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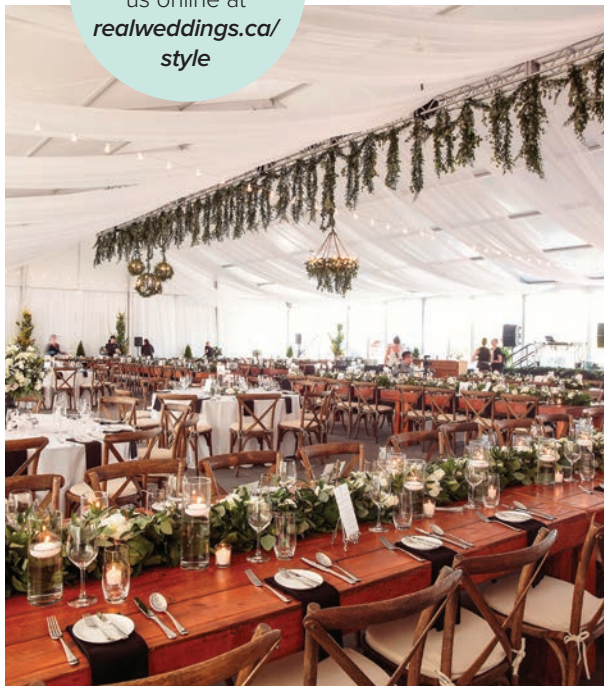
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# ON TREND

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## GARLAND STATE

For dramatic impact, use a length of garland in your décor. They can be all green, all floral or anywhere in-between; they can be modern and chic or bohemian and rustic. Used as table runners, to frame an archway or hung over a mantel, a garland can transform the ordinary into the spectacular. [flowerfactory.ca](http://flowerfactory.ca)

## BE THE BOUQUET

Why limit flowers to archways and centrepieces? Floral gowns are the ultimate statement dress. Designers like Ines Di Santo, Romona Keveza and Monique Lhuillier are incorporating exquisite, intricate floral appliqués and delicate embroidery work as well as gentle, colourful floral patterns into their dreamy dresses. [bisobridal.com](http://bisobridal.com) (See our fashion and décor shoot on p.18)



## HAND → SCRIPTED

Hand-lettered, scripted signage adds elegance and charm to any wedding. And weddings need a lot of signs: seating charts, place cards, menus, table numbers, the list goes on. Experienced calligraphers like Emma Allen have worked on every surface imaginable, such as shells, geodes, leather and leaves. So get creative and make unique signage that will make jaws drop. [emmaallen.ca](http://emmaallen.ca)



## INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

Balance out the pretty and the feminine with some industrial lights at your wedding. Clear, round bulbs in string lights cast a cozy twinkle, while also helping to define blank-slate venues. To take industrial to the next level, opt for mixed metals and materials like stone or cement. And don't be afraid to repurpose old items like light bulbs or bricks to add a unique twist to your décor. [bespokedecor.ca](http://bespokedecor.ca)

## TOP THIS

We eat with our eyes and our stomachs at a wedding, so top your cake with something truly special. Custom laser-cut cake toppers can be made from many materials, like wood, acrylic or even mirror. How about "Best Day Ever," a passage from your favourite poem or a unicorn? Anything's possible! [etsy.com/shop/shoptineke](http://etsy.com/shop/shoptineke)





## ← GLAZED AND RAISED

Cuter than cupcakes, more substantial than macarons, doughnuts are the next “it” wedding sweet. Hang them all up on a wall and you’ve got 2017’s hottest photo backdrop. Just ask Instagram. Cartems Donuterie recommends going custom with your doughnuts so that they match your colour scheme, vibe and style. [cartems.com](http://cartems.com)

## THE FIT LIFE

The months before a wedding can be stressful. While regular date nights are great for staying connected, opt for a physical activity to keep you and your partner emotionally grounded. Trainer and wellness coach Catherine Roscoe Barr develops personalized workouts to keep couples physically trim and mentally focused. [thelifedelicious.ca](http://thelifedelicious.ca)

## MIDNIGHT MUNCHIES

Midnight’s approaching and your happy, dancing guests are about to become hungry, grumpy guests. Time to wow them with a midnight service of mini fried chicken and waffles. The Lazy Gourmet does a beer- and buttermilk-battered fried chicken served in mini sriracha waffles, drizzled with reduced bourbon maple syrup—a sweet-salty snack guaranteed to re-energize your crowd. [lazygourmet.ca](http://lazygourmet.ca)



## GOLDEN YEARS

Our love affair with metallics isn’t fading any time soon. So go ahead, add a little glitter to your gift registry. Atkinson’s offers a few plateware options at every price point, like the Fortessa Arezzo brushed gold five-piece set (\$83) and the Sambonet Imagine gold five-piece set (\$195). For the couple that has everything? The Christofle Mood 24K gold-plated egg 24-piece set is the ultimate luxury (\$13,500). [atkinsonsofvancover.com](http://atkinsonsofvancover.com)

## SEEING DOUBLE

Jarusha Brown has been experimenting with double exposure photography since she was in art school over 10 years ago. Imagine an indoor portrait of the bride looking reflective before the ceremony, overlaid with the moody sky outside. Double exposure photography tells twice the story. [jarushabrown.com](http://jarushabrown.com)

