



Hanging floral features behind the head table, by Kim Chan Events.

YOUR WEDDING – YOUR STYLE

No doubt you have thought long and hard about what you want for your perfect wedding day. Gorgeous flowers, the perfect venue styled to look amazing, the ideal season for that warm sunny day...but how do you actually make all these things come together in perfect harmony? Kim Chan offers some expert advice.

Your wedding theme needs to be what you love, and reflect who you both are as a couple. It is essentially giving a little of yourselves and your style to the day for you all to celebrate and embrace the moment together. Remember that trends will fade and change, but your photos and memories will last your lifetime. Make

sure you start your planning early on, long before your actual wedding date. Think about the time of year you'd like to be married – is it spring with blooming flowers and budding trees, or summer, or do the beautiful shades and tones of autumn appeal?

Once you've agreed on a date, one of the first things to decide is your theme – or

your style as a couple. Once you have an idea of this you can look at venues that go some way to helping you create the look and feel that you would like to have on your wedding day. If you choose a venue that is halfway there, it is much easier to layer and build upon it and create something truly magical. Styling is all about layers!

To execute a theme successfully, gather a few images of things that you love, and share them with your suppliers so they get a feel for your vision. These images don't have to relate to weddings, but will help set the tone of the day and inspire their thinking. Carry your theme through everything you do: invites, menus, table numbers, welcome signs and so forth. Make sure it is all cohesive.

Remember that simple is often best. You don't have to keep adding little things here and there – big feature pieces make great impact and are much better value for money than lots of little things that get lost. 🌸



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1. Floral archway by Kim Chan Events.
 2. Large centrepiece florals by Sweet Pea Weddings for Emma Newman Weddings. Photo Lovelight. 3. Blue's Booth Kombi photobooth. Photo Kelly Shakespeare.
 4. Stunning hanging florals in a rustic setting with touches of burgundy - the colour theme throughout this wedding. See more of this wedding on page 89. 5. Rose themed floral archway by Kim Chan Events.

Wedding Trends

What to look out for when it comes to must-have wedding trends for the season ahead:

HANGING FEATURE FLORALS

Often placed to create a sense of wow factor behind the head table, these large floral features can be suspended from the ceiling beams and when incorporated with lights can add great additional ambience later in the evening.

UNSTRUCTURED ELEGANT BOUQUETS

Big focal statement flowers are becoming more and more popular, think elegant arrangements with big blooms at their centre – phalaenopsis orchids, king proteas, toitoi.

NATURAL MATERIALS

Lush, green foliage and assorted natural textures can be a great way to draw on our beautiful local landscape while adding a touch of authenticity and natural beauty to the day.