



Butterflies & Bows

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Basic Venue Styling and Decorating Advice



When choosing table centres and decorations for a venue bear in mind the style and age of the venue and the existing colours in the room – tall ceilings look great with tall centrepieces such as martini vases or for older venues maybe Candelabra, lower ceilings look nice with shorter displays – for modern venues fishbowls work well, older venues look lovely with natural flowers and greenery in shorter glass vases or even jugs. There are modern contemporary flower designs incorporating wires, lights, ribbons, butterflies, even feathers which can work really well in a new setting, or traditional natural displays with older country flowers for character venues. Avoid clashing colours with carpets and curtains – although curtains can be covered in many venues.

If there is not much natural light you can use candelabra, candles within flower displays or tealights. Top table backdrops with integral fairy lights give a lot of additional light, or drapes over existing curtains, again with or without lights. Fairy lights around beams and pillars decorated with greenery or organza - there are also battery operated lights for use around pillars, table centres even ceiling beams if an electricity supply is not available.

Chair covers can make even the most basic of chair designs look stunning and add to the overall decoration of the room – with an organza sash in your wedding colour. These can be used in conjunction with organza table overlays to add more colour if the venue is a neutral background.



Don't forget to make the most of any features in the venue – decorate a nice staircase with a flower garland or swags or organza and ribbons – flower displays for the top of a nice mantelpiece, garlands around beams and pillars with or without lights. Alternatively avoid decorating a feature you do not like unless you cover it completely, it may only attract the eye to it !

If you are unsure of what to have for your special day ask your supplier for photos of previous work so you can see the different options available and maybe visit the venue together.

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