

20 wow wedding ideas

The country's top wedding stylists spill their latest tips, tricks and techniques to transform your special day



1 A floral arch adds romance.

1 Go wild Bring the outdoors in with a foliage-vine archway. "For a beautiful romantic atmosphere, set up a floral arch to walk under with orchids hanging from the middle to look like butterflies." **Cathrin D'Entremont, Cathrin D'Entremont Weddings (cdweddings.com.au).**

2 Relaxation zone Set up a space for guests to mingle in. "A chill-out area enclosed with a bamboo frame and white drapes creates intimacy." **Vanessa Bye, I Do Events Whitsundays (idoeventswhitsundays.com).**

3 Pick a bunch Group fresh flowers with candies on a "floral table". "Deep reds, bright oranges and dark pinks combined with candlelight create a dramatic and impressive, yet romantic look." **Victoria Cameron, The Little White Wedding Company (thelittlewhiteweddingco.com.au).**

4 Star light String up overhead fairy lights and add tea lights and paper-bag lanterns. "Lighting, lighting and more lighting creates a magical ambience at an outdoor or open-air venue." **Vanessa Bye.**

5 Dress it up Add timeless elegance to a tropical ceremony venue. "A red-carpet aisle and white drapes create the feel of a more traditional chapel; a chandelier overhead provides a warm glow." **Vanessa Bye.**

6 Have a ball Hang colourful floral pomanders. "Flower pew balls can be used at the ceremony as aisle decorations, and then hung in trees around the reception area later on." **Cathrin D'Entremont.**

7 Hang low Tie glass tea-light baubles to the ceiling at different heights. "Hanging glass baubles are simple yet effective decorations. Adding mini roses, coupled with the candlelight, creates a feeling of romance." **Vanessa Bye.**

8 Nautical notes Cover lifesaving rings in white daisies and fuchsia ribbon to decorate sea-themed nuptials. "Dress up an empty pool space with floral pool rings – they can be stabilised to float in one spot when anchored down with weights." **Cathrin D'Entremont.**



8 Floral red and white rings suit a nautical theme.



2 Bamboo canopies suit garden and beach locations.



7 Tea lights and roses by Flower Hut beautify hanging glass baubles.



3 Rich-toned blooms by Always Fabulous Flowers create visual impact.



4 Candles, fairy lights and paper lanterns light up Villa Botanica.



5 Classic white drapes inject a traditional feel to a Balinese hut.



6 Chrysanthemum pomanders add splashes of colour.



9 Marquee tables are dressed with crystal glassware and gardenias.



10 Pink pomanders hanging from trees suit a romantic garden theme.



11 A carved Japanese wall structure adds an exotic touch.



20 A vintage birdcage makes a beautiful wishing well.

9 Green thumb Add lush greenery. "Hanging ferns mixed with bamboo lights and rattan lampshades bring the outside in, creating a chic plantation feel." **Rouba Alamein, The Style Salon (thestylesalon.com.au).**

10 Love blooms Hang floral hearts at a garden do. "A loveheart floral pomander of pink lisianthus acts as a centrepiece for an outdoor garden ceremony." **Michelle Romeo, Romeo's Chair (romeoschair.com.au).**

11 Dine in Throw a stunning boho dinner party. "Long tables create a dramatic, dinnerstyle environment in an open marquee, working with lots of natural fibres and textures like weathered timber tables, taupe linen, an array of vintage chandeliers and a fresh mix of orchids." **Rouba Alamein.**

12 Modernise things Go for understated style for a city theme. "Clear ghost chairs and the colour combination of black, white and a hint of green lend themselves to a contemporary setting." **Victoria Cameron.**

13 Lettering Set up wooden "Love" letters to remind guests of your sentiments. "Simple, timeless, elegant ... this white design is best suited to a chapel altar or bridal table at a classic wedding." **Vanessa Bye.**

14 Love notes Tie the knot in a love heart. "We set up a large love heart made of sea shells for a couple to stand in. They wanted to tie in the two main elements of their theme: being in love and the beach. It was casual, informal, yet romantic." **Michelle Romeo.**

15 Just add sugar Put on a yummy candy buffet feast. "A 'pretty in pink' candy bar of fudges, nougat and lollipops, decorated with rose petals and candlelight, will leave your guests feeling spoilt." **Vanessa Bye.**

16 Step back in time Add a little bit of vintage romance to your water station. "Display a mix of crystal carafes and bud vases filled with single stems of field roses, and a sign saying 'Please help yourself to the water' in a vintage frame for a luxurious feel." **Rouba Alamein.**

17 Set the scene Frame your outdoor nuptials. "A bamboo bridal arch dressed with dodder vine, cymbidium and Singapore orchids, lisianthus and lilies makes a stylish backdrop to frame the happy couple in a beach setting. It creates a contemporary and informal ambience." **Michelle Romeo.**

18 Stamp it! Add country flair with rustic place cards. "Complete each place setting with a crafty swing tag tied to the cutlery with refined twine and finished with an 'xoxo' stamp." **Victoria Cameron.**

19 Circle of light String up pretty lighting. "Paper lanterns always look great among the trees. By attaching ribbons and adding flowers to make them a little more elaborate and finished, they can blow gently in the breeze and help set the tone for the ceremony." **Victoria Cameron.**

20 Come fly with me Skip the traditional wishing well for a vine-twined birdcage. "A birdcage wishing well adorned with dodder vine, baby's breath and tropical white orchids is perfect for a fairytale wedding by the sea." **Vanessa Bye.**



19 White ribbons and flowers from Blooms of Naxos hang from pink Festoon paper lanterns.



18 A rustic stamp from Etsy adds charm to brown-paper place cards.



20 A focal point works well for open-air ceremonies.



16 Crystalware from The Hire End Event Hire comes to life with a fresh garden rose stem.



11 Black runners on white linens, with clear ghost chairs, from Valiant Hire, equal urban chic.



13 The meaning of the day is spelt out with romantic words.



14 Beach weddings look stunning with seashell features.



15 A sweets bar appeals to kids and adults.