

# 20 wow wedding ideas

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

**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 candles 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.**



A floral arch adds romance.

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Bamboo canopies suit garden and beach locations.

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

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

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

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Floral red and white rings suit a nautical theme.

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Tea lights and roses by Flower Hut beautifully hanging glass baubles.

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Chrysanthemum pomanders add splashes of colour.

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Marquee tables are dressed with crystal chandeliers and gardenias.



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Pink pomanders hanging from trees suit a romantic garden theme.



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A carved wooden wall structure adds an exotic touch.



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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 love floral pomander of pink lisianthus acts as a centerpiece 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, dinner-style 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 'xo xo' 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.**

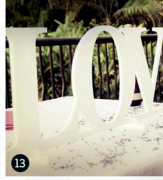
**20 Come fly with me** Skip the traditional wishing well for a vine-entwined birdcage. "A birdcage wishing well adorned with dodder vine, baby's breath and tropical white orchids is perfect for a fairytale wedding by the sea." **Vanessa Bye.**

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



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



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Beach weddings look stunning with seashell features.

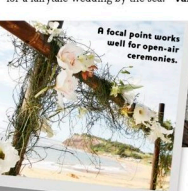


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A rustic stamp from Etsy adds charm to brown paper place cards.

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A focal point works well for open-air ceremonies.

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



A sweets bar appeals to kids and adults.

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