

# THE 2025 Wedding & Celebrations Guide

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue? Modern couples have other ideas. They're creating their own traditions and planning weddings that are sentimental and fun, with plenty of entertainment for guests. READ ON for some of this year's top nuptial trends. >

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## 1 HOMETOWN PARTIES

Destination weddings were all the rage post-pandemic, but now that people can satisfy their travel bug on the regular, many are opting to have weddings closer to home at sites that carry personal significance. Lucky for Colorado couples, there are countless beautiful locales that qualify.

## 2 FILM PHOTOGRAPHY

It's 2025 and we can all capture photos 24 hours a day with our phones. Perhaps that's why current brides and grooms are opting to throw it back to the days of film photography. There's a romance and nostalgia to it that couples are drawn to.

## 3 STARTING NEW TRADITIONS

Bouquet tosses and cake cutting aren't totally out the door, but many couples are opting to make those time-honored traditions their own, by saying their vows privately, incorporating their cultural customs, or skipping formal family portraits.

## 4 SUSTAINABLE EVENTS

"Eco-friendly" remains a buzzword in the wedding world. Couples are trying to cut down on single-use plastic (bye, glow sticks), hiring caterers who are focused on reducing food waste, thrifting decor, and sending digital invitations.

## 5 DRAMATIC DRAPERY

Texture and fabric are the name of the design game this year. Draped installations—on tabletops, pouring from the ceiling, and on walls—brings the drama while creating an inviting space.

## 6 ALL ABOUT LACE

Lace is a wedding classic, and modern brides are still loving it for their ceremony dresses. This year, the more natural-looking matte lace is particularly popular, as is lace detailing on gloves, long sleeves, or high necklines.



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FROM THE HIP PHOTO

# The more, the better.

Contemporary brides aren't satisfied with one wedding dress. Instead, many are choosing to show off with two or three looks throughout their big day. So how exactly do you go about picking a trio of perfect outfits? Heed this advice.

- Think about the various phases of your wedding day (ceremony, reception, after-party) and consider the settings and the vibe. That will help you determine whether a traditional dress or a plunging jumpsuit is more appropriate, for example.
- Choose ensembles that complement one another. You want a cohesive look throughout the day.
- For ease, opt for accessories that work with all of your outfits. A smart move: Bring a pair of more comfortable shoes for later in the evening.
- Consult with your wedding planner on the timeline for the day so you can determine the best times to change. You don't want to miss any crucial moments or hold up the party.

**TIP:** Practice changing between outfits in advance.

# On the menu.

No one attends a wedding for the food, but more and more, couples are making refreshments a centerpiece of their festivities. Take a cue from these three delectable ideas.



## THE DRINKS

Sure, you could do his and hers signature drinks. Or you could opt for pre-batched cocktails, which mean guests don't get stuck waiting in line when they could be on the dance floor. Of course, mocktails remain a must, too.



## THE CAKE

Vintage style has made a triumphant return, with colonnades and colorful piping making regular appearances in 2025. Creative details, such as a dome-shaped cake design or pressed flowers adorning the confection, are also of-the-moment.

## THE LATE-NIGHT SNACKS

Offering guests an extra nosh toward the end of the festivities isn't new, but couples are fancying the late-night food trend with goodies like gourmet popcorn, build-your-own ramen bars, and elaborate snack stations. Boxes that allow guests to take confections back to their rooms or that the couple has filled with a next-morning bite, are extra nice.



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