

## 5 Ways to Spring Up Your Wedding

Looking for ways to make your wedding stand out from the others this spring? Here are five predicted 2019 wedding trends that will help!



- 1. Embrace Minimalism:** Less is more. Make your wedding decorations simple, but bold enough to stand out. Stick to two or three patterns and colors when decorating. Make it natural, but yet elegant. Consider using natural background pattern schemes such as wood, stone, or marble. Some popular color combinations have been dark green/blue, navy blue/gray and purple/gold. If you are unsure, another color combination that is always safe is different shades of purple. With purple, you can go anywhere from lavender to violet or anything in-between.
- 2. Use Potted Plants:** Consider obtaining some potted plants for your wedding. If you are planning an outdoor wedding, potted plants look beautiful alongside the bride as she walks down the aisle. There are many different ways you can decorate potted plants to fit in with the wedding colors that you choose for your wedding. If you decide to go with a wood pattern for one of your themes, make sure all the plants have pots that are—or at least look like—they are made of wood. The potted plants could also have tissue paper of your chosen color theme surrounding the plant. For example, if you choose a purple color theme, the tissue paper surrounding the top of the pot of the plant could be lavender.
- 3. Add Artistic Elements:** Art can be found everywhere—including your wedding! Custom illustrations are one way to make your wedding unique. If you place the illustrations strategically in more than one place, your wedding will be more memorable to the people attending. Illustrations can be included on “Save the Date” cards, napkins, on a large poster in the wedding reception area, and other places! Consider an illustration that appears to be painted, drawn, or something else out of the ordinary.
- 4. Create Edible Art:** Be creative with the hors d’oeuvre and other snacks you are planning to have at the wedding! The wedding cake does not have to be the only special edible item at the reception. There are many ways that you can make the food unique. Minis are very popular right now: mini sandwiches, mini burgers, mini pizzas, mini tacos, mini doughnuts, and so on. Buffet style wedding dinners are also becoming very popular and fruit kabobs are always a fun thing to have at wedding receptions.
- 5. Tie the Knot in a Nontraditional Venue:** Weddings are often not held in the traditional church setting anymore. They are held inside—or outside—at another venue that is not a church. These nontraditional venues can help make your wedding special and

memorable. People often choose a garden, banquet hall, hotel, or a historic location to make their wedding special.

If you are looking for a nontraditional venue to make your wedding unique, consider the National Railroad Museum. We are becoming a popular venue for wedding ceremonies and receptions. Our new wedding arch next to the observation tower along the scenic view of the Fox River makes for a romantic marriage setting. And, did you know that you can ride the train with your bridal party from the depot to the observation tower during the summer? It makes for a grand entrance for your ceremony. The National Railroad Museum is one of the few places where you can ride a train on your wedding day! Receptions are hosted in the Lenfestey Center at the National Railroad Museum. The Union Pacific *Big Boy*, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Locomotive, a Pullman sleeper car, and other rolling stock are housed in the Lenfestey Center. The presence of these trains in the background of a reception makes for a majestic and unforgettable wedding experience.

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