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# A Riverland special day

Welcome to the fourth edition of Taylor Group Media's Riverland Style Weddings magazine.

Produced right here in the Riverland, we love putting this magazine together and telling the stories of couples who chose to get married in this beautiful region.

Inside we tell the stories of four spectacular Riverland weddings, including how the bride and groom met and details of their engagement, the highlights and challenges of planning a wedding, and how the big day turned out.

Couples – either local or visitors – planning a wedding in the Riverland have this guide at their fingertips to discover Riverland venues, businesses and services that help make these special occasions possible.

Within these stunning 32 pages you will find information on the many spectacular outdoor and indoor venues where your dream wedding could be held.

That is just the beginning, however, as we know planning is the key to making your dream wedding a reality.

Whether it's the perfect dress, or suit, you are looking for, expert make-up and beauty services, or the best catering options on offer, we've spared no detail in bringing you the comprehensive guide for all things Riverland weddings.

Within these pages, we also look at the up-and-coming trends to look out for if planning a 2025 wedding, and tips on how to pick the best team of suppliers, to make sure your day is as special as can be.

We also delve into the meaning behind some of the most tried and true wedding traditions, plus the history of the everimportant engagement ring.

This edition also caters to wedding guests, with inspiration for gifts to buy the happy couple.

Whether you are thinking of tying the knot, recently engaged, or know of a special couple, this is the magazine for you.

The Riverland has the landscape, services and suppliers you need to make your wedding truly unforgettable.

Jayme Gorman (nee Fraser)

Groom

Christian Gorman

**Date** 

24 April 2024

Ceremony & Reception

Templeton on Murray

**Celebrant** Kiara Ashlee

Photography

Danleigh Designs

Videography

Dixon Creative

Dress

Cinderella's Bridal Shop Alterations by

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# A *special* wedding along the Murray River

Jayme and Christian were brought together by those who love them most.

Marking the day they met four years prior, Christian proposed to Jayme on the coastline of Adelaide in May 2022.

The couple met through close-ties in 2018 when Jayme came to visit her best friend, who had been dating Christian's brother at the time. When Christian finally popped the question on their anniversary getaway, the pair could not wait to begin their lives together.

"We had planned to get married in 2025," Jayme said.

"However, being that we brought our first home in 2022, we wanted to start planning our future as soon as we could."

The couple eventually settled on

a date — 24 April 2024 — and begun planning immediately. Though a wedding can be quiet a stressful life milestone, Jayme said her bridal party made all the difference.

"I had a really big bridal party and that made the whole thing just so special," she said.

"They helped with the planning

— both the DIY's, general ideas, and
layouts — and dress shopping, which
was so much fun and very emotional."

"I felt like I was surrounded by all of those closest to me the entire time."

Growing up in Renmark and Cobdogla, a choice of a Riverland wedding for the couple was an easy one to make. Hosted by Templeton on Murray, Jayme said "the location was the key that made the day so beautiful".

Including memorial dances for Jayme's brother and Christian's mother, the bride and groom said their special day would not have been the same without the Riverland providers.

"Everyone was so lovely," Jayme said.

"From the venue staff to our photographer, they made the day perfect."

They helped with the planning — both the DIJ's, general ideas, and layouts — and dress shopping, which was so much fun and very emotional.











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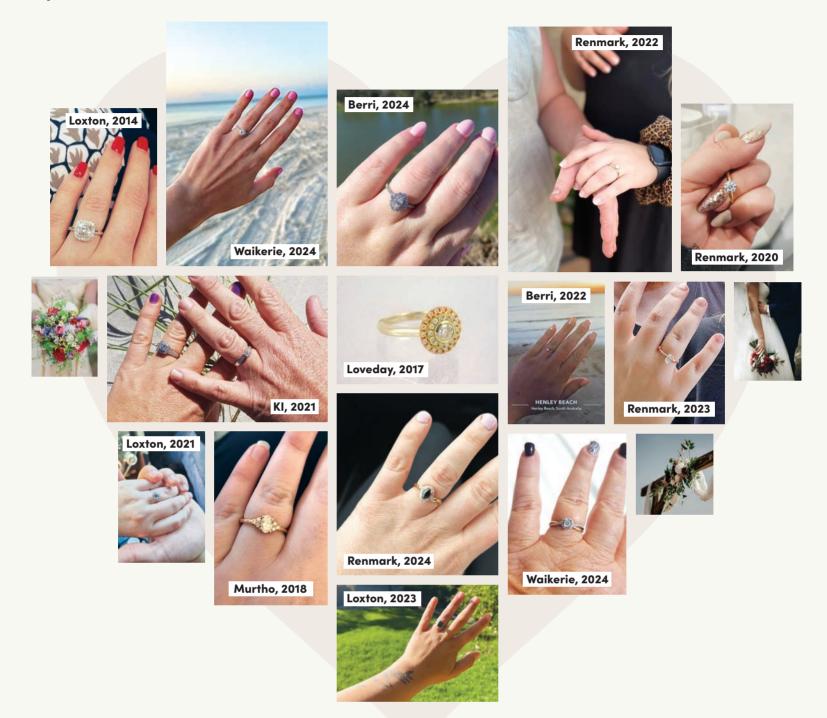
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# Riverland Proposals



# The history of the engagement ring

In 1477, Archduke Maximillian of Austria commissioned the very first diamond engagement ring on record for his betrothed, Mary of Burgundy. This sparked a trend for diamond rings among European aristocracy and nobility.

The sentimental Victorians popularised ornate engagement ring designs that mixed diamonds with other gemstones, precious metals, and enamels. Often these rings were crafted in

the shapes of flowers.

Diamond rings crafted during the Edwardian era continued the tradition of pairing diamonds with other jewels, commonly mounted in filigree settings.

In 1947, De Beers launched its now classic slogan, 'A Diamond is Forever'. A diamond's purity and sparkle have now become symbols of the depth of two people's commitment to each other in practically all corners of the world

Diamonds still signify the celebration of a union and cherished memory, though more cuts make more styles an easy option for diamond lovers.

Over the years, the most popular cut for diamond engagement rings has always been the round brilliant, consisting of 58 facets that divide the stone into a top and bottom half. Runners-up include the princess cut, the emerald cut, and the oval cut, with the

cushion cut quickly gaining popularity as a recent trend.

When it comes to engagement and wedding rings, trends are ever changing and evolving. Classic designs will always be relevant, now reinterpreted into modern and unique forms. From vibrant gemstone choices to intricate vintage-style settings, there are a handful of exciting new fine jewellery trends coming to life this year destined for the modern bride.

















# Riverland wedding an easy choice

High school sweethearts, Jorja and Brock, tied the knot this April in a relaxed and fun ceremony that reflected the couple's bond.

# **Bride**

Jorja Zanlorenzi (nee Henwood)

#### Groom

Brock Zanlorenzi

#### **Date**

13 April 2024

# **Ceremony &** Reception

Templeton on Murray

# Celebrant

Hayley Ramsay

# **Photography**

For Delilah

# **Dress**

Jenny and Gerry's

# Designer

Maggie Sottero

#### Suit

Jenny and Gerry's

## Make-up

Make Up By Mads

#### Hair

Honey Honey Salon

## **Flowers**

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#### Cake

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Though separating when Brock finished his education, Jorja said the couple's reconnection in 2018 felt like "it was meant to be".

"We always kept in contact," Jorja

"We also both became really close with each other's family, so when we got back together it felt really natural."

The couple became engaged in May 2023 when Brock proposed on the coast of New South Wales.

"Brock had been working there and kept telling me how beautiful it was," Jorja said.

"I came up on a weekend he had off and he took me sightseeing. We then pulled into a lookout over the ocean, and while I was taking photos he got down on one knee.

"I was completely shocked."

After holding onto their secret for a day, the couple announced their engagement to friends and family and began planning almost immediately.

"We wanted it done super quick as we're both intense procrastinators," Jorja

Over the course of 11 months, plans shifted and changed from an elopement, to a micro-wedding, to finally, a traditional event with 100 odd guests. However, Jorja and Brock made sure their wedding still remained unique to

"Our goal was for the wedding to be kept short, sharp, and simple," Jorja said.

"We're both relaxed people, so we wanted the day to feel that way too."

Waking up together the morning of, Brock and Jorja prepared for their special day with their parents, maid of honour, and best man.

"We're one another's anchor so we really wanted to be together," Jorja said.

"It was also beautiful being around people we care so much for - it made it really special."

Inviting the celebrant early, the couple completed all of their paper-signing before Jorja walked down the aisle of Templeton on Murray.

"I think our ceremony only went for 10 to 15 minutes," Jorja said.

"We really achieved our goal of making the day minimalistic, and effortless and of course like any wedding there is stress, but it really did feel effortless."

Both born and raised in the Riverland, Jorja said a river-bound setting for the couple's wedding was important to incorporate.

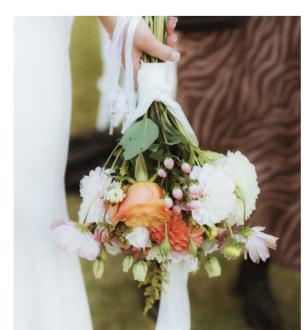
"The river means a lot to us and our families," she said.

"In the summer Brock and Lare on the river almost every weekend or weeknight.

"It was also important to us for everyone we love to be comfortable and Templeton on Murray was so accommodating - we had worries about our grandparents, but Templeton allowed us to bring them to the ceremony on golf

"All of our vendors made our day so streamlined for us, so I would completely recommend any couple to have their special day in the Riverland.

"Why not use such a scenic backyard?"







# 'Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue'

This saying is derived from a rhyme that lists the four good-luck objects a bride should have on her wedding day. 'Something old' represents the couples' past lives, while 'something new' symbolises their happy future. 'Something borrowed' typically means incorporating an item belonging to someone who is happily married in the hopes that some of their good fortune rubs off. The colour blue? It represents fidelity and love.





# Carrying a bridal bouquet

Back in ancient Greece and Rome, it was all about aromatics. During that time, brides would hold bouquets of garlic, dill, and other herbs and spices to ward off evil spirits. Carrying a favourite flower variety is a tradition that became popular in 1840, when Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert and carried a bouquet of snowdrops, his favourite flower.

# Mailing guests printed wedding invitations

Prior to 1642, many weddings were announced in the newspaper. Then metal-plate engraving was invented, and members of the middle class began sending out engraved invitations. With the Industrial Revolution, invitations became more widespread – and were sent in double envelopes to protect them from damage.



# Wearing a wedding veil

This tradition also dates back to ancient Rome, where a bride would walk down the aisle wearing a veil over her face to disguise herself from those pesky evil spirits looking to ruin her wedding day. These days, wedding veils come in many styles and lengths.

# Only the bride is dressed in white

When Queen Victoria married Prince Albert in 1840, she wore a dress that was white – a hue that quickly became the style standard for non-royal women. A few years later, a popular women's magazine declared white to be an emblem of purity, further boosting its popularity as the gown colour of choice.



# The bigger the cake...

In ancient Rome, guests would break a loaf of bread over the bride's head to symbolise fertility, and the newlyweds would share a few bites while guests scooped up the crumbs for good luck. In medieval England, the bride and groom had to try to kiss over a pile of stacked spiced buns, scones, and cookies — a precursor to the tiered wedding cakes of today.

# Wearing matching bridesmaid dresses

In Roman times, people believed evil spirits would attend the wedding in an attempt to curse the bride and groom. To confuse the spirits, bridesmaids acted as decoys and dressed identically to the bride. The idea was that the spirits would be unsure which woman was the bride.





# The vein of love

The Romans believed that the fourth finger on the left hand was connected directly to the heart by a vein called 'the vein of love'. Because of this hand-heart connection, this finger has been adopted through the ages as the wedding ring finger.











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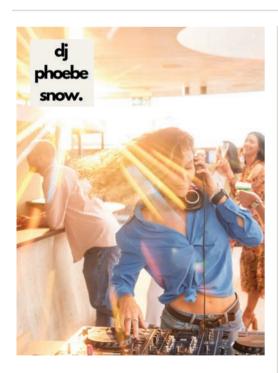


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# The choice is

Planning a wedding is an exciting journey, but it can also be a daunting task, especially when it comes to choosing the right suppliers. From florists to photographers, caterers to DJs, each vendor plays a crucial role in making your big day unforgettable.

# Start with a clear vision

Before you begin your search, take some time to define your wedding vision. What style and theme are you aiming for? Are you dreaming of a rustic barn wedding, a glamorous ballroom affair, or a chic riverside celebration? Having a clear vision will help you identify suppliers who align with your style and can bring your dream wedding to life.

# Set a realistic budget

Establishing a budget is a crucial step in the wedding planning process. Determine how much you're willing to spend on each aspect of your wedding and allocate funds accordingly. Remember, quality often comes at a price, so be prepared to invest in suppliers who can deliver exceptional service and results.

# Research and shortlist potential suppliers

With your vision and budget in mind, start researching potential suppliers. Read reviews, browse portfolios, and check out their social media profiles to get a sense of their style and professionalism. Create a shortlist of suppliers who stand out to you.

# Ask for recommendations

Word of mouth is a powerful tool when it comes to finding reliable wedding suppliers. Ask friends, family, and recently married couples for recommendations. Personal experiences can provide valuable insights and help you narrow down your options.

# **Schedule Consultations**

Once you've shortlisted potential suppliers, schedule consultations to discuss your wedding plans and see if they're a good fit. This is your chance to ask questions, share your vision, and gauge their enthusiasm and professionalism. Don't hesitate to ask for references and contact past clients to hear about their experiences.



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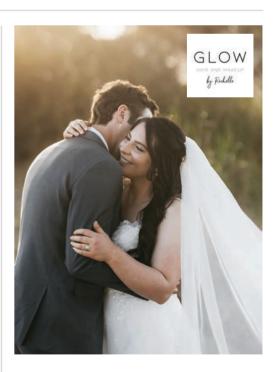


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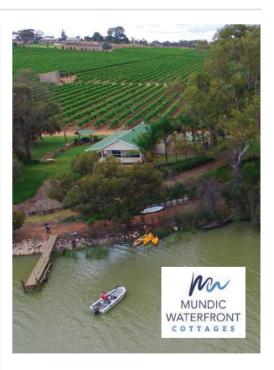
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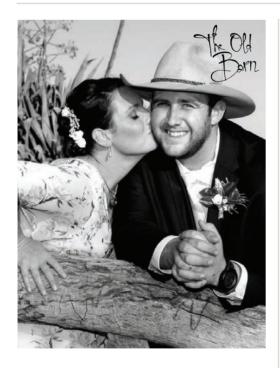


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Marie Coombe (nee Albanos)

## Groom

Ashley Coombe

### Date

9 March 2024

## Ceremony

Sts Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Renmark

# Reception

**Rustons Distillery** 

#### Celebrant

Father Dimitrios Moraitis

# **Photography**

Kylie Watkins Photogrophy

# Videography

Jake Millar Videography

## **Dress**

Jenny and Gerry's

# Suit

Ferrari Formalwear

### Make-up

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# Hair

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## Flowers

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## Cake

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# Marie and Ashley's perfect day

The Riverland provided a local couple with the ideal setting to culminate their relationship with a perfect wedding day.

Marie and Ashley Coombe, both born in the Riverland, met in 2016 through mutual friends after he added her on social media.

This led to an amazing relationship, and eventually Ashley popping the question in an unconventional manner.

"I was cleaning the house on a Friday evening when Ashley arrived at home from work and said that he had to go for a drive and would be back in 20 minutes," Marie said.

"Ashley started shouting from the front door that I needed to go out because one of the tyres on my car was flat, so I needed to have a look.

"To my surprise, when I walked out, Ashley was down on one knee and popped the question.

"I was so surprised that I started crying, meanwhile Ashley was still waiting for my reply even though he knew it was always going to be yes. Nothing was wrong with the car, thank god," she said.

Having been engaged since 2022, the wedding organisation started right away,

with Ashley having picked the Saint Constantines and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, the same one where Marie was christened and her family would attend when growing up. This was the perfect place for the wedding, which took place on 9 March 2024.

"We both enjoyed planning the wedding day, ensuring that it was the wedding of our dreams," Marie said.

"Everything at the wedding was perfect and spot on with beautiful sunny weather and amazing guests, a perfect excuse for some extra bevvies.

"I highly recommend getting married in the Riverland since it has so many beautiful qualities, the choice to support locals with all the venues, suppliers, vendors and their kindness.

"I honestly wish I could repeat my wedding over and over again."

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meanwhile Ashley
was still waiting
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# The 2024 trends to follow

One term kept popping up again and again when looking at the key wedding trends from 2024, this being the idea of 'the non-wedding wedding'.

Most couples are wanting to celebrate their love with their family and friends, but not to stick to all the common traditions.

What makes a non-wedding wedding, exactly? Menus that focus on casual, family-style food. Fly-onthe-wall photography, and intimate ceremonies with larger, separate parties the next day.

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# **Ceremony Friday, party Saturday**

Weddings are different from any other kind of party because you're balancing a set of expected traditions with the desire to have fun. Sometimes trying to marry, pardon the pun, the two either fails to pay respect to the former, or limits the scope of the latter. Consider getting married one day and having the party the next. By separating the aspects, you kill two birds with one stone. You open up unlimited possibilities for the party – themes, decorations, dress codes, menu – and, because even the most laid-back couples can feel anxiety on their wedding day, you're freeing yourself up for partying on day two.

# **Dutch Masters-inspired florals**

The influence of Dutch Masters—inspired floral design is evident as well. Still life paintings in the 1600s by Dutch artists depicted an exaggerated explosion of flowers, fruits and other symbols. People are catching on to the trend of artful, fruit-dripped tables with creative, often darker arrangements.



# **Wedding stylists**

Our brides and grooms are taking their wedding wardrobes to new heights, enlisting the help of professional stylists to curate diverse looks for their special wedding weekend. From embracing non-white and non-traditional wedding dresses, to giving the wedding party more freedom to style themselves, wedding attire is all about making a statement. This attention to style adds a touch of sophistication to the overall celebration.

# Restaurant receptions

Restaurants are no longer being considered just for rehearsal dinners. Have fun decking out a local restaurant you love, and infuse your personality by way of decor.



# To-go cake slices and dessert stations

Skip the actual table service, and pass slices to those guests who want them, and for the rest, place them in custom boxes to grab on their way out. This will ensure the dance floor stays full and the late-night revellers satisfy their midnight cravings.

# Sustainability

People are much more mindful of sustainability all around. That means: What are we giving away? Can the trinket be a little less filled with plastic? Also being extremely mindful about how the decor impacts the environment. For example, for some weddings on a private estate or at a family farm, flowers can be grown in advance to use for florals, and also choose recycled paper.

# **Digital guest books**

In 2024, the conventional guest book is making room for an innovative digital experience. The digital guest book offers the bride and groom a more immersive journey through the well-wishes shared by their guests. Imagine re-living your special day with the ability to re-visit heartfelt photos, engaging videos, and touching audio messages, all weaving together the narrative of the day you shared. Plus, a digital guest book eliminates the worry of losing or damaging these cherished written memories.



# Meaningful, non-formal menus

The menu should feel very personal and not generic just for the sake of formality. Consider including a family recipe and printing it on the menu. If you don't have one, consider a dish from a notable dinner date.

# **Champagne towers**

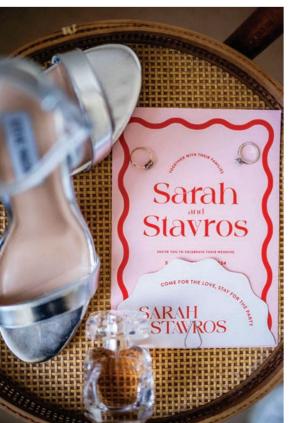
What's old certainly is new again – cue the champagne tower. Champagne towers offer a glimpse of glitz and glam – and are a catalyst for a good time.















#### **Bride**

Sarah Pavlomanolakos (nee Zanlorenzi)

#### Groom

Stavros Pavlomanolakos

#### Date

1 June 2024

#### Ceremony

Sts Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Renmark

## Reception

Renmark Function Centre

### **Photography**

K Photography by Karina Cook

# Videography

22 Wedding Films

#### **Dress**

Chosen by Kyha

#### Suit

Jenny and Gerry's

## Make-up

M T Makeup by Marie Tragos GLOW Makeup by Rochelle Fielke

## Hair

Honey Honey Salon – Jaye and Tianna

#### **Flowers**

Rachel's Flower Collective

## Cake

Cakes by Julie

#### Catering

David Donehue

### **Entertainment**

Glamour Entertainment Adelaide

# **Hire Equipment**

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# Stationery & Signage

Evelyn Creative Silhouette & Co A local couple had a beautiful wedding organised in the Riverland with an amazing reception, local cuisine and a picturesque heritage church chosen as the setting to unite an everlasting love.

Stavros and Sarah met through mutual friends in 2014.

After developing a meaningful relationship, Stavros decided to pop the question in a beautiful location during an interstate holiday for Sarah's birthday.

"He planned a surprise trip for my birthday to do the Great Ocean Road," Sarah said.

"The second-to-last day of the trip he had Googled a short hike that had a waterfall at the end – we made it to the end with a screaming toddler who didn't want to walk and kept reminding us his legs needed charging.

"Stavros had hidden the ring box in his jumper sleeve the entire time, he popped the question near the Silverband Waterfall."

The two were engaged for eight months.

Organisation for their big day began right after the engagement, with all the details and bookings largely done by the

beginning of this year.

The couple were married in June 2024, and Sarah said the biggest challenge was deciding on the wedding date, since it had to work for both families.

"The biggest highlight would have been picking and choosing everything and working with all our vendors, they were all a dream to work with," Sarah

"Everything went to plan on the day, besides our little boy demanding he only wore shorts instead of his suit pants."

Both Stavros and Sarah grew up in Renmark, which ultimately made the town the easy, and perfect choice for the wedding location.

"I would recommend a Riverland wedding to others 100 per cent," she

"The Riverland is such a beautiful and relaxing place, and has so many options for wedding locations."











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Whether you need dozens of your signature chocolate chip cookies or shredded chicken for Taco Tuesday with friends and family, the KitchenAid KSM45 Classic Stand Mixer has the capacity for every occasion.

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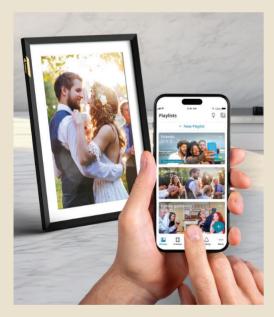
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# Glassware

Glassware leads the charge for tried and true wedding gift ideas because it's incredibly heartfelt, but also practical. Raise a toast to the happy couple with a timeless elegant set of wine glasses.



# **Digital picture frame**

An elegant picture frame is a go-to wedding present for a reason, it's one of the best and simplest ways to display precious memories from the ceremony. Unlike traditional frames, digital frames have no limits to the number of photos that can be displayed. You can easily add hundreds of photos to a digital frame and set it to rotate through them all. This is a great way to share the favourite moments from engagement and wedding photoshoots.

# **Cast-Iron Cookware**

No kitchen is complete without some castiron cookware that will last for years or, with the right care, decades. Sturdy, durable and incredibly practical, cast-iron cookware is a gift that will be used every time the couple cooks.



# Film camera

At the wedding, on the honeymoon, and for every special moment in their lives to come, the happy couple will certainly want to capture all of it in real time. There's just something so romantic about having a physical photo keepsake that they can treasure, and maybe put in that photo album that you've already decided to gift them.

# **Knives**

A set of high-quality knives and a knife block is a must for any couple starting out in married life. Not only is it an extremely functional, life-long investment kind of gift, it's also an essential for any pair who love to cook with precision and care.



# **Cocktail set**

Bring cocktail hour to the happy couple's home with a state of the art, premium cocktail maker set, so that they can enjoy a romantic tipple together whenever they please. This elegant gift will bring some mixology magic to your married friends' life.



# Stand mixer

A stand mixer may be the ultimate wedding registry item, as it is an incredibly versatile kitchen appliance new couples can add to their home. Stand mixers open a world of culinary possibilities with attachments for baking, making pasta, spiralising fruit and vegetables, grinding meat, milling grains and so much more.

Stand mixers feature numerous speeds and a variety of attachments, but vary by size and style so you can accommodate the couples' cooking needs and kitchen size. Browse stand mixer colours like black, red, white and more to find the shade that best matches the couple's style. See Harvey Norman for help.

# **Coffee machine**

A couple that enjoys their morning coffee together stays together. That's how the saying goes, right? Well, this wedding season, consider gifting an espresso machine, coffee maker, or accessories to help the spouses-to-be start married life while properly caffeinated. The team at Harvey Norman Renmark are always happy to help, they have a large range to choose from.



# **Countertop oven**

Countertop ovens are space-saving appliances that may be ideal for a married couple with limited kitchen space. These appliances offer a great way to combine multiple appliance functions into one. Countertop ovens can toast, roast, bake and more, providing the same possibilities as a full-size oven in a convenient countertop size. From pizza to bacon-wrapped scallops, these compact ovens can amplify a couple's culinary possibilities.

Make sure to visit the team at Harvey Norman Renmark to find the perfect gift for your favourite couple's upcoming special day. Gift registries can also be created for those planning a wedding.

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# Wedding Planning Checklist

# 12 MONTHS BEFORE

## NO WORRIES, YOU GOT THIS

- Choose the wedding party (maid of honour, bridesmaids, best man and groomsmen, flower girl and ring bearer)
- O Decide formality and overall theme
- O Determine your budget
- O Make a guest list
- O Select the venue
- O Select the caterer
- O Get engagement rings insured and consider wedding insurance

# 11 MONTHS BEFORE

# YOU'RE ON A ROLL

- Hire vendors that book up quickly, such as photographer, band/DJ, hairdresser and videographer
- O Pick your MC, cake maker and florist
- O Hire a celebrant and arrange marriage
- O Choose a colour theme and start thinking of overall design
- O Send save the dates

# 10 MONTHS BEFORE

## **GET YOUR COLOURS ON!**

- O Start shopping for your wedding dress, veil, undergarments and shoes
- Book accommodation for family and guests, if needed
- O Take engagement photos
- O Start looking at invitations

# 9 MONTHS BEFORE

# GOOD JOB, WHAT'S NEXT?

- Buy your wedding dress (It's time to say yes to the dress if you want to avoid rush fees)
- O Order the invitations

# 8 MONTHS BEFORE

# DON'T FEEL OVERWHELMED

O Select the bridesmaids' dresses and schedule fittings within the month

# **7** MONTHS BEFORE

## **CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?**

- O Send the wedding invitations
- O Order any rental items necessary (specialty chairs, linens etc.)

# 5-6 MONTHS BEFORE

## **HALFWAY THERE!**

- O Book transportation for newlyweds, bridal party and guests (if necessary)
- O Book room for wedding night
- O Book the honeymoon

# 4 MONTHS BEFORE

#### THE FINISHING TOUCHES...

- O Finalise floral arrangements and cake design
- O Buy wedding bands
- O Have your final tasting with the caterer
- O Hair and makeup trial (bring photos and be as specific as possible about what)

# 3 MONTHS BEFORE

# YOU'RE GETTING CLOSE

- O Write vows, select readings if desired
- O Meet with the celebrant
- O Decide on wedding songs
- Decide on something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue

# 2 MONTHS BEFORE

# **CRUNCH TIME**

- Create wedding day timeline send to officiants/venue, MC, photographer and wedding party
- O First dress fitting
- O Buy wedding party gifts
- O Give song selections to band, DJ, and ceremony musicians
- O Buy all the small items- guest book, card box, cake knife etc



### **DON'T FORGET...**

- O Pay your vendors in full
- O Follow up RSVP's
- O Create a seating chart
- O Have a final venue walk through
- O Check bridal party fittings

# **FINAL WEEK**

# DEEP BREATHS NOW, MOST OF THE HARD WORK IS OVER AT THIS POINT

- O Refresh your hair colour
- O Get your eyebrows done
- O Manicure/pedicure
- O Arrange collection of flowers
- O Have a massage/spa treatment

# THE NIGHT BEFORE

# DOWN TO THE WIRE

- O Eat a healthy meal
- O Pack a small bag of personal items
- Drink water
- O Rehearsal/s
- O Get a good nights sleep





