

Lavish Looks for less

Want to wow your guests without blowing the budget? Christina Miller shows you how to achieve these lavish wedding receptions through local Scottish suppliers



THE GRAND RECEPTION: Get the look

Get this lavish, sugar-coated look by choosing large, budget friendly flowers in ivory and rose pink and filling them out with gypsophila and green foliage. Pink and white carnations are pretty yet cheap and, arranged in oasis or short vases along your table runners, add a nice fullness to the table without breaking the bank. For the main centrepiece, tall plastic vases will provide the same effect as glass, while a few strategically placed chandeliers will bring grandeur. Rattan chairs are gorgeous, but white chair covers cost less and create the same neutral palette and finally, a few glass baubles hanging from simple candelabras will bring the right amount of sparkle!

Chandelier (£89),
isme.com



TOP TIP: Don't assume you need chandeliers everywhere – just one or two will make all the difference

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TOP TIP: Add bulk to large floral centrepieces with foliage and spray roses

ask the experts

Janice Grimley-Evans of Blue Thistle Weddings shares her top tips for the perfect reception



Think about the overall effect you want to achieve - how do you want to feel when you walk into the room?

- Choose a venue which complements that style and can accommodate your guest numbers
- Stick to a style or theme using your favourite colours and accessories
- Make sure you communicate exactly what you want to your suppliers and venue; don't be afraid to tell them if it's not quite right!
- Confirm everything in writing for your own peace of mind

THE GRAND RECEPTION: Sugar-coated

This ivory and pink themed reception is guaranteed to wow your guests. From the circular-backed rattan chairs to the overwhelming floral displays and crystal candelabras, it's a visual feast sure to take your guests' breath away. Flamboyant floral displays are best kept simple; choose a muted colour palette and embellish with clear crystal details. Jordana Patrick, Managing Director of Jordana Events says that when it comes to reception décor, the bigger the better! "For me, it's all about flowers, candlelight and creating a romantic setting. I love to design and create wonderful floral arrangements; I feel the more dramatic they are the better the atmosphere, and I find guests love that," explains Jordana. "The finer details are so important, and often missed. Finishing touches like lighting, menus, even how napkins are folded all impact the finished look of your reception room."



Jordana Event Design and Florist

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Emma and Ruth from SuperNova Wedding Design and Flowers talk intimate reception ideas



"An intimate wedding reception can be every bit as special as an extravagant affair. Choosing to invite only

family and very close friends can make it a really special day that you'll enjoy and everyone invited will remember. Reducing your numbers will also help with your budget, meaning you have more to spend on making your guests tables feel extra special, it can make it less stressful with less guests to organise to!"

THE INTIMATE RECEPTION:
Dark romance

Intimate wedding receptions lend themselves well to understated glamour. Fine details, such as silver napkin rings and perfectly polished glassware give a distinctly sophisticated look, while elegant, mirrored trays give a nod to parties from black and white movies. The perfectly positioned tealights give off a soft glow, lifting the rich colours and, in turn, create a romantic atmosphere. Silver accents and crisp white linen bring a chic element to the table, while short and neat floral displays mean your guests can chat happily, without distractions.

THE INTIMATE RECEPTION:
Get the look

A luxurious dinner table doesn't have to be expensive. Get this super chic look by asking your grannies if you can borrow silver trays (mismatched looks equally as nice as matching), or simply use plain mirrors instead. Create lots of warm light with tealights in glass holders and by simply buffing your glassware to a high shine, you'll achieve the sophistication factor. Flowers in rich, dark colours are perfect for autumn and winter weddings and this look is easily achieved with blood red roses and crimson seasonal berries and seed heads. The real flair is found in the little details - silver salt and pepper shakers, ornate napkin rings and formal platters will finish off the look with class.



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TOP TIP: Short vases are perfect for an intimate dinner, ensuring you can see your companions!

BEST BUYS: These long stem wine glasses create a subtle style statement and the Ikea tealight holders are fantastic value for money!

Tealight holder (£1.25)
ikea.comWine Glasses
(4 for £10),
debenhams.com