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The trees have been hung with fairylights, each wooden table is overflowing with blooms and the dessert buffet looks positively scrumptious. Welcome to the joyful, elegant, offbeat and beautifully personalised feel of wedding styling in 2013. Whether you're planning a small gathering with your closest friends, or a big celebration with all the trimmings, we've found something to inspire every bride-to-be.

In the third annual edition of Modern Wedding's Styling Handbook, you'll find a range of wedding themes and ideas. Brides are returning to the great outdoors and bringing a little natural beauty into their reception festivities. This year we're loving sunny springtime picnics, lavish seaside soirées and elegant garden parties. Vintage still tops the list for many brides, but it's a little more personal, with a touch of bohemian chic. Retro revivals are becoming popular, with bright colours and quirky details making a statement in style; and call us old fashioned, but sometimes you just can't go past pastel prettiness.

No matter what stage of planning you're at, you can always find new ideas! We encourage you to flick through these pages and cut, paste, pin and share your favourite images to create your very own unique wedding theme.





STYLED EVENTS

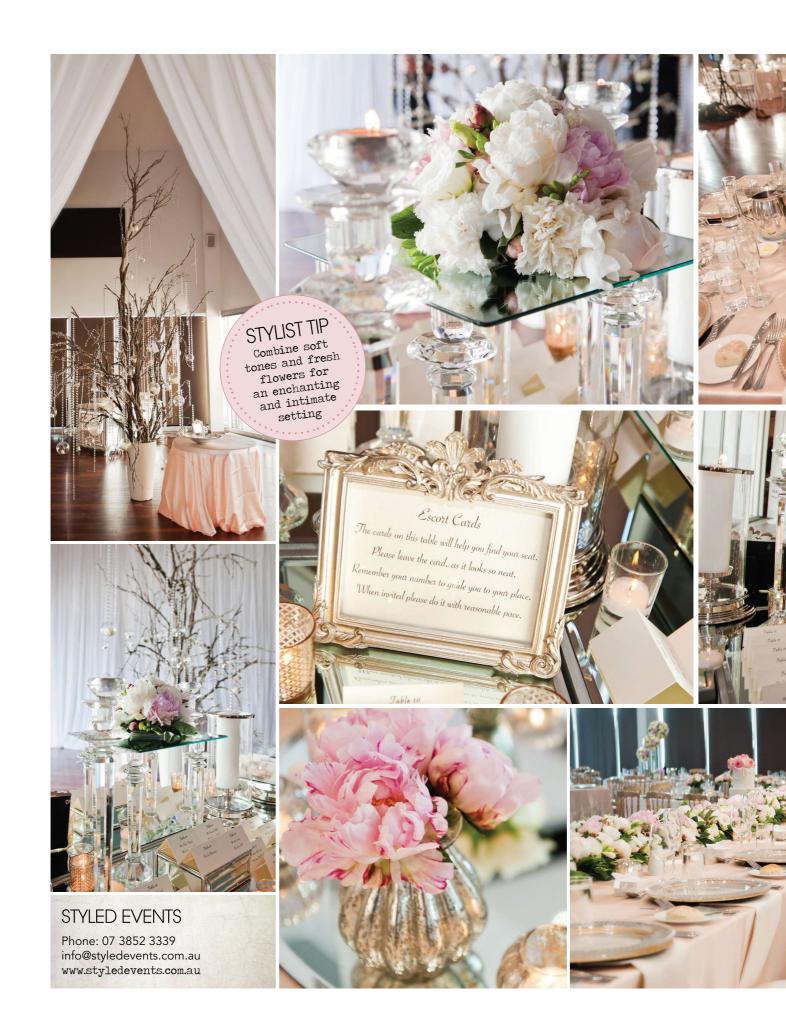
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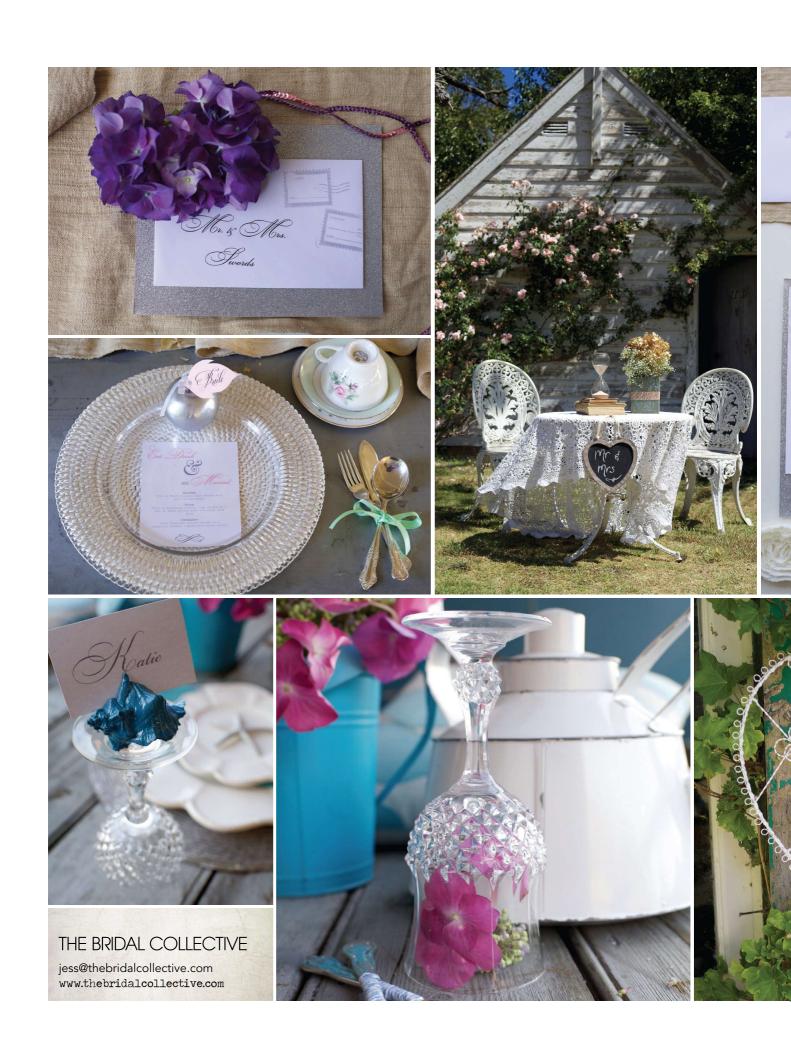
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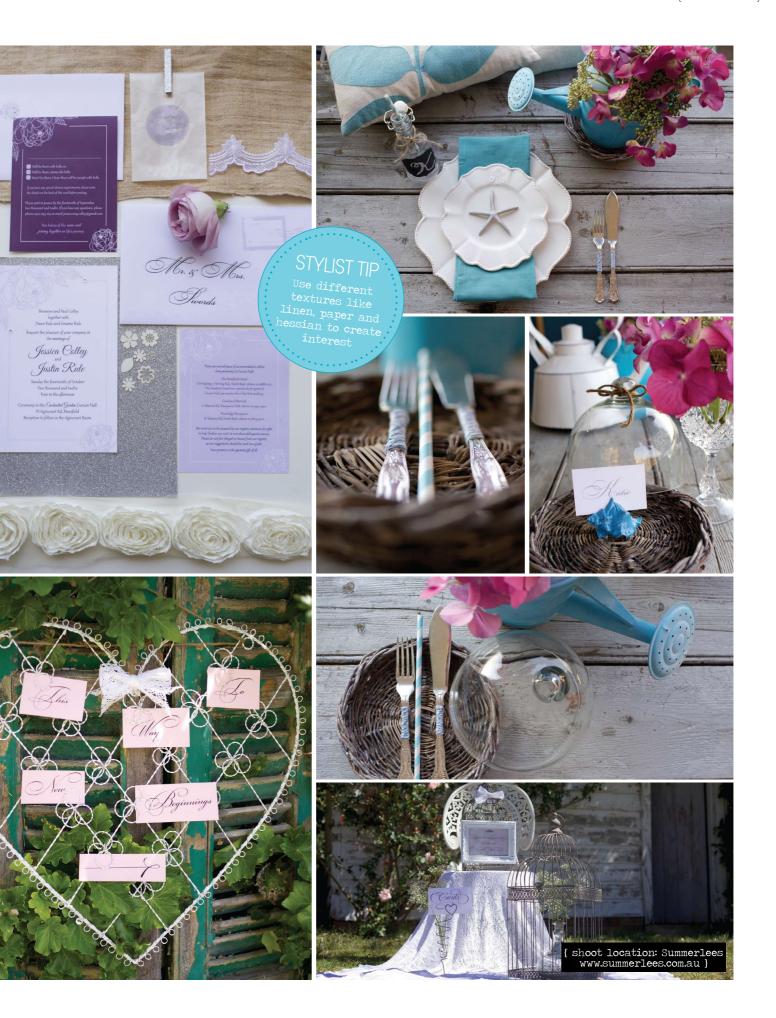
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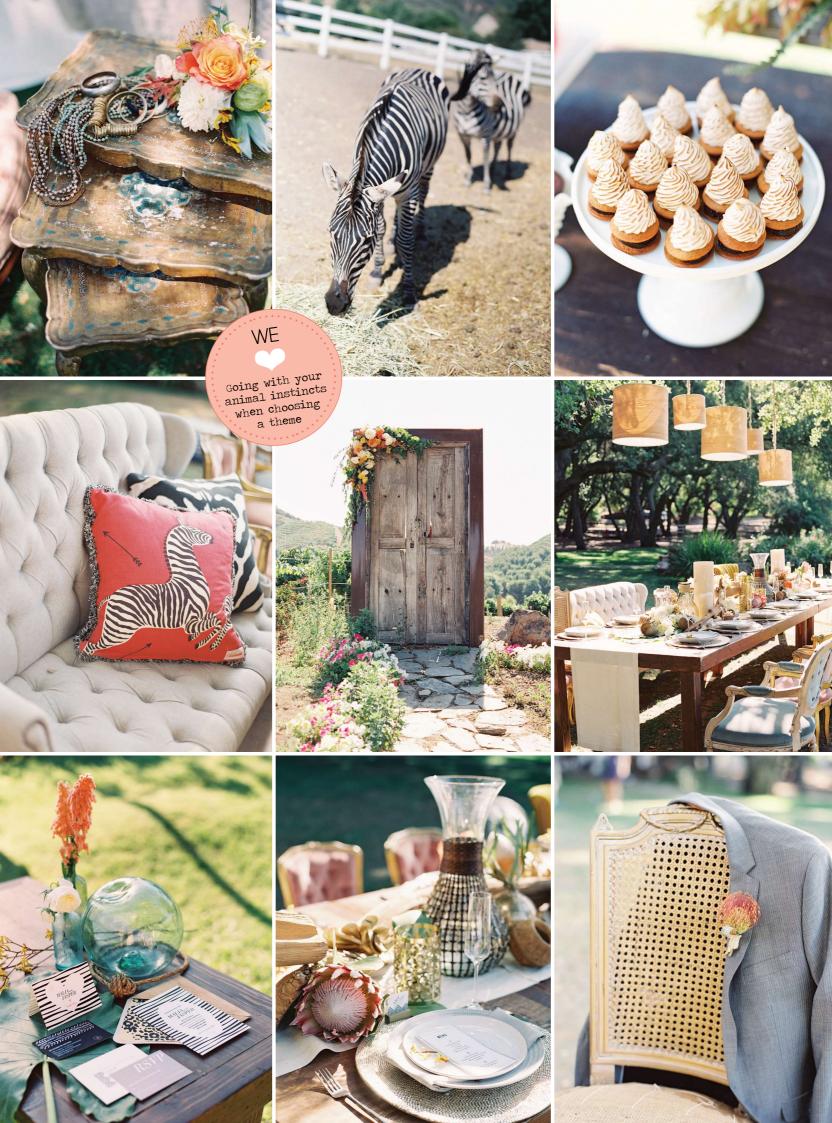


A vibrant, earthy palette of burnt orange, sage green, sunset red and bright yellow, underscored with antique wood and stat<mark>em</mark>ent black and white print creates an atmosphere second-to-none. The essence of the African plains is brought to life in this unique, vintage take on a safari theme. The stylists created a mock dining room under an old tree, hanging lamps of different heights from the branches and setting up a sixteen-seat dining table beneath. They even created a lounge area by draping off a section and populating it with overstuffed antique armchairs and chaises.



The couple make an entrance through a single wooden door, placed at the opening of the cobblestone path and dressed up with lashings of fresh flowers. A handmade arch provides a perfect outdoor location for the ceremony, with wooden benches and old-fashioned footstools offering comfortable seating for the guests.

Candles and wildflowers fill the centre of the dining table, giving life to the off-beat, eclectic theme. The stationery is a wild combination of different black and white prints, echoing the safari style. While off to one side, a stunning ruffled ombré cake and enticing homemade sweet treats await. Even the dessert table is given a new look, with additional shelving created by hanging wooden planks from the tree above.





Clinter.







A winter themed wedding doesn't have to be chilly: warm it up with gold accessories instead of silver, loads of fresh flowers and gorgeous wooden accents.

This décor theme gives a subtle nod to winter, with pretty laser cut snowflake stationery and napkin rings, gold-sprayed pinecone place-settings and a flurry of wonderful white blooms lining the table. Champagne and white paper pom poms add interest to the backs of the chairs, and the addition of ivory roses to the table arrangements softens the starkness of the white. Gold rimmed flatware and glasses make a stylish statement, while pinecones peek out from under some of the white flowers, like the ground appearing from beneath a snowfall.



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Lavender FAIRYTALE









Wite & LIGHT





Small, intimate and endlessly romantic, a white wedding lit with candles is a timeless choice.

The crisp, fresh palette of white and green is given depth and character with the addition of natural wood. Glass jars of varying sizes and heights are filled with candles and placed not only on tables, but also on floors, in front of mirrors and wherever warmth and light will have an impact. This is the epitome of simple chic.



Aude & GILLES





There's something joyful about eating, drinking and being merry outside! Incorporate some natural beauty into your celebration by holding an outdoor reception. As long as you have a back-up wet weather plan, you can be content to look forward to the big day with no worries at all.

Add a touch of vintage style with heirloom crystal, borrowed from your mother's cupboards, and re-purposed teacups from your local goodwill store. Keep your centrepieces and décor low, to encourage conversation. Your guests will be grateful. If you're able, smaller tables are another great way to ensure your guests get talking. Drag the furniture outside, drape the fairylights around your favourite tree and celebrate!





Jueete t THINGS







An engagement shoot provides the perfect opportunity for you to play with some ideas for your wedding styling. Get creative, add some of your personality into the theme and generally have fun.

A secluded location provides a beautiful backdrop for some decadent and luxurious décor. Luscious sweets and delicious treats cover every available surface, in an opulent colour palette of soft pinks, lavender, peach, ivory and cream. The vintage tea party theme is further reflected in an assortment of mismatched teacups and antique crystal. Freshly cut ranunculus, baby's breath and wild mauve roses add a touch of country style to this exquisitely indulgent celebration.













Garden PARTY





Inspired by secret gardens, faeries and daydreams, the essence of magic is alive and well in this unique take on a rustic vintage theme.

Chairs and tables entwined with vines, and overgrown with moss give a sense of fairytale enchantment, while a dessert buffet overflowing with the fruits of the forest, and divinely decorated sweet treats offers the perfect centrepiece. Let your hair down, trim it with flowers and hold your celebration at the bottom of the garden.



Ca sweet









ivvov, MRROR



The classic fairytale Snow White is given a fresh look, incorporating in-vogue yellow, antique gold and sunny accents. Subtle nods to the original story, like the hanging mirror above the dessert table and the gold sprayed apple place cards provide clever details to intrigue guests.



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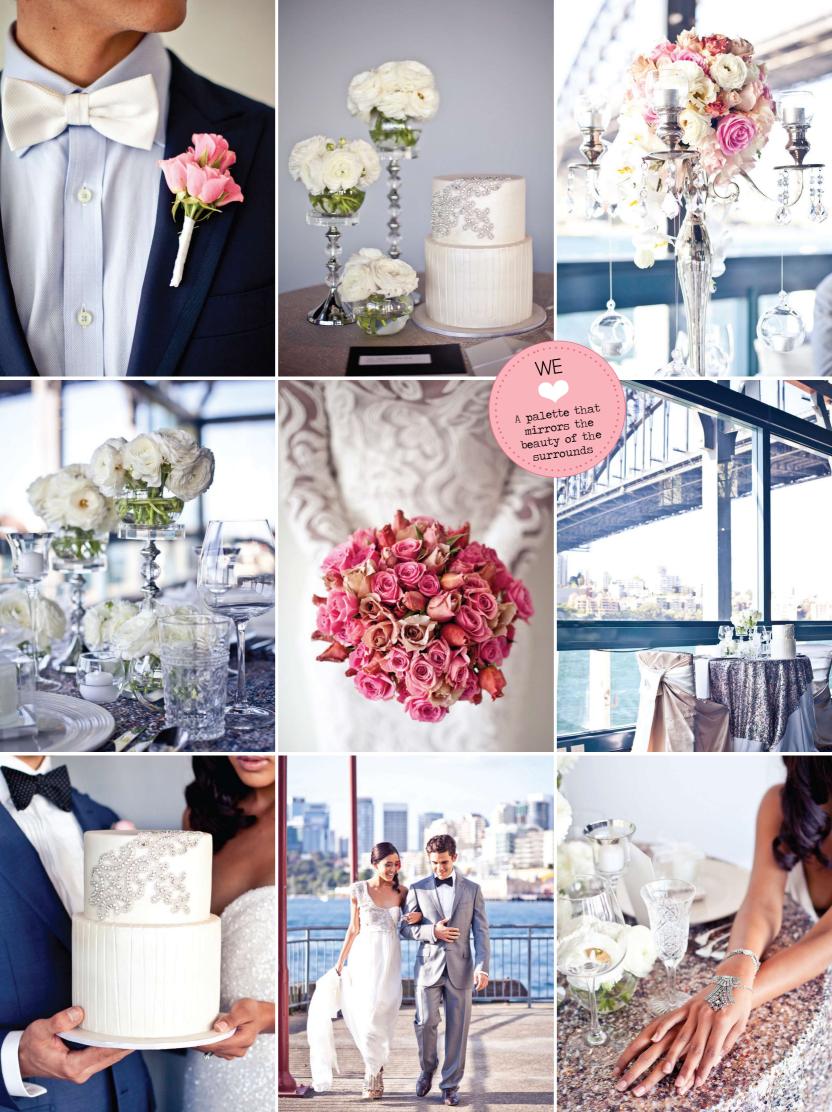
The new white wedding is sleek, chic and glam, with a touch of bling in all the right places. A palette of crisp white, shimmering champagne and sophisticated navy blue provides the perfect basis for a night of celebration. Touches of pink add an air of romance, whilst outside, magic hour falls and the city begins to sparkle. The décor is simple, yet stylish. It is rich enough to make a statement, but refined enough that it need not say a word. They say the devil is in the details, but in this case, it's the details that take us from dazzling to divine. This is glamour, redefined.

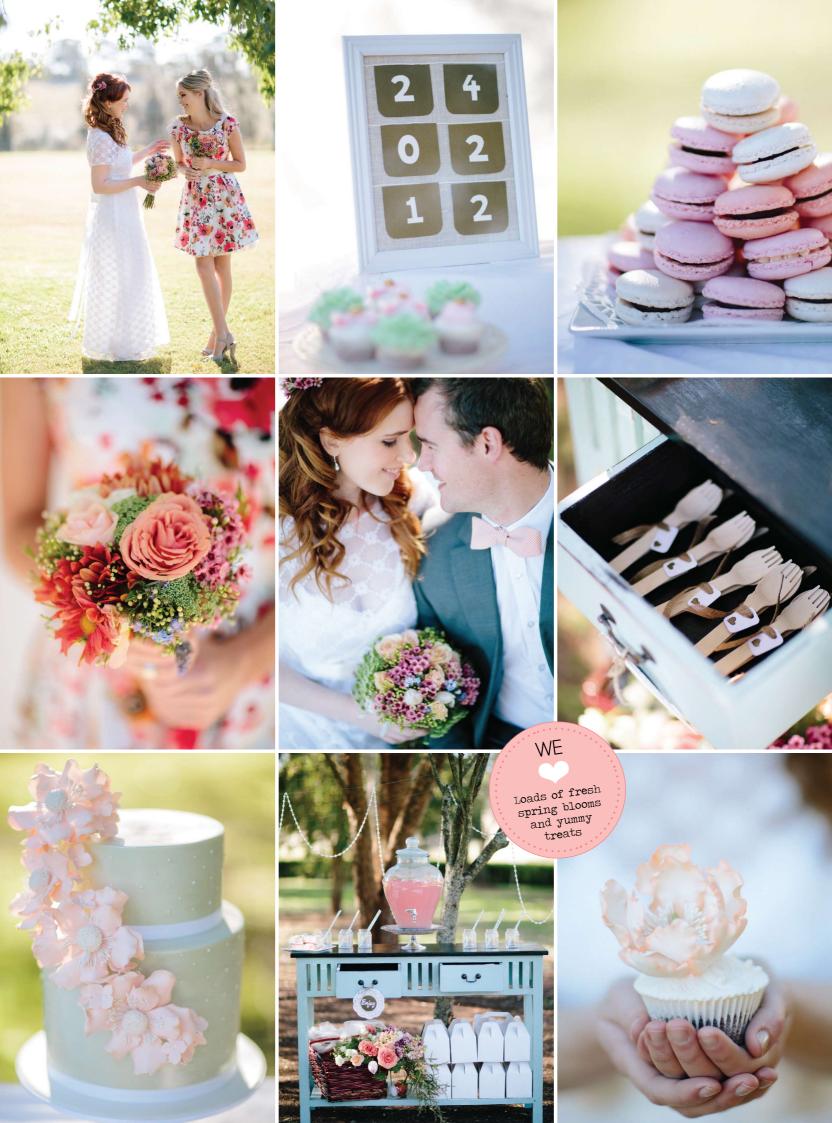
a classic



Flickers of silver, the glimmer of freshly polished crystal and vases upon vases of fresh white blooms provide a perfect backdrop. The embellishments add just enough glitz: crystals dangling from the candelabra, the twisting vine-like crystal design on the cake, the bride's exquisite headpiece and exotic diamond bracelet.

The palette is mirrored in the shimmering tablecloth covers, each one a reflection of the colours on the harbour at sunset. This bride and groom are themselves a perfect illustration of the new glamour: there is no fancy tuxedo, no princess gown, just a flawlessly tailored suit and gorgeous one-shoulder gown with a touch of sparkle. They are relaxed, elegant and enjoying themselves without pretence.





Pring |







Spring is the ideal time for an outdoor celebration. Take advantage of the beautiful parks and gardens in your local area, and plan to have a picnic-themed reception. An antique sideboard contains all you'll need, from wooden cutlery, to individually packed lunches. It also serves as a pretty dessert and drinks bar.

Load each little picnic blanket up with plenty of freshly picked flowers, mirroring the spring colours from the bouquet. Decorate the nearby trees with strands of beads and fairylights and ensure there are plenty of cupcakes and macarons for a long spring afternoon of fun in the sun.



A STORY



While clearly every aspect has been carefully considered, collectively they give a wonderful sense of laid-back, thrown-together style.







Laced & GRACEE







A bridal shower is the perfect opportunity to get a little girly with your décor and theme. Be inspired by lace, pearls, crystals and all things soft and pretty, with a palette of cream, ivory and white.

Add a touch of pink with hanging crystal baubles filled with soft pink roses, and cupcakes decorated with tiny sugar flowers. Let your ladies know what to expect by sending a lace trimmed invitation, telling them to dress in their finest ivory or white dresses. Then pop the champagne, grab a cupcake and enjoy!



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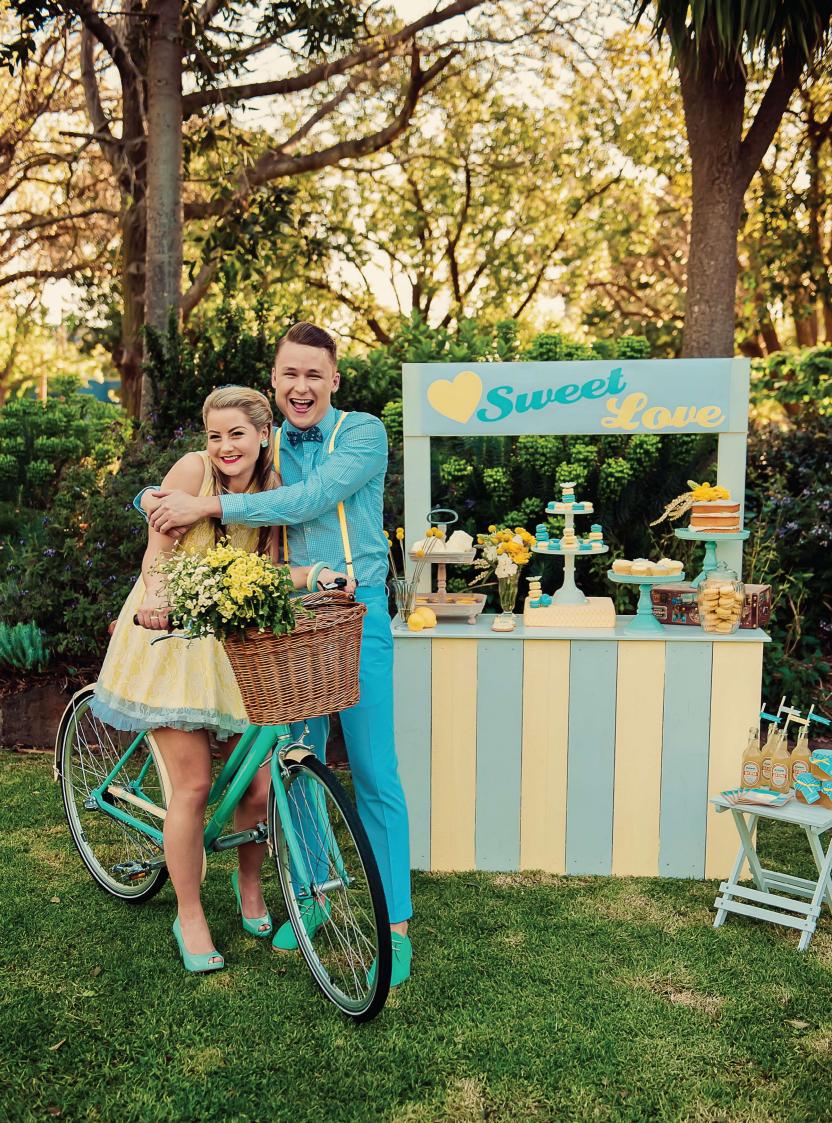
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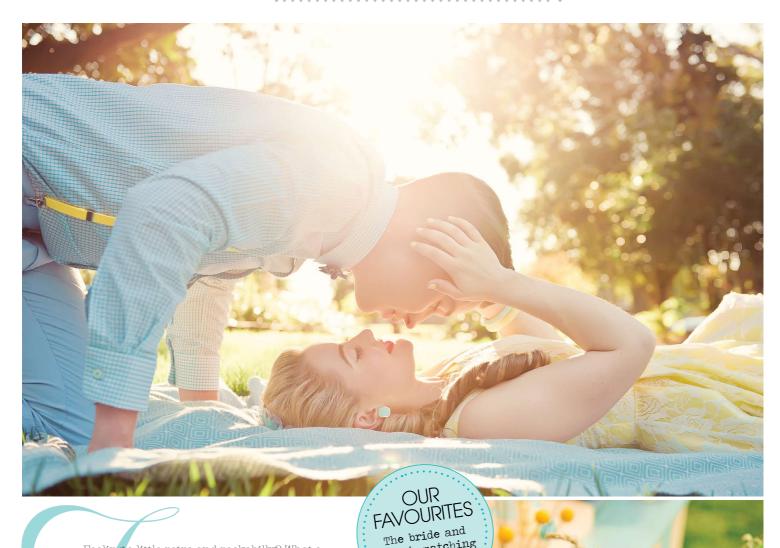
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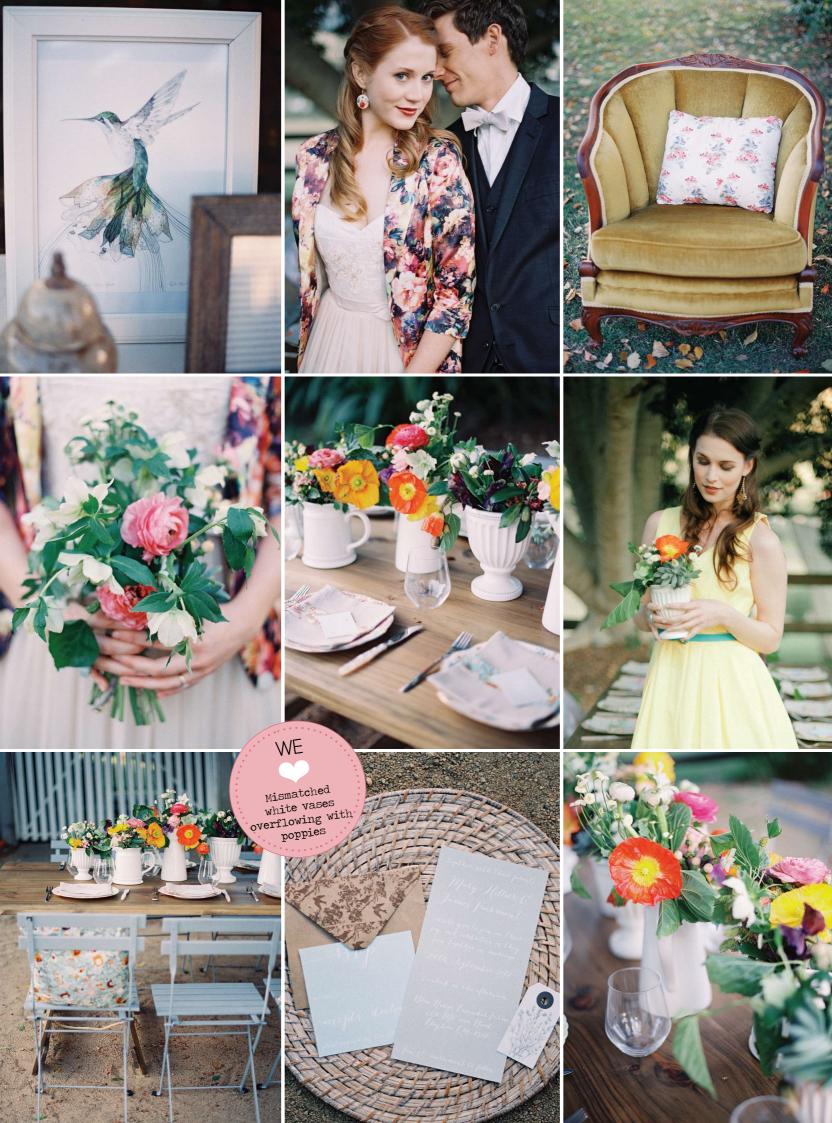
little retro and rockabilly? What a cuse to get cheesy and cute with a step ro celebration focuses on a fun palette nny yellow and fresh aqua blue. The table or is bright and eye-catching, featuring a retro print tablecloth, mis-matched yellow and olue Bentwood chairs, brightly coloured glass and serving ware and an eclectic display of yellow blooms in blue mason jars. The groom wears slim cut sky blue pants, matched with a turquoise tweed blazer and quirky yellow suspenders; the bride positively radiant in a fun yellow lace shift.



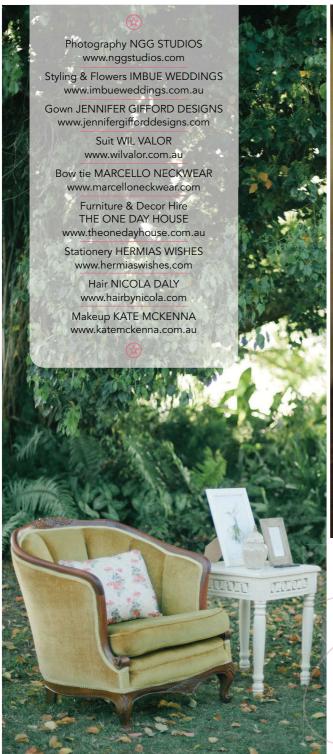
When you're making a strong stylistic statement, it's best to stick to a few feature colours that really make one another pop. This couple made an impact with a mod-styled dessert buffet, featuring home-baked sponge cake dressed with fresh flowers, delightfully cute macaron stacks, sweet lemon merigue puffs, lemon tarts and chiffon cupcakes. Guests were treated to homemade jam and a CD of the couple's favourite tracks.

If you're evoking a particular era, go all out, down to the finest details: old fashioned lemonade with striped yellow straws, a bicycle with a flower-laden basket, brightly coloured balloons and even hair and makeup that's reminiscent of the time. Get playful and creative with your photographer: use props to help you recreate images from the period. It will make your memories even more unique.





Cintage FLORALS





Springtime brights take on a vintage charm, with a cheerful palette of deep violet, sunny yellow, burnt orange and rosy pink brought to life with crisp white china and quirky outdoor furniture settings.

It's almost as if a floral print had come to life. The balance of each colour within the overall theme is perfect, yet still has a sense of relaxed, 'just picked' freshness. The invitations are kept to neutral colours, allowing the vintage florals to shine. The rustic wooden table setting and kitschy metal chairs all combine to give a sense of 70s style that is completely unique.







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