

LOVE IT

IDEAS TO MAKE YOUR WEDDING STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD



1 SAY CHEESE!

Perfect for a quirky couple with a group of great friends and family, a photo booth will bring a sense of fun to your reception – as well as giving you snapshot mementos of your guests on the big day. If you're a fan of DIY then it's relatively easy to make your own by making use of a big old photo frame, raiding some charity shops for comedy hats and other props, and investing in a polaroid camera. However, for the not so crafty, there are several companies out there who will provide you with a full photo booth service, including props, booth, prints, and very often a website so that your guests can see their antics after the event. You can even use the on-the-night print outs (a la passport photo) to create a unique guestbook.

Check out: Say Fromage offer's a complete wedding package starting at £595 (inc VAT) www.sayfromage.co.uk

Everybody loves a wedding, but when you have one of those summers where every Saturday June to September is taken up with nuptials they have a tendency to blend into each other. For the bride and groom this is obviously a nightmare – you've spent a small house deposit on a day, and your guests should remember your wedding!

The solution? Give the guests something to remember with a unique twist that reflects your personality.

2 BLOOMING WITH FLAVOUR

Bored of the same old table centres? Fruitful Blooms, a Buckinghamshire-based company creates stunning centrepiece bouquets made of fruit and chocolate. From roses to tulips, each bespoke piece is made by skilled chocolatiers using high-quality chocolate, and they pass the taste test too! Anita Thakkar, the creative drive behind the company says, "You see people doing doubletakes as they realise that they aren't real flowers, then guests gradually pluck up the courage to take a bite – once one person starts, everyone starts tucking in!" Fruitful Blooms also works with each bride and groom to ensure their table centres blend in perfectly with the colour scheme and theme of their wedding.

Check out: Prices start from £75 for a bouquet. www.fruitfulblooms.com



3 MUSIC AND LIGHT

Fireworks are a popular way to send off the newlyweds with a bang and round off the evening reception, but for a more personal and memorable display, combine the firework display with the power of music. The award-winning Serena Foyle is a trained musician who has a unique approach to combining music with fireworks: "Each soundtrack is created bespoke for the client, inspired by the location, which of course creates a very unique display for the couple. These fireworks displays hold a key focus on music, leaving a lasting effect on not just the wedding couple but the entire wedding party."

Though Serena is a classical musician, she loves the variety that a musical firework display offers to a wedding with all music genres. "Fireworks make music come alive; so many styles of music can work well with fireworks. I feel like there are endless possibilities in the atmospheres that can be created. It moves on further than simply using different types of fireworks to highlight certain moments, note or beats in music; the vibrancy and colour of fireworks brings an empty sky to life, enhancing the atmosphere of the sound the audience hears."

If you still need convincing, just picture the response from your guests as they watch your personalised firework and music display: they'll feel, "overwhelming excitement, pure happiness and sometimes even speechlessness." This is a truly memorable way to finish your wedding celebrations in style.

Check out: Wedding displays, price on request at www.serenafoyle.com

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4 DRINKS WITH A TWIST

Champagne is the traditional drink du jour for the big day, but why not shake it up a little bit with some help from The Cocktail Caravan. Norman (yes, Norman) the caravan lives in Dorset, but travels to weddings and parties serving up a truly unique bar experience tailored to you and your budget. From offering cocktails as an alternative toast drink, creating a lounge area away from the dance floor, to a cocktail hour with inventions chosen by you and your partner, The Cocktail Caravan offers a touch of vintage to your special day.

Check out: Wedding package prices on request, www.thecocktailcaravan.co.uk