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NOTEBOOK

DÉCOR UPDATE, COLOR TIPS,
SHOP ALERTS...AND MORE



pure delight

White-on-white cakes are right on trend. They're simple, elegant and unmistakably bridal. Sugar lace details and piping add texture and depth, says Julian C. Payraudeau of La Promenade, a caterer and custom-cake specialist in New Jersey. >>

stylish sips

toast of the town

Sparkling rosé is giving champagne a run for its money as the hottest celebratory drink right now. Celebrity wedding planner Brian Worley says sparkling rosé is great for weddings—it's just as bubbly as champagne, and because the drink is pink, it's even more festive. Of all the options out there, we particularly love the subtle yet lingering hints of red-berry fruit in Santa Margherita sparkling rosé (\$24, TerlatoWines.com), the full-bodied notes of peach in the elegant and complex Domaine Carneros brut rosé (\$36, DomaineCarneros.com) and the slight hint of pepper in the lively and intense Moët & Chandon Rosé Impérial (\$50, Sherry-Lehmann.com).



Modern and elegant champagne flutes by Luigi Bormioli and Riedel

nuptial news

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read it

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

Wise and funny marriage tips from Socrates, Jane Austen and more. \$16, Amazon.com

see it

HOW I MET YOUR MOTHER

Ted and the gang go through the "longest wedding weekend ever" on CBS this September.

do it

WEDDING ANIMATION

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hot hue

forever pink

Wedding planner Ivy Robinson of Ivy Robinson Weddings & Events in North Carolina gives us five reasons why pink will never go out of style. **1** Considered "the color of love," pink has always been and will always be one of the most popular wedding colors. **2** It has lots of personalities—from timeless and romantic to bold, flirty and fun. **3** Its monochromatic scheme can go from soft blush to hot pink. **4** Given the range of tones and styles, pink works in any wedding element, such as bouquets, stationery and specialty drinks. **5** Pink is perfect for bridesmaid dresses. There's a shade that will flatter everyone. (Need proof? Check out the "Best Bridesmaid Dresses" on p. 80). >>



décor buzz

bring in the greens

You don't need an outdoor wedding to incorporate nature in a big way. Los Angeles- and New York City-based celebrity wedding planner Mindy Weiss says succulents and leafy plants are right on trend (emerald green is the Pantone Color of the Year after all). Not only does greenery generally cost less than flowers, but it also can be just as fabulous in rustic, vintage or eco-friendly weddings as it is in classic, elegant ones. Weiss once covered a 16-foot bar with wheatgrass and put a beer "garden" on top. While succulents can make your décor look unexpected and impressive, there are certain varieties that can dry out or wilt in the sun easily. So before you decide on anything, remember to consult a florist to figure out which type of natural greens works best at your venue, says Weiss.



shop alert

NEW VINTAGE

Want a bit of history but don't want to look outdated? There's a place to get your "something old" and "something new" in each piece of jewelry. Rue de la Marguerite (RueDeLaMarguerite.com) has an amazing collection of upcycled items—antique components and family heirlooms, such as vintage brooches, partially exposed vintage watch gears and stripped down typewriter parts—treated to make them modern and wearable. So how is that done? Think: chain, wire-wrapped semiprecious stones and African trade beads.

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everyone's talking about

wedding lingo

We know how planning a wedding can be daunting sometimes, especially when terms like MOG (mother of the groom) or FOB (father of the bride) seem like they come from a different world. Learn how to speak wedding with these 50 stylish flash cards. They're easy to use. Simply look for the vocab on one side of the card, then flip over for the definition, usage, pronunciation and other helpful info (yes, it's like SAT prep but fun and pretty). Just remember: Not everyone may get why you're so happy about sending hundreds of STDs on time. (They're save-the-dates! See, you need these flash cards.) \$30, SpeakWedding.com >>

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