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Choose a French theme to add some good old-fashioned elegance to your wedding



Make sure the decoration on the seating matches with your chosen wedding theme

INDOORS Classic French

Planner: Candice Pereira from Marry Me—The Wedding Planners

If you want your wedding venue to say 'good old-fashioned elegance and romance', then going French is your best bet. The venue is very important. Consider a French-inspired ballroom with beautiful chandeliers and light, pastel-coloured walls, overlooking a garden. The colour scheme will have to be pleasing with options like white, blush pink, powder blue and peach, while the lighting should be soft and ambient. Invest in imported flowers like hydrangeas and peonies, and have lots of drapes and ornate dull gold fixtures to complete the theme.

If you and your partner love to travel, consider a pre-wedding photo shoot in Paris, and blow-up some of those photographs; add romantic messages to them (here's where your poetic sense can come in handy) and use them in your decor. Also consider using French symbols in your stationery suite, like the Eiffel Tower, which can be carried forward right through the celebration. A fun addition—consider having a map made with what looks like old paper, so that every guest gets to put a little flag on it to show where

Gift your guests tiny goodies wrapped in jute bags with real-looking butterflies



they've come from. The menu can comprise bite-sized finger foods (hors d'oeuvres) and a selection of good French wines. Dress your waiters with suspenders and berets, to fit in with the theme.

Butterflies

Planner: Liesel Duarte from Knotted Up Butterflies represent a new, beautiful change—much like a wedding, where two people come together and commit to each other for life. Using a butterfly wedding

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theme idea is a great choice, as it's beautiful and elegant while being whimsical and fun. Butterflies can easily be worked into the cake, centrepieces and favours. Remember to choose only a few key pieces to make the place look sophisticated with a hint of butterflies.

Make wildflower bouquets with a realistic looking butterfly perched among flowers. The flowers on the chairs can also have artificial butterflies attached to look as if they are naturally resting there. Make a natural looking centrepiece, using branches and butterflies. Simply glue the butterflies all along the branches. For the ceremony, the arch or *mandap* can be adorned with flowers, with butterflies perched on the pillars. ▶

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Candice Pereira

The founding partner and creative head of Marry Me—The Wedding Planners, Candice



uses her international exposure, vast knowledge and a young enthusiastic team to enliven weddings. For customised weddings, her company looks after everything including decor, clothes and transport.