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WEDDING

CELEBRATING MIDWEST TRENDS 2018

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Every detail of your wedding day should be perfect, from the flowers and decorations to the napkins placed at each dinner setting. Each aspect should showcase your personality as a couple. While your wedding is a chance to celebrate you and your loved one, it is also an opportunity to commemorate everything unique about where you're both from and where you are now. And while you won't find white, sandy beaches (for the most part) to host your wedding in Indiana, you'll certainly find some of the most charming and unique options the Midwest has to offer.

Your wedding day should be blissful, as it will live in your memory forever, and so thoughtful advance planning is a must. It can get dizzyingly stressful, though, trying to plan out every detail. But we can help. Whether you want a rustic barn wedding or a cozy backyard ceremony, delicious local eats or specialty cocktails, allow *Edible Indy* to share how to make your wedding a cherished, local experience.

The Vibe

Creating a color scheme for your wedding will set the tone for all of the other elements to come together. The trend is moving into, or rather back to, vintage colors aiming for romantic colors involving neutrals, blush pink, gold, navy blue and floral greens. In spring, think light and airy, almost pastel colors like blush pink, sky blue and creamy white. For summer, anything goes. While blush pink and gold are trendy, brighter schemes including cherry reds, vibrant yellows and brilliant blues are popular, making the palette playful and retro. For a fall wedding, try to bring the vibrant outside colors into your decor. Look at the colors of pine trees, bark, the creams of the wild grasses, adding in a pop of color with deeper vibrant pinks and purples. For winter weddings, dream of eggshell colors, dusty rose and wintry greens, making an elegant and timeless match.

Color of the Year:
Ultra Violet
18-3838

Pantone
17-1929
Rapture
Rose

Pantone
17-1563
Cherry
Tomato

Pantone
17-1514
Ash Rose

Pantone
12-2103
Almost
Mauve

Pantone
15-1214
Warm Sand

Pantone
11-0606
Coconut
Milk

Pantone
19-4034
Sailor Blue

Pantone
18-4043
Palace Blue

Pantone
14-0121
Nile Green



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Invitations

Invitations are guests' first glimpse into what the wedding will be like. Make them personal and unique with hand-lettered invitations with a pop of color. Look to Etsy for inspiration, or check out local hand-lettering company No. 18 Paper Co.

Venues

The venue sets the stage for all the hard work that goes into decorating. While barn weddings will always be an intimate, rustic choice, Indiana has more unique options to offer. Look for different ways to celebrate in nature like a garden, farm or park. For a more modern wedding, check out museums like the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields.



Favors

While weddings are a celebration of the couple, guests deserve to indulge themselves, too. Treat your guests with something small yet memorable to take home, like a succulent plant, locally ground coffee or specialty candy. Have a favorite coffee spot near your house? See if they roast their own beans and give those out in little bags as favors. Want something fun and interactive? Let guests assemble their own goodie bags with a favor bar. Spread out an assortment of small snacks, like different varieties of popcorn, s'mores, macarons or chocolate-covered pretzels and your guests can choose what they want. Symbolize the preserving of love by gifting delicious handmade jams, pickled treats and homemade sauces.

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Floral

What's a wedding without flowers? This year, get back to basics with natural decor. If you can't hold your wedding outside, bring the outdoors inside with greenery and different flowers. Add dimension to the room by using floral arrangements and decor with varying heights. Dangling decor and arches add excitement. Neutral colors and flowers with open blooms add a rustic, earthy vibe. Look for peonies (our state flower), garden roses, anemones, lisianthus, tulips and white hydrangeas. Don't want a rustic wedding? Try tropical greenery. It's trendy, bright and energetic when paired with an upbeat color scheme. While this is best for summer weddings, tropical greenery can also be used to liven up a winter wedding. Whatever your style, the trend is simple and clean. Flower necklaces and hair accessories bring a bohemian earthy vibe.

The Table

While you may stray from a traditional dinner, guests will still need a place to sit when they eat. Try setting long tables made of reclaimed wood with place settings for each guest and include a hand-lettered menu that goes with the invitations. Use mismatched china and Mason jars as glasses for a rustic look that's far more creative than plain white china and normal silverware. Get creative with place cards and have them hand-lettered on leaves or small pieces of reclaimed wood.

A table isn't set without a centerpiece. To be budget-friendly, try having floral arrangements on half the tables and simpler centerpieces on the other half. Try filling Mason jars with local, freshly harvested produce and aromatic herbs for a rustic look. Place white linens on the table (whether it be napkins, a table runner or tablecloth) to add a clean contrast to colorful flowers and centerpieces.





Menu graphics by Caryn Scheving

Cocktail Hour, Pre and Post

The cocktail hour and reception are chances to mingle and have fun with guests. Make them exciting with creative noshes. Think grilled cheese and tomato soup shooters, milk and cookie shooters, a pretzel or donut wall or hand pies. Don't send guests home hungry! As the night progresses and guests help themselves to the bar, they will appreciate an extra snack before they leave. During the reception, serve creative versions of your favorite drunk munchie foods: sliders, artisan pizza, street tacos or milk and cookie shooters.

Thirst Quenchers

Tempt guests with an open bar serving the bride and groom's favorite cocktails. Old-fashioned cocktails are in full swing. Serve them in Mason jars or vintage glasses purchased at an antique store. For a summer wedding, try serving frosé or spritzers made with rosé wine. Is the bride or groom a fan of gin? Switch it up with a cocktail involving aquavit (which you can get at Spirits of French Lick). Or you can keep the food truck trend going with a coffee and espresso truck. Mocktails are fashionably delicious as well. Work with your bartender to create these beautiful drinks without the alcohol. Go for local on the spirits, and tap your favorite keg.



The Dinner

Long gone are the days of eating traditional meals at weddings. Feed your guests with a budget-friendly food stations or family-style dinner, or you can make eating more exciting by having food trucks. With food trucks, guests can choose from different options, whether it be for a meal, appetizer and cocktail hour before dinner or a late-night snack. They're more creative and interactive than a buffet. Whatever you decide, don't forget your favorite local restaurants. Call them up and see if they cater. Bring variety to the table. If they do, you can share your favorite local meal with your guests. Who knows, you might inspire them to try a new restaurant.

CHEESE WHEEL WEDDING CAKE



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Sweet and Savory Desserts

Don't feel bound to serving a traditional wedding cake. Consider something more savory like a cheese wheel cake and serve it up at the beginning of the meal rather than at the end. How about serving donuts, pies or macaroons? Jazz it up a bit with boozy bonbons for the adults. Check out Best Chocolate in Town's Dark and Stormy, or Kahlua truffles. Or you could revive nostalgia with an ice cream or popsicle truck. Still want to cut into a cake? Serve up a beautiful terrarium cake just for the bride, groom and bridal party and let guests choose from something else.

Terrarium Carrot Cake

6 inch round, naked with buttercream frosting and gum paste succulents, \$55.



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