



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**.



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.



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 red ribbon graphic with a white number 9 and a period.

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 wavy, flowing shape, featuring a large white number 11 and a period.

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 is usually bring a whole new element to your day.

A vibrant red ribbon graphic that flows from the left side of the frame, wraps around the number '13.', and then extends downwards and to the right, ending in a pointed tail. The ribbon has a slight 3D effect with a darker red shadow on its underside.

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 the number 15. The ribbon is a vibrant red color and has a wavy, flowing shape. The number 15 is written in a large, white, serif font, with a period following the 5. The ribbon appears to be draped across the top of the page.

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!



18.

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

A red ribbon banner with the number 19.

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.

A red ribbon banner with a white number 21 and a period.

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 the number 23. The ribbon is a vibrant red color and has a wavy, flowing shape. The number 23 is written in a large, white, serif font, with a period following it. The ribbon appears to be draped across the top of the page, with the number 23. prominently displayed on 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 banner with the number 25.

25.

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

A red ribbon graphic with the number 26. The ribbon is a vibrant red color and has a wavy, flowing shape. The number 26 is written in a large, white, serif font on the left side of the ribbon. The ribbon extends from the left edge of the frame and folds back on itself towards the right.

26.

**Include special Ethnic
Traditions and Dances.**

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

A vibrant red ribbon graphic that flows from the left edge of the frame, loops around the number '27.', and extends towards the right. The ribbon has a slight 3D effect with a darker red shadow on its underside.

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 banner with a white number 29 and a period.

29.

Treat your guests
to your

FAVOURITE

Wine or Dessert and
tell them about it.

A decorative pink ribbon graphic that starts from the left edge, loops around, and ends in a pointed tail on the right side.

30.

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

A red ribbon banner with the number 31. The banner is stylized with a folded end on the right side.

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 a vibrant red color and is shaped like a banner or a piece of fabric that has been folded and tied. The number 33 is written in a large, white, serif font on the left side of the ribbon. The ribbon itself has a slight shadow and a 3D effect, giving it a sense of depth and movement. It appears to be floating or draped across the top of the page.

33.

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

A decorative pink ribbon graphic with a wavy, flowing shape, featuring a darker pink shadow or second layer behind it, creating a 3D effect. It is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the page.

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.

A red ribbon graphic with the number 35. The ribbon is a vibrant red color and has a wavy, flowing shape. The number 35 is written in a large, white, serif font, with a period following the 5. The ribbon appears to be draped across the top of the page, with the number 35. prominently displayed on it.

35.

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

36.



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.





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?

A red ribbon banner with the number 45. The banner is a vibrant red color and has a wavy, ribbon-like shape. The number 45 is written in a large, white, serif font. The banner is positioned at the top of the page and has a slight shadow effect, giving it a three-dimensional appearance.

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

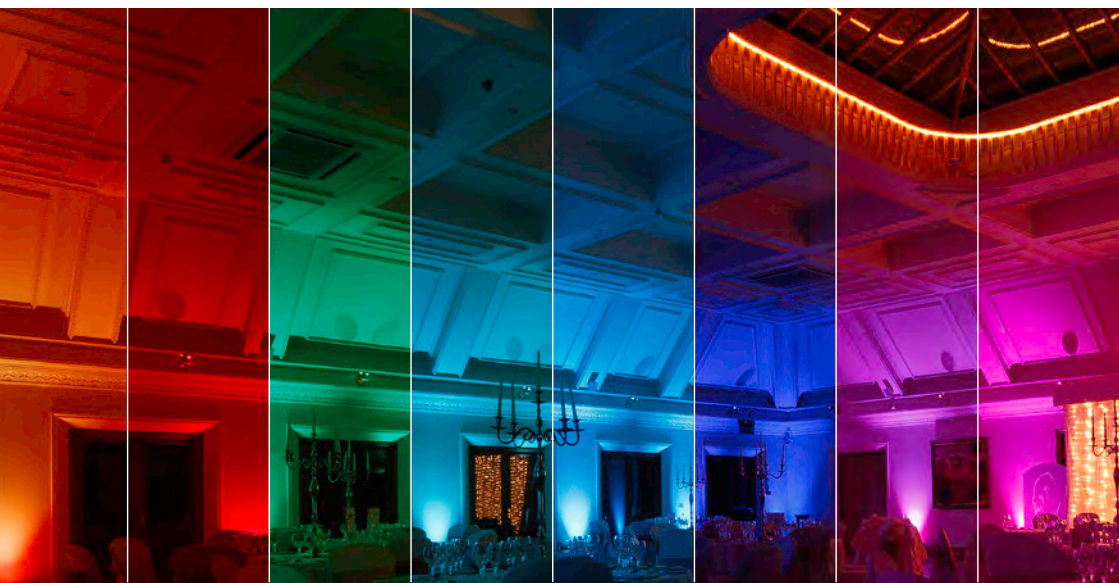
Music Throughout Your Day.

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!



A red ribbon banner with the number 49.

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.