**Keen to know what is trending in 2019? Here are some tips of what to expect.**

The use of layering, textures and clean lines is all in! Added to that we will see a minimalist and immaculate tablescape, with large ceiling installations showcasing personality and character, and utilising lighting, organic greenery, and unique materials, textures, and florals.

There will be a move to low lying centrepieces that allow freedom and flow of conversations across the table, and an increased use of transparent or translucent elements will be incorporated to draw the guests’ attention to a signature element, materials, textures or statements. These elements may be in the form of clear charger plates, glassware, name cards, and menus.

To top it off, large statement balloon installations or singular balloons that represent renewal and a new beginning.

And all with a serious dose of eco-consciousness working towards a footprint-free occasion!

Now let’s get onto some detail. In this article we will focus on the Bride and Grooms attire.

**First up – the Brides. What have 2 x Royal Weddings got to do with my dress?**

With the current monarchy having an effect on bridal fashion worldwide, and according to international experts, we will see a focus on full A-line and Ball gown silhouette wedding dresses, layered tulle skirts, micro horse hair trim and softer larger ruffles. Skirts will have two different material layers and the revival of non-strapless wedding with elaborate back detailing and design including low backs, illusion back and backs with jewellery detail.

And of course, it wouldn’t have that touch of royalty without the century old Cape… these will make a comeback in long, short, attached and unattached styles.

**And on accessories, it’s a whole lot of sparkle and shine!**

Watch for more statement earrings, beaded headpieces (and maybe a tiara or two). Some brides are wearing tiaras worn in the back and upside down accentuating a style of hair pulled up at the sides. Rows of beads hanging over the shoulders from the straps and jewelled necklaces adorning the back of bridal gowns are all the runway looks embraced by brides.

**And for the Groom - It is time to own the tux, own the room.**

On the wedding day it is pretty common that all eyes are on the bride, however the focus is now equally on the groom to show how amazing the couple as a whole looks on their special day is something that is really important.

**3 Piece Suits** are perfect for the groom who likes to show off his individual style, but still wants to keep things both stylish and modern. A jacket, vest and pants are the key pieces to make up this trend which allow for a lot of versatility when it comes to styles, materials and of course, patterns. A 3 piece suit is a great option for men who want to feel confident and comfortable for their ceremony, but then are ready to take that jacket off, roll up their shirt sleeves and dance the night away!

Added to this is a focus on **great tailoring.** If there is one thing better than a good quality suit, it’s a great tailored suit. Tailoring has always been something men have to do when it comes to dressing up. However, more recently, the attention to detail within the tailoring job as been elevated.

From suits, tuxedo and shirts, men are taking their style game up a notch by having everything tailored (specifically) to their perfection. Having a well-tailored suit or tuxedo helps grooms not only feel comfortable (which leads to confidence) in what they’re wearing, but also rounds out and heightens the overall look. A great tailor job leads to a sleek, sophisticated and stylish look for grooms that are ready to turn heads and look like the ultimate stud on their big day.

Gone are the days of the typical black suits and tuxedos, and in is the trend of bold patterns and bright hues. **Go Bold, Bright and Brilliant**. Whether it’s the groom himself or his groomsmen team too, for 2019, grooms are going to be loving taking that plunge and stepping up their wedding attire with patterns like polka dots, tweed and plaids. Bright and bold blue hues and undertones, such as navy, maroon, and sapphire blue are a few of the colours you will be seeing, leaving a stylish and lasting impression.

**The Slim Fit** look is **c**ontinuing to TAKE CHARGE! Much like the trend of owning a great tailored tux and suit, modern fitted suits are taking a back seat to the ever-popular slim fit style. Men are loving the slim fit option when it comes to their choice of fit for feeling their best when strutting down the aisle. Whether it’s a European cut (a bit of a closer cut and slimmer than the original slim fit), or the standard slim fit most of us have all come to know and love , the overall appearance that the slim fit gives men when wearing a tux is complementary, flattering and really helps to highlight the groom’s physique.

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