



The gift of giving

We couldn't have planned the wedding without the help of our mothers – we want to do something really special to thank them. Any suggestions?

Bianca says: I would always suggest a glorious, good-quality of clothing – something that will stand the test of time and can be adapted to suit each woman's style. My philosophy is that investing in statement pieces equals a huge style pay-off. They can make a look and be worn again and again. Pure silk is associated with luxury and, with its natural lustre, feels amazing when worn next to the skin. I often give my Tube Tops as special presents – this one from The Language of Flowers collection has a particular significance, as I created the range to celebrate love in all its forms (L.O.F – Love!). Plus flowers are a traditional thank you gift, and these flowers are everlasting. If you plan to give the gift in advance of the big day, a Tube Top makes a fabulous and adaptable cover-up to take anyone from the daytime ceremony right through to the dancefloor. I design them to flatter every size and shape. They can be worn as a top, a bolero and also a wonderfully decadent scarf. The Winter Flower design shown will work with a huge range of colour palettes and make for two chic, complementing wedding guests.



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Reconnect.

With all this wedding planning, I sometimes feel I'm keeping everyone else happy at the expense of me and my partner! What can we do just for us to boost our mood before the big day?



Zanna says: There are some great additional ways to boost your mood as the big day draws nearer. Schedule a regular weekly date night when you do something with just the two of you. That could be dinner, cinema or simply a picnic at home in the garden. It's all about spending great quality time together. As the wedding gets closer, finances may be tight, but there are some fabulous options for overnight stays – be it Glamping, Airbnb or, if you can squeeze it in the budget, a gorgeous night away at a hotel. Recharge your batteries, step away from the planning and focus on the two of you.

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OUR SIGNATURE

I've just seen the venue, and it's OK, but I don't feel there's much of us in it yet. Any suggestions for how we can make it more personal?

Anna says: I feel that it is sometimes a great opportunity to start with a blank canvas. You can think about all the things that you like as a couple, as well as individually, and let your imagination go wild with a theme. For example, different styles like Art Deco, Gothic or fairytale – or even the groom's favourite football team. This theme could be incorporated into the table plan, place settings and even the wedding favours. The venue can be turned into anything you would like. You can push a theme as much or as little as you want throughout the day, especially if you seek professional support. My style of work is very country chic and suits a barn-style wedding, but then you can add bunting, props, etc. to any type of venue, to give it a more personal touch. One of the things I enjoy the most when creating my wedding stationery is making it work for the couple and making it original and bespoke. It is all about what you want, what you like regarding colour and style and the experience you want to share with your guests.



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