



Crystal Clear

Maria Fowlks and Jimmy Scruggs

The Dana on Mission Bay, San Diego

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style: your magic wand

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For some brides, creating a cohesive wedding design is one of their greatest challenges during the planning process. However, there is a secret weapon that makes everything else fall into place; the element of style. Fashion and home designers use style as the foundation of their designs, so why can't you?

Make a list of adjectives that best describe the tone or theme of your wedding vision. Whimsical, royal, modern, dramatic, tradition, eclectic, casual: these words, along with many others, evoke imagery and inspiration and are a great stepping stone to convey your style.



Many brides also create an inspiration board out of pictures pulled from wedding magazines and blogs as a way to express what their wedding style will be. This can keep you focused on the look you are trying to achieve. It also trains your eye to be attracted to elements that are similar to your inspiration board. When you meet with your wedding designer or vendors, your direction is clear and other suggestions made will compliment your style.



Your personal style can also be carried into your wedding design. Think about your home and closet. Do you normally wear statement jewelry with simple outfits? Perhaps a simple wedding gown with statement accessories is for you. Is your home decorated with modern lines and whimsical accessories? Do the same for your wedding décor.

Just as pulling the right pieces of clothing together can result in a great wardrobe, you need to combine all of the elements you have chosen to create a common style or theme for your wedding design. It is perfectly fine to be eclectic, but if you try to combine random elements that have varied styles, it might look unrefined. It is best to have many traditional elements that compliment each other, versus traditional, whimsical and modern elements that naturally repel against each other.

A well-styled event can be gorgeous on any budget. Even DIY brides have been successful at creating gorgeous designs simply by finding ideas that support their wedding style. With all of the images and ideas available for today's bride, all it takes is some time for research and creation to bring your style to life.



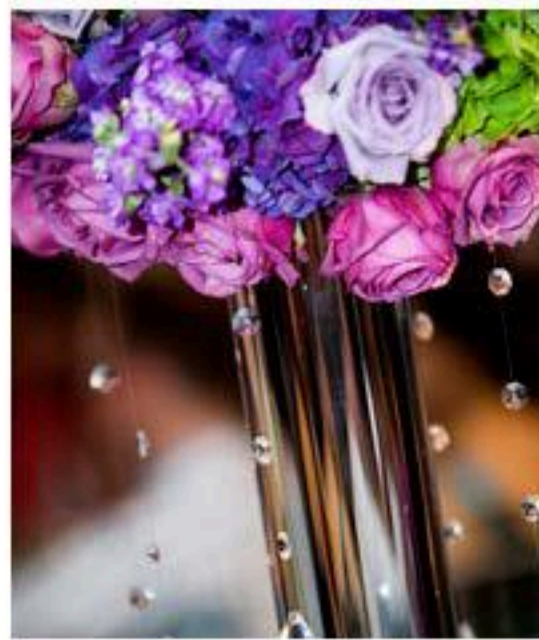
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THE INTRODUCTION Jimmy's sister was a friend of Maria's, and she introduced the two. **THE PROPOSAL** In February of 2007, Jimmy walked into Maria's office, spoke to her of his deep feelings for her, and then dropped to his knee to propose. **THE WEDDING** The ceremony overlooked the waterfront of Mission Bay. The elegant, romantic event displayed hues of lilac with a hint of sage and shimmering crystals adorned every detail. **Coordinator** Planning Yours **Floral Design** Flowers by Erin **Linens** Concepts Event Design **Rentals** Chiavari Chair Rentals **Lighting** Fuller Lighting and AV Designs **Cake** Twiggs Bakery **Entertainment** Beck's Entertainment **Videographer** It's Your Movie **Gown** Private Label By G at Preevue **Hairpiece** Jessica McClintock **Veil** Bel Aire Veil **Bridal Jewelry & Wedding Rings** The Bridal Diamond Palace **Bridal Shoes** Touch Ups at Preevue **Hair** Suede Salon **Makeup** Tescia De'ak **Formalwear** Men's Wearhouse **Bridesmaid Dresses** Dessy **Honeymoon** St. Lucia **THE NEWLYWEDS** The couple resides in San Diego where Jimmy is a supervisor for Scripps and Maria is working on her doctorate in psychology. She also works part time with children with autism.