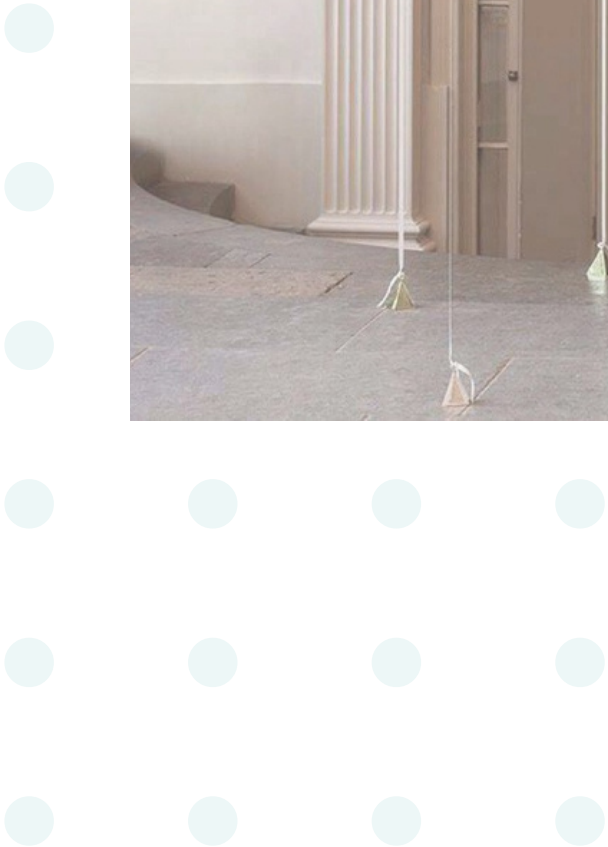


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LET'S TALK

Balloons

Did you know that the meaning of a balloon is adventure and a desire to find joy? Personally, I could not think of two better words that sum up what a wedding is all about.

Joy & Adventure

You are setting off on your very own adventure when you become husband and wife and what a great symbol to use in the celebration.

There are so many ways you can incorporate balloons into your wedding decor and this guide will help give you some idea.

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TABLE DECORATIONS

TABLE DÉCOR CAN MAKE OR BREAK A RECEPTION.

There is nothing worse than walking into a reception space that feels empty or under decorated. Table décor can make or break a reception. They will be the centre of attention at the dinner table, and your guests will have no choice but to spend most of the day looking at them so it's vitally important that you get the elements right.

What do I mean by that?

Tall centrepieces add height to fill the room, but they need to be used appropriately, you might not want to see Aunt Elsie across the table but Cousin Joanne does, so you need to follow the over 24" rule. This means that guests can see through the centre of the design. If you have a ginormous flower arrangement in a solid vase you will have to dodge side to side to see people across the table, similarly you want to be able to see OVER smaller arrangements so they need to be no more than 14" high.

The good news is that ribbon is not considered to be a barrier to the table displays I design will make sure not only are they visually stunning everyone can comfortably see each other across the room.

Don't also forget the shape of the table brings its own considerations:

Round

This table suits a single centrepiece and using a tall centrepiece here is a great way to go.

Square

Square tables have more room in the centre so you need to consider filling this space with a more substantial arrangement to make sure the table doesn't look empty.



Rectangular

A single centrepiece here has a tendency to look lonely, I would suggest using a larger central one and 2 smaller ones on the ends of the table.

Don't also forget you need to remember that all arrangements should be in proportion to the size of the table.

I am also often asked 'what happens to the balloons after the event'?

It really is up to you, there won't be enough centrepieces to give to every guest so if you have some special people you would like to have an arrangement get the best man to announce it in his speech.

You could also have a bit of fun with this:

Why not put a penny or special card under a plate on each table and get the DJ to announce for everyone to look & whoever has the coin or card takes the centrepiece home.

That's just one of my ideas I have lots that I can share that I have gained over the last 25plus years, all you need to do is ask

BACKDROP

Arguably this is one of the most important features of your wedding. It is highlighting You & Your husband for the 1st time as a married couple. You need to consider if you want to shine? By this I mean are you shy? Flamboyant? Nervous? Or something in-between? This is one of the most important questions I ask my couples when I'm designing their décor it sets the tone for the rest of the room.

You need to know where your top table is going to be positioned in the room. Is it in front of a stage, or on a stage with colourful curtains Is it in front of a wall with loud wallpaper or does it have lots of windows behind you without blinds? These factors all affect how your room will look on your special day.

If you have decided that your wedding day is going to be an extravaganza and you definitely want to shine then consider having a sparkle curtain behind you, then float some beautiful heavenly clouds above you in your chosen colour scheme.

If you are on the shy side then why not use larger versions of what you have decorated your guest's tables with and stand them either side of your main table, You will still be framing you and your husband but not quite as flamboyant.

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ENTRANCE

An important part of your wedding that is often overlooked is the entrance to your room.

After all this is the first thing your guests will see of your wedding and I always remember some wise words I was told when I first started work many years ago

'you never get a second chance to make a first impression'



It is important to consider the type of entrance to your room/venue.

Is it a corridor/large vestibule? Does it have double doors?

These factors determine the type of décor you can use to maximise the effect.

A very versatile decoration is the Love Heart Column. They can frame the entrance and can be personalised with your names or welcoming your guests to the reception. You can also add an arch over the top, lots of options!

If you have quite a twisty walkway to the entrance, consider using handmade bows to lead your guests in the right direction.

The most familiar entrance décor is, of course, the arch, and there are many ways you can change this to match your style. Very popular at the moment is the 'organic' style which brings a lot of individuality to the design but is very ornate and pretty.

So don't overlook the entrance as this sets the tone for the day and many of the designs can be easily transferred to the main room after all your guests are seated.



PHOTO FRAME



A really great way to add some fun to your event be that a wedding or a party is to add a photo prop.

What's one of those I hear you saying?

Well imagine that you are in portrait gallery like the Tate Modern and you see the massive big picture frames. I bet you have thought "I'd like to stick my head through that" Well you can now because I can create a very large frame custom made with colours and style I can even put your names on it. All your guests can have their photos taken in it.

Perhaps you could get some props like, hats, feathers, masks, moustaches, silly glasses and the like to make it even more fun. It's a great ice breaker and something your guests could do between the afternoon and evening reception. Think of all the fab photos you will have to look back on a few years from now, you can post on Facebook and Instagram.

CAKE TABLE

THE CAKE TABLE IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED



I've no doubt that you have deliberated and tested lots of cake before you came to a decision on a masterpiece for your special day. Its often pushed away in a corner and you have a magnificent cake marooned in the room.

Why don't you frame the cake table and make a feature of it so all your guests can't miss it?

I often dress the front with gorgeous voile fabric in your colour scheme and you could also have a mini arch or floor standing décor mirroring your guest tables. Another popular decoration is to use 3 giant balloons with gorgeous tulle to define the area. Here are some examples for you.





CEILINGS

Funnily enough, ceilings come in all shapes and sizes. Some are quite low; some are really high the majority are in-between. You know what I mean you would need steps to do the decorating on!

You can create some super effects with simple latex balloons with long shiny ribbon, floating them to the ceiling. In a low ceilinged room, you would create a 'wonderland' effect of the light catching the ribbon, the rustling of the balloons on the ceiling, truly magical.

On a regular height ceiling, floating balloons especially over the dance floor is brilliant, we often get letters from couples telling us that it was great fun to watch Auntie Edna dancing with the balloons tied to her and their Granny going to the loo with hers!

Massively high ceilings can be lowered to create a more intimate effect by using giant 3ft balloons. We can float them from the tables or I can usually hang them from the ceiling if there is enough metal work. (I use a magnet system for this)

So the next time you visit a venue LOOK UP! And let's see what we can create for you.

PHOTO PROPS

OK, WHOSE SEEN PHOTOS ON PINTEREST OF THE BRIDE HOLDING THE GIANT 3FT BALLOON AND THINKING 'I'D LOVE TO DO THAT'

WELL THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT YOU CAN AND I CAN ALSO DO A LOT MORE!

What about having great big letters that spell LOVE or as one of my couples did 'EY UP' bound to get your talking and provide a fabulous photo opportunity.

You might just want to hold lots of colour coordinated balloons and have your photographer take your photo running or umping with them.

I've also put the bride & groom's special photos hanging from larger balloons to create a beautiful photo gallery for your guests to look through as they have their reception drinks. I have so many ideas you can try and I almost always say YES to your requests providing they are safe and legal, try me out!





Weddings are very individual and I haven't come across a young lady yet who hasn't wanted her wedding day to be different from her friends. One of the ways you can do this is by putting a personal message on a large 3ft shiny heart balloon that you can use at your ceremony or as A photo opportunity.

Another idea is to have love heart balloons in your colour scheme with your small guest's names on and placed on their seat at the reception. Not only will you have made their day it also stops them playing with your grown-up balloons as each one is individually weighted and has their name on it.... how cool is that?

Another way to personalise your wedding day is to have mini 6" hearts personalised with your guest's individual names and beautifully wrapped in cellophane and place on the guest's places. They combine to be a favour and a place name. Wonderfully different and the balloons last years literally!

We also create beautiful favours, Sue my right-hand woman LOVES creating favours so you would be doing her a great favour if you decided on handmade goodness.

Do you know what the 5 almonds mean that are contained in the favour?

Health, Wealth, happiness, Fertility & Luck. Favours are traditionally given to the bride's lady guests and you can see some of our beautiful individual designs in our workshop

PERSONAL TOUCHES



DANCE FLOOR

There is where the real fun starts. Everyone has a 'Dad Dancer' at their wedding, but secretly wishes more people would get up and dance.

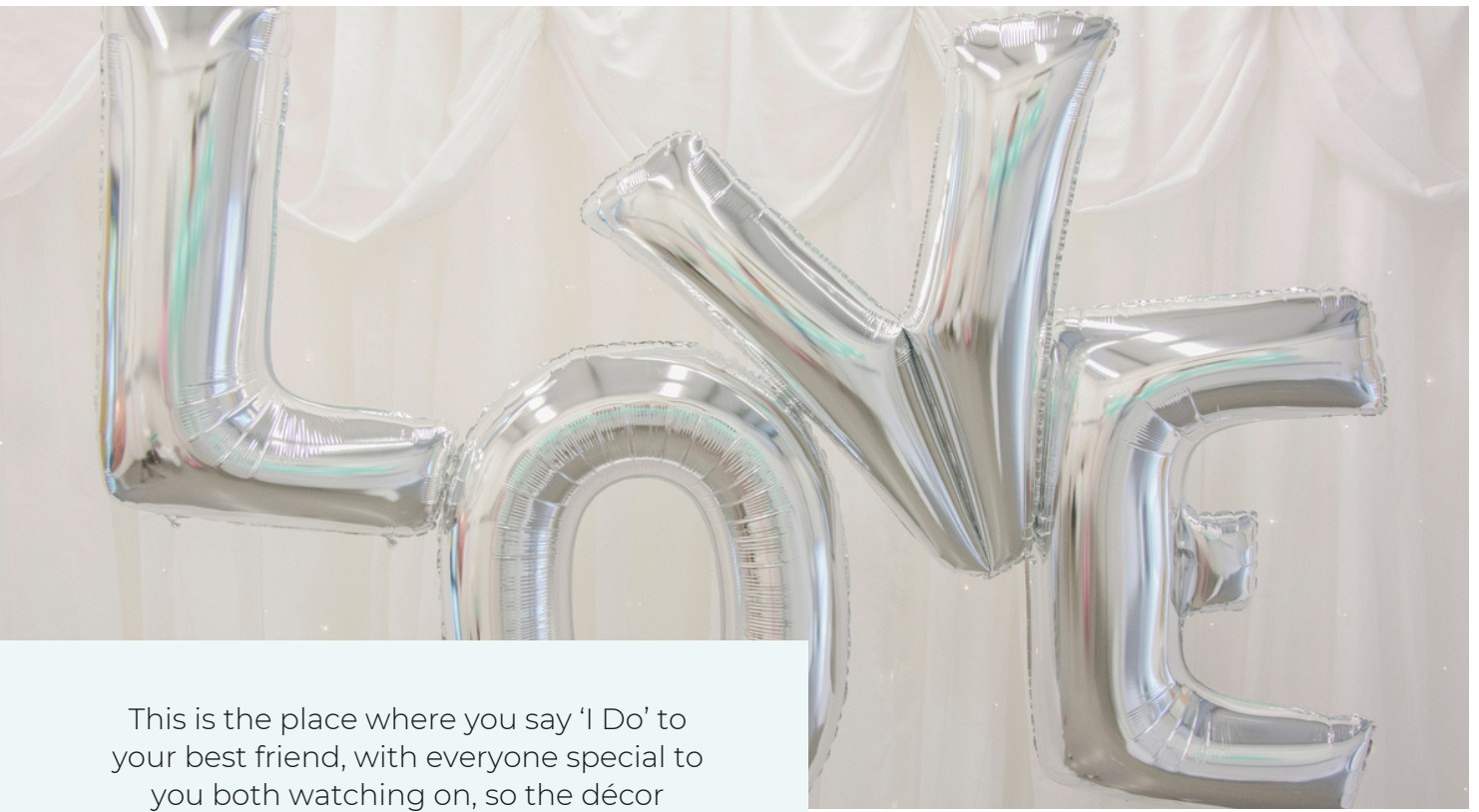
Having a great DJ is one way but another is to have great inviting balloon décor on the dance floor. If you have a huge open space, then a fabulous balloon canopy is the way to go. This defines the dance floor and makes people want to join in.

Have loose balloons on the dance floor that your guests can pick up and toss around also adds to the excitement. If there is a recessed ceiling over the dance floor, then clear and white floating balloons with long sparkly ribbons is another magical effect.

Everyone also loves my little love heart men, coming in red or hot pink these little chaps steal everyone's heart and you have to watch out for them becoming someone's partner.

I've left the best effect until last! This is my husbands' favourite. The exploding balloon. Imagine a giant 3ft balloon filled with 100 mini colour coordinated balloons and thousands of pieces of flutter fetti and a magic wand... When you have your first dance you can burst the balloon and you and your husband will be covered with cascading balloons and confetti. What a photo opportunity. It's also a great dance floor filler as who wouldn't want to join in the dancing after that?





This is the place where you say 'I Do' to your best friend, with everyone special to you both watching on, so the décor needs to be tasteful and elegant and reflect you two as a couple. My advice is to focus on the signing table as this is where all the action happens and most of the photos are taken.

A beautiful organic love heart is absolutely stunning and sums up the meaning of the day. Lots of couples also like to personalise giant love heart balloons either with a little quote that is special to them or declaring that they are now 'Mr & Mrs'

Ever popular is the gorgeous colour coordinated balloon arch where you stand under to say your vows to one another.

If you are not having chair covers then I would suggest having beautiful handmade bows in your colour scheme at the end of your chairs, or if you are marrying in church at the end of the pews. It just adds an extra personal touch to the ceremony. You can't get away with the impact giant balloons make and these can be personalised with messages for the bridesmaids to carry or used around the room to introduce your personality to the occasion.

CEREMONY



COME AND Say Hello

I hope that you found this guide helpful and that it has given you some ideas for your balloon decor.

If you need more ideas or would like to chat through your ideas then get in touch. I work with you to design your balloon decor so that it is reflective of your style and your personality. I meet with all my couples in my workshop in Sheffield so we can sit down and have a proper chat over a cuppa about what is right for you.

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