

# WEDDING DAY

IT'S all IN THE DETAIL

the finishing touches that really make the difference

**Sumptuous Gowns**

delicate embroidery, intricate beadwork and glossy sequins

**Bridal Must-Haves**

sexy heels, stunning jewellery and gorgeous gifts

**VIP Receptions**

exclusive settings, treats and favours for your guests

**Hot Locations**

honeymoon in the chicest destinations in the world

## BRIDAL ESSENTIALS

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# INSPIRING ENTERTAINMENT

These experts really know how to organise a party. What would they

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model and designer

TABLE TOPS



A mix of white, cream and taupe: satin runners on linen tablecloths, horn bangles for napkin rings, KH mother-of-pearl handled cutlery – all different on each table.



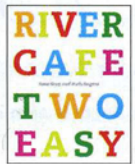
Tiffany cutlery and William Yeoward wine glasses. Right, clear wine glass, £22; goblet, £24; coloured goblets, £28; 5in vase, £31.



Go for oversized white plates and serving dishes. These make a real statement – Flatware by Christofle: Square Ware 12in dinner plates, £3 per 10 to hire, Christofle available at Harrods (Silver Room, second floor).

MENU

The food would be lovely, simple Italian food done by the River Café's chefs, Ruth Rogers and Rose Gray. Be inspired by their latest book *River Café Two Easy* (Ebury Press, £20).

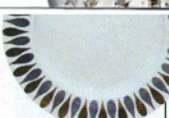


Traditional American feast – turkey and all the trimmings.



Seafood such as oysters, grilled lobster and giant tiger shrimp, scallops grilled on rosemary skewers, arugula salad with grilled figs and sliced white peaches, then pavlova, from Rocket Food.

TICKS. They are a great alternative to all white chinaware.



Celadon ink. Lily of the valley posies on each napkin. Celadon charger plate, from a selection for hire, Jones Furniture & Catering Equipment.

DRINK



Only choose the best and treat your guests to something special – Pink Cristal champagne followed by vodka for later on. Pink Cristal, between £300 and £350 each; limited stock in UK, try Berry Bros & Rudd. U'Luvka vodka, £42 each.



Bellinis.



Champagne is a must at parties and wedding alike, accompanied by good wine. Krug Champagne, Stonier Pinot Noir and Baume de Venise after-dinner wine. Krug Champagne, £77.50 per bottle from Casevalue.com.



Bellini is the classic cocktail and always a winner at parties. Who doesn't like it? Bellinis and mineral water, all supplied by the skilled mixologists at Dynamic Bars. Use Krug Champagne, £77.50 per bottle from Casevalue.com.



Anything from my best friend Lucy Gemmell, who owns Rhubarb Food Design. Sicilian Swordfish scented with lemon, capers, herbs and parmesan brioche crumbs.

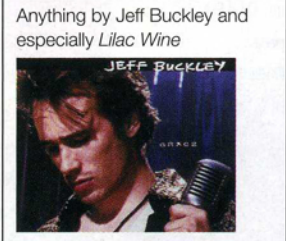
MUSIC



Jaguar Wright for chilled R&B to accompany the meal and then a live band.



Café del Mar compilation, a classic for chill-out music.



Anything by Jeff Buckley and especially *Lilac Wine*



Nothing beats a live band, especially South American music. Get everyone dancing with my favourite, La Banda, featuring Victor Hugo – contact via Gordon Poole Agency.

Create the soundtrack to your reception by playing your favourite tunes by using your own iPod mix. The iPod Nano: 2GB version, £139; 4GB version, £179. You could then burn CDs to give out to your guests.

FLOWERS



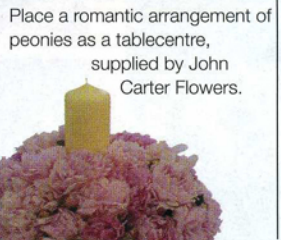
Flowers done by John Carter Flowers, using low Chinese buckets with moss and lilies in the middle, set very low so that people could see over the flowers.



Choose all white blooms, something stylised like orchids, and gardenias, for pure glamour.



Create a fragrance that will stay with your guests forever. White peonies and Lotus Flower scented candles from Little Joe by Gail Elliott.



Place a romantic arrangement of peonies as a tablecentre, supplied by John Carter Flowers.



A river effect of open-woven soapstone beakers filled with lily of the valley; around these, matching nightlight holders. Beakers, holders to hire from RVH.

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