



Great Fun with a Country Wedding

Outdoor weddings are very popular. The setting is lovely and there is no substitute for natural lights. Outdoor weddings come in many forms. One I love is a country wedding. More personal than a banquet hall, country weddings can be a beautiful mix of informality and elegance. A garden setting sets the tone for a lovely day and the photo opportunities are endless! There's something wonderfully charming about a country wedding. Make yours timeless and graceful by coordinating relaxed details. Below are some ideas to get you started.

Flowers

Rustic, farmhouse or market flowers, include yellow sunflowers, black eyed susans or daisies. Bunched in big pitchers or mason jars with smaller groupings of brightly colored dahlias are super sweet.

Décor

Fancy up wedding arches or rafters with branches, bundles of corn stalks with twinkly lights. Ears of dried corn, grapevine wreaths, hanging lanterns, gourds, pumpkins and wheat stalks are also fun touches. Consider gingham, checkered or eyelet linens for the tables. Next to the centerpiece of farm flowers use pumpkins or other colorful veggies. This is also a great way to stick to the budget! Scatter hay bales around the reception for decor and seating.

Lighting

A simple idea that creates a wonderfully rustic and elegant mood are tea lights floating in water-filled mason jars. Pillar candles tucked into terra cotta pots, or place in glass cylinders with popcorn, dried peas or coffee beans.

Special Touch

If outdoors in the summer, make fans for your guests with the order of service, or the members of the wedding party printed on one side, and an attractive print on the other.

Place Cards

For an adorable and a great first impression, hang escort or place cards from wooden clothespins on a clothesline strung near the entrance.

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