini moment! Vivid and colorful in presentation, offering a little something for everyone, this is a delicious and budget-friendly way to break bread with your wedding guests. It's all about the presentation, flare and flavor.

Whether it's cocktail-hour hors d'oeuvres or an innovative alternative to a formal, sit down meal, tapas-style food bars offer your guests delectable treats and numerous small plate options to feast their eyes and taste buds on. Tapa bars lend themselves to relaxed conversation, a chilled-out atmosphere and the ability for guests to mingle about freely.

Embrace a Venetian theme with a cicchetti bar. These bite-size delights are easy to eat while standing and moving about conversing with guests. Have an

array of offerings: Six to eight pieces make a meal. But don't be surprised if your guests sample more of these irresistible treats — crostini topped with gorgonzola, sliced pears, and walnuts, polpette (fried meatballs), slices of roast beef with salsa verde, fig and ricotta, or crispy calamari with lime and chili salsa.

Break tradition and say hasta la vista to cracker-and-cheese plates and surprise your guests with a festive Mexican themed guacamole bar. Provide crisp, sturdy tortillas for dipping and scooping multiple versions of guacamole — creamy, chunky, or even spicy charred pineapple guac. Additional Mexican dip options such as chili queso, chipotle street corn dip with goat cheese, and hearty warm shredded chicken or beef nacho dip will keep this bar hopping. Don't forget gluten free chips and lots of sliced green, red, and orange peppers to satisfy everyone.

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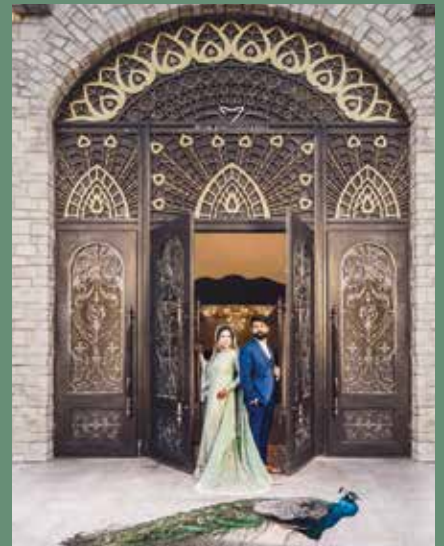
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Top 10 Songs

FOR THAT SPECIAL DANCE

BY REBECCA GUTKNECHT



The first dances at a wedding are some of the most memorable experiences of the evening for both you and your spouse. Imagine looking into the eyes of the person you love most in the world and getting completely lost in the moment and the music. Nothing beats the feeling. It's like Disney's Sleeping Beauty when Aurora and Prince Phillip dance off into the clouds, unaware of the world below. Dreamy and magical. That's the kind of moment you want with your beloved. Dances are just as special for mom and dad too. With this list of top 10 first dance wedding songs, you'll be giving all of your guests, friends and family alike, the sweetest memories.

First Dance

Timeless and beautiful. The first time you make an appearance with your new bride or groom needs to have a great opening song. Choose something that is both romantic and reminiscent of the quirks in your relationship. Go romantic with Taylor Swift's "Lover" or classic with Etta James' "At Last." Some couples go for a choreographed dance to wow guests. If that's the case, "Happy" by Pharrell Williams will do the trick. Either way, pick a first dance song that is meaningful to you, and will swing you back into the memory of a perfect night years from now.

- 1 Perfect-Ed Sheeran
- 2 10,000 Hours-Dan + Shay feat Justin Bieber
- 3 Lover-Taylor Swift
- 4 Marry Me-Meghan Trainor
- 5 Beautiful Crazy-Luke Combs
- 6 A Thousand Years-Christina Perri
- 7 All of Me-John Legend
- 8 Thinking Out Loud-Ed Sheeran
- 9 At Last-Etta James
- 10 Happy-Pharrell Williams

Father Daughter Dance

There is nothing sweeter than being whisked off your feet by your dad. This is the last time you will be his little girl, the last time to cherish that special bond as father and daughter. There are perfect songs dedicated to the beauty of this relationship. Steven Curtis Chapman gets it right with "Cinderella." You will truly feel like dad's princess again, maybe even remembering the last time you danced on your father's feet when you were small. Give dad a blast from the past with one of these tender songs.

- 1 Daughters-John Mayer
- 2 My Little Girl-Tim McGraw
- 3 All You Need Is Love-Beatles
- 4 Make You Feel My Love-Adele
- 5 Cinderella-Steven Curtis Chapman
- 6 I Wish You Love-Frank Sinatra
- 7 I Loved Her First-Heartland
- 8 My Wish-Rascal Flatts
- 9 My Girl-The Temptations
- 10 Sweet Pea-Amos Lee



Mother Son Dance

Your future mother-in-law deserves a chance to swing or waltz with her baby boy. It will be a night to remember with a sentimental melody or soft tune. You know she has been waiting for this moment, for the chance to hold onto her precious son before he goes off to become a husband. "What a Wonderful World" is always a big hit, but "Sweetest Devotion" can be just as charming. With these top 10 songs, you'll be sure to see a few tears.

- 1 What a Wonderful World- Louis Armstrong
- 2 Sweetest Devotion-Adele
- 3 I Got You-Ciara
- 4 You'll Be In My Heart-Phil Collins
- 5 You Raise Me Up-Josh Groban
- 6 Here Comes The Sun-Beatles
- 7 93 Million Miles-Jason Mraz
- 8 In My Life-Beatles
- 9 A Song For Mama-Boyz II Men
- 10 Unforgettable-Michael Buble



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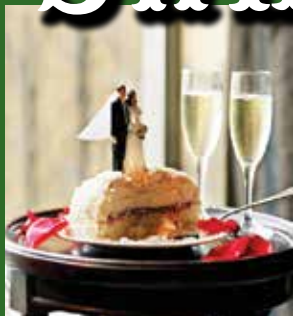
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