

The expert's guide on how to dress the perfect wedding table

Brides-to-be know only too well how stressful organising the perfect day can be. Kaley Gardiner of specialist wedding favours and table decorations website, www.thelastdetail.co.uk is on hand with her top ten tips on how to best to dress your wedding table.

Kaley says: "The style and design of your wedding table is just as important as the bigger decisions such as the dress and venue. A well-dressed table can really compliment the whole wedding and set the ambiance of your reception. These are some practical tips to help you from start to finish."

1 - As there is such a wide and varied choice of colour schemes available it's really important to **decide on your colour theme before you start looking at all the different types of table decorations. Take into account the season of your big day; fresh bright colours such as yellow and green work well for a spring wedding whereas silver and white looks great in winter.**

2- Once you've decided on your main colour **be aware that some products and fabrics may appear in a slightly different colour tone** due to the way they hold colour and reflect the light. For instance, lilac feathers may appear lighter in colour than lilac organza bags, but the varying tones still compliment each other on the set table.

3- **Request samples** of a selection of your favourite favours and decorations so you can try out how they will look before you commit to buying.

4- Be sure to check to finished result and **set up a mock table**. It's amazing how different the favours and decorations can look once they are all in place. Doing a test run will give you peace of mind and allow time for any alterations. It will also give you time to order any extra things that you may have misjudged the quantities of.

5- Try and **visualise the whole table** in your mind when thinking through different ideas.

6-...**Use most colour in the centre of the table** so there is a natural focal point. As you move outwards towards the edge of the table use fewer decorations to provide more subtle accents of colour.

7- Less is more! With all the great products on offer it can be tempting to overload your table, which can lead to it looking cluttered. For a more elegant and stylish table be selective and stick to a few key items. If you have chosen silver favour boxes and metallic confetti, adding something like feathers may detract from the overall style.

8- If you are not going to be decorating the tables yourself ensure you write a detailed brief for the person who is. Taking photographs of your mock table is also a good idea so that there is no room for misinterpretation.

9- Along with the written brief, prepare a box or bag for each table containing the exact quantity of decorations you want to be used. Don't be afraid to be specific! For example, label the bags clearly 'one feather to be placed in each guest's white wine glass.' This is particularly important if you are using rose petals or metallic confetti to ensure that the correct amount is used.

10 - And finally - expect the unexpected! When calculating the quantities of favour boxes or place cards you need always add a few extra to allow for mistakes or last minute guests.

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