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## The Wedding Trend That Never Goes Out of Style

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You've just gotten engaged and can't wait to get started on planning your wedding. You've bought magazines and been trolling the blogs to see what is out there and what is hot right now. You want your wedding to be fun and different. You want your wedding to be remembered. But, how do you get your wedding to be how you want it to be?

With every wedding season there are always some new trends, and being in Hawaii we usually look to the mainland for inspiration. Things tend to take a little longer to come over seas, but they always do eventually. You've seen the latest trends explode upon the scene in Hawaii from cupcakes and froyo to Victoria's Secret and paper lanterns.



There is absolutely nothing wrong with looking for the cool new thing and wanting your wedding to be fun and hip. However, be careful of choosing to do something because it is trendy and not because you truly love it. Think about the photos and the memories you want from your wedding day. You want to create a memory that lasts forever; you want a wedding that is timeless.

One thing that never goes out of style is you. Make your wedding about you and your fiancé. There is a huge wave hitting all realms of the wedding industry that revolves around personalization and customization.

**Everybody wants a wedding that is unique, but what people sometimes fail to realize is that what makes the wedding unique is YOU.** You as a person and the two of you as a couple is what is unique. To create a wedding that is timeless, all you need to do is center it around you.

When you make decisions for your wedding, make sure you base it on the two of you. What do you love to eat? Make sure your food reflects your tastes. One of my couples loved a particular type of steak that you could only get in one place. So, instead of having the caterer prepare any ol' steak, they bought the steak from that specific butcher and had the caterer prepare and serve it. They ended up with an entrée that was not only tasty, but everyone spotted it and knew it was the steak the couple loved.

What do you want your guests to walk away with? Don't just pick a favor so that you have one; pick something that is special to you and share that with your guests. At a recent wedding I worked on, the groom's father was a potter and he handmade a little bowl for each guest as a favor. It was so special because each one was unique and made with love. I guarantee that every guest will remember where they got that bowl when they use it in their homes.



What type of music do you like? Play music you enjoy and songs that have meaning to one or both of you. What kind of program do you want? Do what you think would be fun and what would make you happy. Another client of mine wanted a mother-son dance, but didn't want a father-daughter dance. They did it their way, made it their own and it was beautiful. What kind of décor do you want? You don't have to have a floral centerpiece. You don't even have to have flowers at all. I had a client who really loved fish, so they had fishbowls on each table with a pair of live fish to signify the couple.



What type of invitations do you want? Choose something that expresses your personality, so that when your guests open it they know they are looking at your invitation. I could go on and on, but I think you get the idea. You don't even have to have any of these items at your wedding. Just make sure everything you include is something you want to do and not something you think you have to do.

Making your wedding cool, fun, and different is all about making it reflect you individually and as a couple. Your relationship is unique, so share that with your guests. Think about your favorite movie, book, song, and dish. Think about your favorite memories of the two of you, of your travels, of your family, of your life. Take those and incorporate that into your wedding. Make the wedding an experience for yourselves and for your guests where they can see, taste, touch, smell, and feel your presence and your love throughout the event. In the end, this day is about you and the life you are starting together, so make your day reflect that. Trends may come and go, but your uniqueness is forever.



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