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22 Fun, Sexy Wedding Trends

Calling all *Cosmo* brides: We've got a ton of fabulous, chic, budget-friendly nuptial ideas. Even if you're not engaged, rip 'em out for later.

By Celeste Perron

■ We have amazing news for all *Cosmo* chicks who are planning a trip down the aisle: Over-the-top, frilly, fussy weddings are *out*. What's in: making your nuptials a uniquely you affair that doesn't cost a fortune.

"The new trend in weddings is to make the event very personal, while keeping it simple," says New York City wedding planner Karen Bussen, author of *Simple Stunning Weddings*. To get you started, we compiled a ton of savvy tips—and borrowed a few from celeb brides—that won't break the bank.

← Try a Stylish Centerpiece Mix

The latest trend in table flowers: a cluster of vases in different shapes and sizes, each filled with a different bloom in one color scheme. Think: a few pink peonies in a narrow vase, a few pink sweet peas

in a square vase, and a few pink rosebuds in a low round vase. "This saves money because you make a big impact with fewer flowers," says Bussen.

■ Do a Gown Switcheroo

Take a cue from brides like Britney Spears and Melania Trump, who switched into a sexier second dress and headpiece for the reception, says Carley Roney, editor in chief and cofounder of online wedding resource *Theknot.com*. Or wear a capelet during your vows that you can remove to show a strapless top or plunging neckline.

■ Customize Your Registry

Log onto www.felicite.com to combine goodies from many sites into one registry. Include fun stuff like exotic trips (guests can chip in whatever they wish), home furnishings, or even a Vespa.



Breakaway buds: More than one chick can catch it.



↑ Revamp the Bouquet Toss

Be kind to the bachelorettes and throw a breakaway bouquet, suggests Roney. It looks like a regular bouquet but splits into three or more mini nosegays when you throw it over your shoulder, giving more than one single girl a chance to grab (make that lunge) for the goods.

Bridezilla Begone!

The idea that "your day" gives you *carte blanche* to throw fits is out. So the next time you start wiggling, give yourself a perspective check. Your mom wants to wear a pink suit that clashes with your bouquet? Her need to feel stunning trumps your urge to art-direct the family photos.

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