

Bride Ideas

RECEPTION DESIGN

STATEMENT PIECES

These wedding planners make a big impression with creative, out-of-the-box designs that elegantly instill a sense of personality to each of their couples' wedding days. From billowing pink tents and a tropical dance floor to chandeliers that draw everyone's attention to the head table, inspiration abounds in these five scene-stealing designs. —*Lara M. Burnap*



Sold on the idea of having dinner under the stars for this coastal-inspired wedding at Montage Laguna Beach (montagehotels.com), Orange County's **Intertwined Weddings & Events** (intertwinedevents.com) designed a beautiful head-table installation accented with eye-catching wicker lanterns. The wicker's natural texture was a perfect complement to the white floral arrangements by **Inviting Occasion** (invitingoccasion.com) and the oceanic elements that adorned the setting, which included shells, sea glass and coral.

Kitty and Randy Adler wanted to impress their guests with details that were cutting edge yet elegant. Jessica Kuipers of **Onyx and Redwood** (onyxandredwood.com) in Santa Barbara made their dream a reality by opting for a pink panel tent adorned with an assortment of crystal chandeliers. To bring the "wow," Kuipers designed a dance floor covered in a wild blue tropical design.



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Santa Barbara-based Jaime Kostechko of **Wild Heart Wedding & Events** (wildheartevents.com) wanted to bring a boho vibe to the interior of the industrial-style barn at the newly opened Ocean View Farm in Carpinteria. In collaboration with **Idlewild Floral & Event Design** (idlewildfloral.com), the team defined the dance floor with a macramé-and-dried-floral chandelier.



In search of an element that flowed with the natural environment of Kestrel Park in Santa Ynez, wedding planner Davia McNamara of **Davia Lee Weddings & Events** (davialee.com) created freestanding banners as the escort card display. With delicate calligraphy by **Fête & Quill** (feteandquill.com), the display stood out beautifully against the venue's greenery and billowed softly in the wind. In addition, McNamara draped the same gray-hued fabric over the back of the bride's and groom's chairs, which were inscribed with rose gold foil that read "Avere" and "Tenere," which translates from Italian as "to have" and "to hold." Ever the romantic, McNamara presented the couple with pillows made from the two chair drapings as a Valentine's Day gift.

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DETAILS & DÉCOR

Love Letters

Designer, florist and event planner Tyler Speier of **Tyler Speier Events** (tylerspeier.com) in Santa Barbara has a passion for inserting creative touches of calligraphy at his weddings. “I love having a calligrapher on hand the day of the event,” says Speier. “Just in case I am struck with inspiration and suddenly see something that needs a flourish.” Speier teamed up with **Paper & Cloth** (bypaperandcloth.com) to share five unique ways to incorporate calligraphy into your wedding day. —*L.M.B.*



Set up a “love notes” station at your reception. Have a calligrapher write up anything a guest composes, from a poem to a heartfelt letter. The note becomes both a keepsake and a party favor—or it can serve as a guest book for the bride and groom.



Connect the calligrapher with your florist so they can create a name card for each of the floral varieties in your bouquet. Next, ask your photographer to take photos of the name cards with each flower to create a pictorial “recipe” of the blooms from your wedding.



Have your vows penned in a beautiful keepsake booklet so you can remember those words for the years to come.

An oversized scroll featuring your vows or ceremony reading creates a romantic focal point. Place it at the entrance to your aisle, or use it as a backdrop for the ceremony, photo opportunities or the sweetheart table.



LOVE NOTES AND FLOWER CARDS: MICHAEL AND ANNA COSTA PHOTOGRAPHY; VOWS AND SCROLL: CHRISTINE TAYLOR

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In just three simple steps, **Anomalie** (dressanomalie.com) brings your vision of the perfect wedding dress to life. Collaborate with a highly skilled team of designers and stylists who specialize in making dreams come true. Elizabeth Dugas and Ariana Sperling are two Californian brides whose designs were flawlessly executed by Anomalie. Demonstrating how creative an Anomalie bride can get, Dugas wowed her guests with a removable overskirt, showing off a new look for the reception. With the company’s newly released collection of semi-customized veils, Anomalie can truly deliver the full package. “I definitely knew what kind of dress I wanted from the very beginning: long showstopper train, low back, exposed bodice,” says Sperling. “Enter my dream team of stylists!” —*Emily Feig*



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PERSONAL DETAILS

Veiled Beauty

Alexandra Kaslow gathered the many letters her husband-to-be Steven Skavdahl had written to her over the years. She worked with **Hermione de Paula** ([hermionedepaula.com](#)) to design a custom veil embroidered with his words. "The look on his face the first time he saw it still gives me chills," recounts Kaslow. —L.M.B.

CEREMONY VOWS

SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS

When it came time for Rachel Fleming and James Foord to tie the knot, the **Colony Palms Hotel in Palm Springs** ([colonypalmshotel.com](#)) was the ideal spot for hosting their vibrant boho-chic celebration. According to their planner, **Fran Steiner of Events by Fran** ([eventsbyfran.co](#)), the theme of the wedding was "a weekend of love in the sun." Some of their personal touches included fresh fruit on the tables, colorful smoke bombs for photo ops and a poolside reception followed by a midnight pool party. However, the most meaningful aspect was their ceremony. Wahe Guru Kaur Khalsa is a good friend of Rachel's as well as a Kundalini yoga instructor and registered officiant. After Rachel witnessed a ceremony officiated by Wah Khalsa and shaman Sara Eaglewoman, she knew the two were the right choice for her nuptials. The bride and groom stood atop a spiral of flowers, surrounded by family and friends in front of a set of bloom-adorned arches as a soft breeze blew. They received blessings from their guests before exchanging their vows and being showered with flowers. —Brynna Tocco

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