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Local experts reveal how to inject summer brights into your big day

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Colour Pop

Meet the experts



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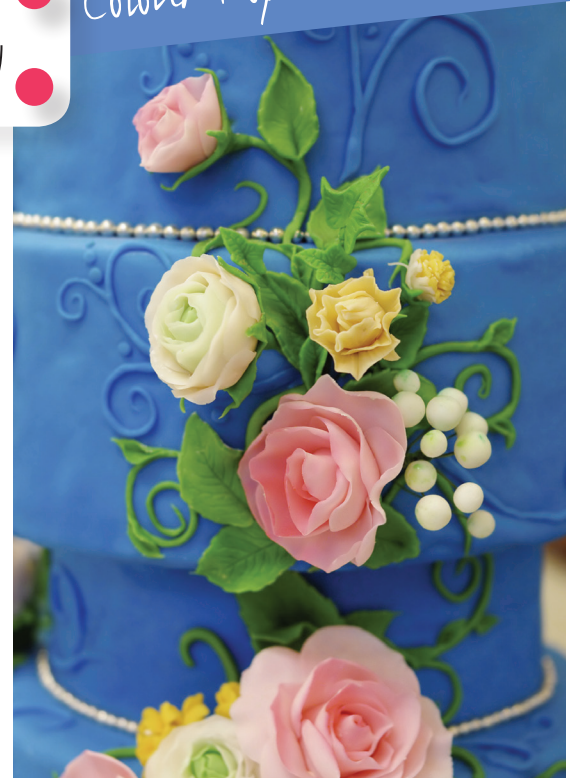
Rozie Powell
Wedding cake
expert

Light and shade

Q Although our day is going to be quite traditional, I fancy having a really bright and colourful cake. Could you give me some ideas on what we could go for without it looking garish?

Rozie says: I'd suggest using colours that are in keeping with the theme of your wedding but opt for different shades and contrasts. Use brights for flowers, patterns or ribbon and keep the cake surface a light traditional hue.

By focusing bright colours on the features, the cake can still be striking without being garish. Flowers are perfect for traditional wedding cakes and provide huge scope to introduce stunning shades and brightness. Alternatively, for a three tier cake, choose a bright hue for the middle tier and opt for muted tones for the other two.



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Colour rush

Q I've seen some great shots on photography websites of grooms showing bright socks and am keen to build on this. I'd love to have loads of colour in our big-day pictures but need some inspiration around how we could do it.

A **Becky says:** Most weddings have a colour scheme and a groom wearing coloured socks is a fun way of including him in this. I'd err on the side of caution though, as you don't want the colour to take over – but socks are a great idea, as they can be covered up in the formal shots.

Don't forget you'll also be carrying a bouquet which is likely to be in most of your photos. That's a great way to add a splash of colour to your photographs, and flowers are perfect for adding some zing to your décor.

If you're having bridesmaids, their dresses can inject some brightness into your wedding, as there's such a huge choice of colours - this will bring an instant rush to your day.



A BRIGHTER SHADE OF PALE

Q

For my August wedding I want my flowers to be a real stand-out feature. What are the best options for summer brights?

A

Shane says: Summer's a great time of the year to get married. The list is endless when it comes to bright and bold flowers, but try keeping your selection to a controlled amount. Too many brights could create an eyesore.

This season it's all about large sphere arrangements and this look can be created perfectly with the following flowers:

- ♥ Hydrangeas – these give you the volume you need and come in brilliant colours.
- ♥ Dahlias – these look good in a mixed arrangement but can also stand alone to create little bud vases.

♥ Peonies – the ultimate wedding flower, and they can come in a bright magenta.

My top tip though for really making a statement with colour is to use the gloriosa lily which comes in yellow and orange-and-yellow with bright, curly leaves.

Brighten up any choice with green viburnum for an extra special vibe, and match this lime pompom with peonies to really stand out.



All about hue

Q

We're getting married in a country house and I'd like to add a colourful twist to it with my venue styling. Is there anything you could suggest for creating a real colour pop?

A

Pauline says: All venues can undergo a wonderful colour transformation with even the smallest of budgets, using simple extras, from balloons, streamers and flowers in vibrant shades and displays, to cakes and chair covers with sashes, and table runners. Why not transform your dining tables by replacing traditional white/ivory linen serviettes with vibrant serviettes in summer hues or patterns?

For a more rustic feel try adding tea-light candles in colourful jars or bunting to your tables or venue.



IT'S A CRACKER

Q

We want to have colourful entertainment at our wedding in every sense of the word. Do you have any tips on what we should go for?

A

Glenn says: What better way to bring colour and excitement into your big day than with a spectacular show of fireworks? The colours available these days really are superb – with vibrant crimson reds, deep vivid greens and pretty pinks and purples.

I often ask wedding couples if they'd like their wedding colours incorporated into the design of the display. Whilst we can't match them precisely it's a lovely nod to the theme, and it's not just standard colours such as red, blue, green, purple, silver and gold that we can offer. We can even achieve lemons, oranges, cyans, fuchsias and violets.



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