

CHIC CITY BRIDE

Style ideas for inspirational weddings

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LAUNCH OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDES SERIES

This week we're launching our International Brides Series for our international readers. We'll bring you exclusive daily style features focused on designers from across the globe covering everything from glamorous designer dresses to beautiful couture invitations. Visit our [Chic City Bride International section](#) to read more.

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THE VINTAGE FLOWER HOUSE

The Vintage Flower House specialise in wedding and event floristry creating luxurious bespoke arrangements to beautifully coordinate with your design scheme. Drawing inspiration from fashion and interior design trends the Vintage Flower House team work to push the boundaries in floral design so their arrangements remain fresh, exciting and fashionable. Accessories such as pearls, lace, crystals, feathers and ribbon are often incorporated into their designs to create lavish and spectacular floral arrangements.

CLASSIC ROMANCE

This gorgeous hand-tied bouquet of beautiful Cezanne roses edged in soft pink encapsulates classic and romantic wedding style.



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Flower House

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CONTEMPORARY ELEGANCE

A cascade bouquet of crisp white phalaenopsis orchids is an elegant modern style that particularly suits bias-cut or fishtail style wedding gowns.



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MODERN CLASSIC

A bouquet of white or ivory blooms is an elegant choice. This beautiful bouquet mixes classic Akito roses with bouvardia and calla lilies that add a modern feel.



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VINTAGE CHARM

Mix flowers in delicate pinks, ivory, lavender and muted greens for vintage-inspired style. This table centrepiece combines roses, hydrangeas and peonies in a pretty and stylish design.



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COUNTRYSIDE CHIC

A floral centrepiece that runs the full length of the table is a striking and glamorous choice. This beautiful runner is designed using roses, hydrangeas and peonies that would be ideal for a countryside wedding.



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The Vintage Flower House design team will guide you through the process of choosing your wedding flowers advising on colours, shapes and which flowers will suit specific styles. Based in Brighton, East Sussex the design studio is open six days a week. To view their portfolio of work online or to book a consultation contact:

The Vintage Flower House

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WEDDING THEME: MODERN CLASSIC

Modern classic wedding style combines timeless elegance with contemporary glamour. Strapless gowns in beautiful silks and organzas with sophisticated colour schemes blending ivory, white and champagne keep your wedding style classic. Add a modern feel with crisp pastel shades as accent colours and accessories with a contemporary edge.

DRESSES

Renowned for her classic handmade gowns designer Tracey Salt from [Chanticleer](#) uses exquisite silks, organzas and lace to create her beautiful designs.

Strauss

This classic and flattering strapless gown evokes understated elegance with its clean lines and minimal detailing. Pearl and crystal embellished silk is wrapped at the empire line to form a beautiful bow at the back.



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Elgar

A fishtail style wedding dress is a sophisticated choice with its fitted silhouette that flares out from the knee. This glamorous fishtail gown incorporates a 'sunray' pleat detail embellished with a delicate pearl and sequin trim.



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JEWELLERY

Award winning designer **Jana Reinhardt's** exclusive and innovative designs are based on floral shapes inspired by Victorian jewellery and prints from the Arts & Crafts movement. The Forsythia collection blends modern luxury with sophisticated style featuring delicate and intricate floral shapes in 18ct yellow gold accentuated with diamonds.

Forsythia Collection



Photos courtesy of Jana Reinhardt

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Jana provides a commission service and can create an engagement or wedding ring specifically for you. If you want to add a personal and unique element to your wedding day Jana offers private jewellery tuition so you can learn to make your own wedding rings.

STATIONERY

Stationery designs in crisp white or ivory are perfect for modern classic style. Designer Leslie Hamer from [Unless...Illustration & Design](#) has created distinctive hand-embossed invitations that combine elegant minimalist-style designs with classic fonts.

Damask



Photos courtesy of Unless...Illustration & Design

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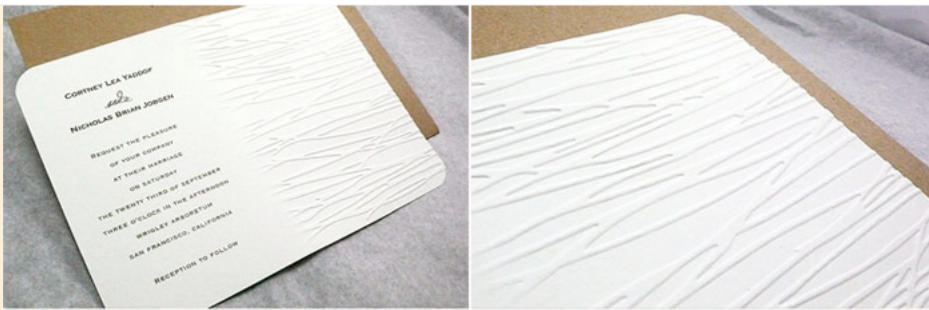
Prairie



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Branches



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These invitations can be customised to suit your colour scheme and Leslie offers a custom service if you'd prefer a unique design. Her collection also includes DIY templates allowing you to create your own save the date cards.

CAKES

Cakes 4 Fun have designed an exceptional collection of contemporary cakes featuring round and square tiered styles that are centrally stacked or slightly offset in an elegant twisted style. Finished with intricate handcrafted sugar flowers, ribbons or fresh flowers the collection effortlessly combines contemporary design with classic style.

Hydrangea Hues

This beautiful cake features exquisite handcrafted sugar hydrangea flowers complemented by a sophisticated eau de nil and white colour scheme. Coordinate this design with your floral arrangements by choosing trumpet shaped vases filled with white hydrangeas for your table centrepieces.



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Oriental Elegance

This classically elegant design features rows of pearl-effect piped beads of icing at the base of each tier finished with a stylish ribbon. Shown with beautiful fresh phalaenopsis orchids this design is also available with handcrafted sugar flowers.



Photo courtesy of Cakes 4 Fun

FLOWERS

Hand-tied bouquets incorporating flowers in white, ivory and delicate pastels are perfect for classic style. This gorgeous bouquet by [Peony Flowers](#) mixes beautiful white peonies with ivory and champagne coloured roses.



Photo courtesy of Peony Flowers

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Where to find...?

DRESSES

Chanticleer, The Wedding Shop at Chanticleer, 21 Regent Street, Cheltenham, Tel: 01242 226 501
Web: www.chanticleerbrides.co.uk

STATIONERY

Unless...Illustration & Design (based in Chicago with international shipping available)
Web: www.unlessomeonelikeyou.com

CAKES

Cakes 4 Fun, 100 Lower Richmond Road, London SW15 1LN, Tel: 0208 785 9039
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JEWELLERY

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FLOWERS

Peony Flowers, 3 Dorset Road, London, W5 4HU
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WEDDING VENUE: BLENHEIM PALACE

Set in 2,100 acres of glorious parkland Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire is a truly magnificent venue for your wedding. Designed by Sir John Vanbrugh and Nicholas Hawksmoor the palace was completed in 1722 and remains the family home of the Duke of Marlborough. An exceptional example of English baroque architecture the Palace offers a variety of spectacular rooms for your ceremony and reception. The beautiful gardens, landscaped by Lancelot "Capability" Brown, and the magnificent lake provide a stunning location for photographs.

The Marlborough Room

With its double vaulted ceiling rising to the full height of the

Palace and two striking chandeliers the Marlborough Room is an impressive setting for your ceremony with capacity for up to 120 guests.



Photo courtesy of Blenheim Palace

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The Orangery

Designed by Sir John Vanbrugh the beautiful Orangery can accommodate up to 180 guests and is an elegant choice for your wedding breakfast or ceremony. Guests enter through an exclusive private entrance that leads onto a terrace overlooking the exquisite Italian garden which is the ideal location for your drinks reception.



Photo courtesy of Blenheim Palace

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If your ceremony is held in the Orangery you can hold your wedding breakfast in the magnificent Great Hall which accommodates up to 150 guests (seated).

To help you plan your wedding a dedicated event planner is available to oversee all the details. A function manager will be present on the day and a professional toastmaster will guide you through your celebrations.

For more information or to arrange an appointment to view the Palace contact:

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THE DIVINE FLOWER COMPANY

Whatever style of wedding you choose London based florists **The Divine Flower Company** work closely with you to create tailor-made floral designs that reflect your design choices. From beautiful bridal bouquets to dramatic table centrepieces their approach is to create distinctive and inspired floral designs that add a magical touch to your wedding day.



Photos courtesy of The Divine Flower Company

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For bold and dramatic wedding style a contemporary bouquet of red and yellow roses combined with calla lilies is ideal. If you're looking for more romantic style choose a hand-tied bouquet of soft lavender and cream roses. Keep your design theme classic with a candelabra arrangement for your table centrepiece that incorporates crisp white and ivory roses with green foliage.

Catering for a wide range of styles including minimalist, classic and vintage The Divine Flower Company has worked at an impressive range of venues including Hampton Court, The Landmark and the Orangery in London's Holland Park. To view more of their portfolio or to arrange a consultation visit:

The Divine Flower Company

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Strawberry Hill, Twickenham,
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