



50 Ways

to make your wedding
Totally You.



This exciting
‘pandemonium of ideas’
was created to make your

Wedding

Unique, Elegant and Fun!

Not everything in this book will be right for you.

But hopefully it will get you thinking about what you really want your wedding to feel and look like and how to plan so that it will be exactly that.



1.

In The **Beginning...**

make it your mission to craft
everything about your wedding to be
personal to **you.**



Today your
wedding is a totally
blank canvas and
you can do anything
you want.

Think of what you've seen at
other weddings.

Ones you've been to or even
spectacular ones seen on TV.

What did you **love** and what did
you **hate**?

Write the results down and make sure
your wedding has everything you love



2.

Name all your reception tables

after something personal to you.
Maybe your favourite **bands**, **songs**
or **albums**, perhaps places you've
been on holiday.



3.

4.



Have a

Trivia Quiz Sheet

about you for your guests to complete at each table during the Wedding Breakfast.

This should get everyone on each table talking to each other.

Have a prize for the table that gets the best score.

Wedding Favours that relate to **you**.

Perhaps something to do with
your **hobby** ^{or} **special
interest**.

A red ribbon graphic with the number 5. The ribbon is layered, with one piece overlapping another, creating a sense of depth. The number 5 is white and centered on the top layer of the ribbon.

5.



6.

Photographs.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so **displaying photos** is a great way of telling your story.

You can include your childhood photographs, your parents' and grandparents' wedding photos, shots from your hen and stag events, pictures of your pets.

In fact anything you want!

You can also add snaps from the day as you go along so that evening guest can get a real flavour of the whole day. Ask us for more information on projectors or TV screens.

A graphic consisting of two overlapping red ribbons. The top ribbon is horizontal and contains a large white number '7' followed by a white period. The bottom ribbon is angled upwards and to the right, partially overlapping the bottom of the top ribbon.

7.

Choosing

Personal Centrepieces.

Obviously flowers are traditional but you may want to consider an **alternative**, for example a decoration constructed from sweets and novelties.

8.



Paying
special tribute
to the friend(s)
who introduced
you.

A graphic of two overlapping red ribbons. The top ribbon is slightly offset to the left and contains the number '9.' in white. The bottom ribbon is offset to the right and is empty.

9.

Planning a fun

DANCE OFF

between the
bridesmaids and
the groomsmen.

10.

Start a **FaceBook** group for “**Our Wedding Music**” and invite all your friends to post requests.

Include your DJ so that he can see what your friends like and start to build relationships with them.

A red ribbon graphic with a white number 11 and a period inside it.

11.

Do you have a

TALENTED GUEST

who could sing or
play as part of your
entertainment or maybe
during the ceremony?

12.



SHARE

your Love Story

during your wedding day. This is one of our favourite moments at a wedding and usually bring a whole new element to your day.

A red ribbon graphic with a white number 13 and a period inside it.

13.

Giving your guests

TABLE TASKS

to do throughout the reception. Maybe a lego building competition with **prizes** for the most creative table.



14.

Playing the Mr & Mrs Game.

We call our version

**The Newlyweds
Game.**

It's a great ice-breaker that really gets all of the guests involved.

A red ribbon graphic with a white number 15 and a period inside it.

15.

**A special
thank you dance
with all your hen
and stag weekend
friends.**

16.



Your names in lights with a projected monogram on the floor or the ceiling will make for a great photo opportunity.

Our projectors have lots of options for giving this effect a real **WOW** factor.



17.

Wear an item of **clothing or jewelry** from a beloved family member and share this with your guests.

If you've chosen 'something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue', it's great to let **EVERYONE** know!

A red ribbon graphic with the number 18. The ribbon is white on the inside and red on the outside, with a white border. The number 18 is written in white on the red background.

18.

**Choose your
FAVOURITE
POEMS OR
SONG LYRICS
as non-traditional
ceremony readings.**

A decorative red ribbon graphic with a white number '19.' inside. The ribbon is layered, with a smaller piece behind it, creating a sense of depth. The number '19.' is in a white, serif font.

19.

How about treating each other to ‘His and Hers Digital Cameras’ and take photos of all your guests in- between courses during your wedding breakfast.

20.



Leave a **funny gift**, like a clown nose or fake moustache, at each place setting and photograph all your guests wearing them.



21.

Announce

birthdays, anniversaries
or engagements.



22.

PLAN AND REHEARSE A

UNIQUE FIRST

DANCE

I can put you in touch with a **brilliant instructor** if you want to have some fun and learn a few **special moves**.

A red ribbon graphic with a white number 23 and a period inside it.

23.

**Give a
dance lesson at
your reception.**

24.



Create a

DANCING ON CLOUDS

effect for your first dance

with theatrical dry ice.

**Please ask us for more
details.**

A red ribbon graphic with a white number 25 and a period inside it.

25.

**Write your
own **VOWS**
that unite your
family and
friends.**



26.

Include special Ethnic Traditions and Dances.

If you don't know them you've got time to learn!

A red ribbon graphic with a white number 27 and a period inside it.

27.

Play a song
or make
a speech
together.

28.



Make a donation to,
and/or arrange a
collection for your
favourite charity.

A red ribbon graphic with the number 29. The ribbon is white on the left and red on the right, with a white dot at the end of the number.

29.

Treat your guests
to your

FAVOURITE

Wine or Dessert and
tell them about it.

A red ribbon graphic with the number 30. The ribbon is a vibrant red color and has a wavy, flowing shape. The number 30 is written in a large, white, serif font, centered on the ribbon. The ribbon appears to be layered, with one part overlapping another, creating a sense of depth.

30.

Find out what were
the first dances at
your **parents'**
weddings and
include them as a
surprise thank you.

A red ribbon graphic with a white number 31. inside it.

31.

Have a first dance competition where your guests are invited to guess what your first dance will be.

Draw one correct answer to WIN a prize.

32.



Include your
favourite animal,
sports team, hobby
or activity in your
Wedding Theme.

A red ribbon graphic with the number 33. The ribbon is white on the inside and red on the outside, with a white dot at the end of the number.

33.

Have your guests write thoughts and wishes for a **‘Time Capsule’** you’ll open on your 10th wedding anniversary.



34.

Cook or bake something for your guests to eat at the reception or to take away as favours, perhaps home-made biscuits or sweets and give them your recipe.

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35.

Surprise your
guests by **sharing**
your secret talent
or skill.

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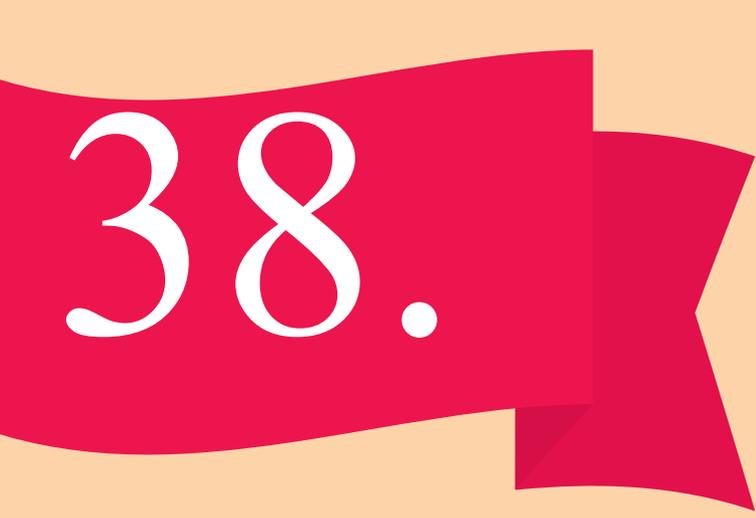


The father/daughter dance and mother/son dance - this is a very special moment for you and your dad or mum and a great way of saying thank you. You can do this in many ways - just ask for more information. You can even record a special message to be played over the instrumental in the centre of the song.

37.

You can introduce **FUN PROPS** like inflatable guitars and glow sticks to kick-start the party, ask for details.



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38.

How about a **CONGA** line
ending up with a quick
LIMBO competition.



39.

Plan a **Bouquet Toss** during the evening - or even a garter toss? If you have younger guests we can include a 'treats toss' just for them with sweets and goodies - a great photo opportunity - and setting them to music makes them much more memorable for all involved.

(You do not have to throw your main bouquet, many brides now have a substitute bouquet to use for this traditional ceremony).

40.



‘Pearls of Wisdom’ cards

are another great ice-breaker. Asking your family and friends to complete a card with their thoughts on what makes a great marriage, the best of which can be read out and then collected in a folder or frame to keep.

You will usually receive a combination of humorous, cheeky and touching comments. If you would like us to act as your Master of Ceremonies, we can take care of this. It’s a great way for the two families to get to know each other.



41.

How about a **Photo Booth** or an **Event Photographer** for the evening?

We work closely with Scotland's ONLY VOWS nominated photobooth company.

It's quite common for new guests to arrive for the evening reception who will have missed out on the 'official' photos, so why not have them entertained during the set up of the evening by utilising the Fotobox photobooth. Please contact us for further information.



42.

Show **VIDEO FOOTAGE**
of family or friends who couldn't
make the wedding but would like
to send a message, or perhaps
even pre-recorded footage of you
telling your own love story?

The possibilities are endless . . .

43.

A **Centrepiece Giveaway** - if you have flowers, balloons or anything that will be left over at the end of the day (or even cleared away in between the meal and the party) we can give them away as prizes in a dance competition or just allocate them to people.

By planning this in advance you can add something extra to the evening which might otherwise have been wasted.

44.



The ‘After Party’ - if yours has been a long wedding day, or if you have lots of guests who are traveling or with children, why not end the “formal” reception at, say, 11pm with a “last dance” and a big cheer or an archway whilst virtually everyone of your guests are still there, pop out and change, then come back for the “after party” where you can let your hair down for the rest of the night with friends and colleagues?



45.

If you are having a civil ceremony you can choose **your own musical soundtrack** and have it played in a way that will create a special atmosphere just as if it was in a movie!

46.

You can include

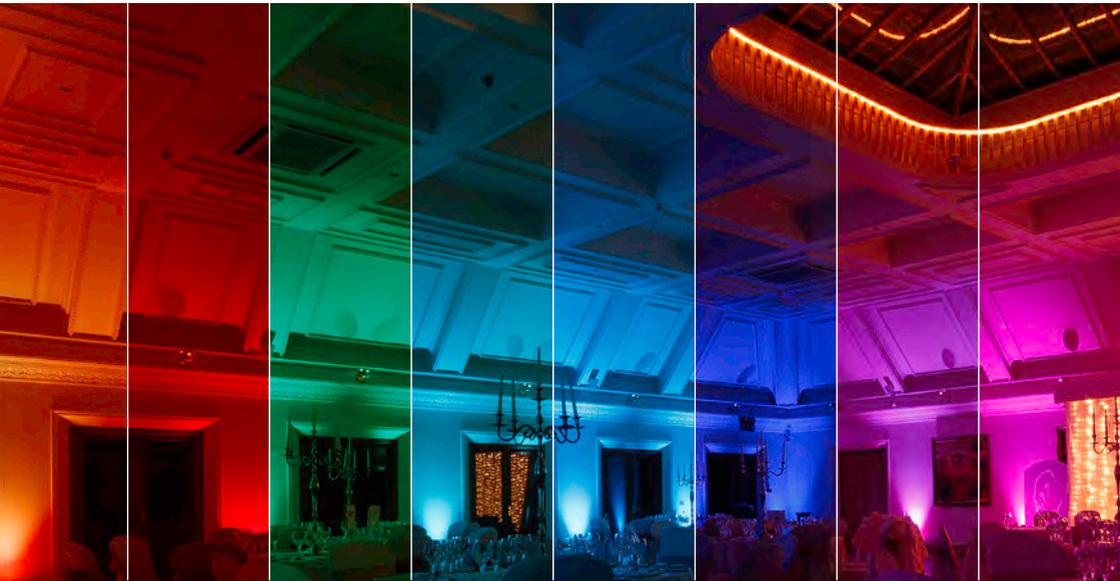
Music Throughout Your Day.

You can include favourites that aren't necessarily dance music, there is plenty of time to play all kinds of things as background music creating your own original soundtrack to your special day. You can have music after your ceremony during the drinks reception, during your wedding breakfast, and of course at your evening party.

47.

Co-ordinate your **venue lighting** with your wedding colours.

Ask us for more information.



48.

Hire a
special dance
floor - maybe a white
twinkling one!



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49.

How about a
Candy Cart with
a selection of sweets
- just like pick-n-mix,
with paper bags for your
guests to fill with their
favourites.



50.

Finally ... a **staged**
“**Last Dance/Grand Exit**”

If you want the end of the party to be as memorable as the first dance, then with a bit of planning we can arrange for you to be in a **big circle** of guests, or for you to exit via an **archway** of guests. Would you like to say a final “thank you” on the microphone? We will help you plan a grand exit and make sure it all happens in an **orderly fashion!**

Need **50** more ideas?

Speak to us! There's
even more where these
came from.