




Ask the Wedding Planner



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By Jessica Solloway

From opulent floral arrangements dripping in crystals, to multi-million dollar waterfront estates, and extravagant \$30,000 cakes, some couples spare no expense when it comes to creating their fantasy wedding. Now, the experts that plan them share tips on how to bring your fairy tale to life, on a realistic budget. Top wedding planners from WE tv's **Platinum Weddings** and **Rich Bride Poor Bride** answer your questions!

Platinum Wedding Planner: Tiffany Nieves, [Dream Design Weddings & Events](#)

Q: If a bride wants to use bold, bright colors in her decor, what advice do you have for pulling that off the right way? For couples on a budget, are there more reasonable ways to make a splash with color, without spending a fortune on flowers?

Bold colors can be a bit tricky when it comes to wedding décor, but if done right can be spectacular. Try to focus on using two to three colors and use them in concentrated ways. For example, if using bright bold colors such as tangerine, lime and fuchsia, rather than choosing one as a backdrop color and mixing the other two through out; I would opt to mix and match all three. I would use tangerine and lime dupioni silk linens (the fabric used can make or break these colors for linens) with bold fuchsia centerpieces. Being careful to keep the tablescape cohesive, I would use square white charger plates with lime green napkins folds on the tangerine tables and tangerine napkin folds on the lime tables. Completing this look with custom created menus in white with a wide fuchsia ribbon, and custom table numbers layered in all three colors in a geometric type pattern. Using the colors in organized, well thought out ways will pull everything together without looking matchy-matchy. So dare to be bright and bold with your colors. Just remember to be consistent in your color usage, add a little imagination, and it will be spectacular!

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