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50 Tips from our experienced Wedding Planner/Stylist and Venue Dresser covering Greater Glasgow, Scotland, UK.

1. **Choose a Colour Palette:** Start with a cohesive colour scheme that reflects your style and theme.
2. **Venue Size Matters:** Ensure the venue can comfortably accommodate your guest list to avoid overcrowding. (The guest list review it there is always room for improvement, this will cut costs on catering.)
3. **Use Lighting Wisely:** Consider uplighters or fairy lights to create ambiance and enhance the venue's features.
4. **Incorporate Personal Touches:** Display family photos or mementos that reflect your story.
5. **Floor Plan Balance:** Create an effective layout that encourages guest interaction without obstructing flow. (Think about accessibility for older attendees and people with disabilities or the bored kids who have the zoomies around the room, because you forgot to put an activity table or entertainment on to keep your little guests amused)
6. **Centrepieces:** Opt for centerpieces that fit the height of your tables, ensuring they're not too obstructive to guests.

7. Drape and Fabric: Use draping to soften the venue's architecture and add elegance.

8. Seasonal Florals: Choose flowers that are in season to save costs and ensure freshness. Absolutely, here's an addition to your tips:

5. Check Flower Condition: Always check with your florist if any of your flowers have been frozen, especially delicate ones like roses, as this can affect their appearance and longevity on your big day. Nobody wants their bouquet to wilt before your evening guests arrive.



Let's talk a little more about flowers and preservation

You probably thinking "What?" Yes, some growers (suppliers) utilise freezing as a preservation method for flowers, though it's more commonly used for longer-term storage and not as a primary method for maintaining freshness during transport. Wholesalers employ various techniques, including temperature-controlled storage and modified atmosphere packaging, to keep flowers fresh and extend their shelf life.

Red Roses often symbolise love, making them a popular choice for gifts and decorations. However, the moment they are cut from their stems, their journey towards decay begins. This is a bittersweet reality that many people might not consider when admiring a freshly picked bouquet.

Once severed from their roots, roses lose their primary source of nutrients and water transfer. The cut stems can no longer absorb the life-giving elements they once relied on. As time passes, the petals may begin to wilt, losing their vibrant colour and freshness.

To prolong the life of cut roses, many enthusiasts turn to various care techniques, such as placing them in water with additives, trimming the stems at an angle, and keeping them away from direct sunlight. Despite these efforts, the truth remains: roses begin to die the moment they are cut, making their fleeting beauty all the more precious.

9. Think About the Guest Experience: Provide comfortable seating and table arrangements that facilitate conversations and rest areas for guests who need a bit of quiet time.

10. Entrance Decor: Make a great first impression with a beautifully decorated entrance or welcome area.

11. Table Linens: Invest in linen hire; chair covers dramatically impact the overall look.



12. Signage: Use elegant signage to guide guests and add a decorative simple touch.



Simple wedding signage

13. Theme Consistency: Maintain consistency in decor elements to reinforce your wedding theme.



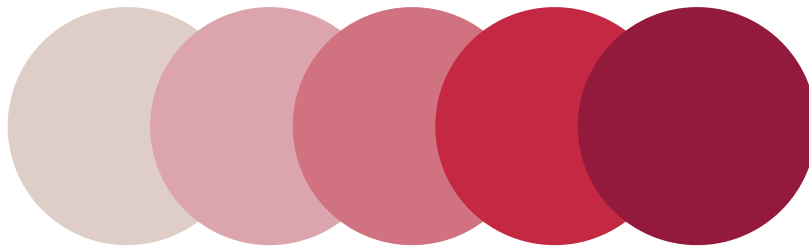
14. **Consider the Venue's Features:** Emphasise unique focal points of the venue, like a grand staircase or large windows, or scenic areas outside the venue.

15. **Weather Contingencies:** If outdoors, have a backup plan and consider [hiring canopies](#).



Pop up gazebos

16. **Mood Boards:** Create a visual mood board to help communicate your vision to vendors including your colour palette.



A wedding mood board is a visual tool that helps couples gather and organise inspiration for the overall look and feel of their wedding. It can be either a physical or digital collage that combines images, colours, textures, and other elements to express the desired aesthetic and atmosphere. Essentially, a mood board allows couples to visualise their wedding concept and effectively communicate their vision to vendors.



17. Guest Comforts: Buy disposable paper fans based on the season to keep guests comfortable and cool over the summer months.

18. Themed Decor Elements: Incorporate decor items that reflect both the bride and grooms hobbies or interests.

19. Interactive Elements: Provide interactive decor, like a photo booth or wish or fingerprint tree, to engage guests.



20. Budget-Friendly Decor: Utilise DIY projects for personalised decor without breaking the bank.



[For inspiration check out Pintrest D.I.Y Wedding Decoration boards](#)



21. Consult with Venue Coordinators and Stylists: They often have valuable insights and suggestions for decor that works within your venue and ceremony spaces and rooms.



22. Colour Coordination for Attire: Ensure bridal party attire complements the overall colour scheme.



23. Flowers Beyond Bouquets: Use flowers in unexpected places, like on the back of chair covers or the side for going down the aisle or as part of the ceremony backdrop.





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24. Plan for Sound: Ensure that any music or speeches can be heard clearly throughout the venue. Ask the venue if they have a mic available for the speeches! That way not only people with hearing impairments and the guests at the back of the room can enjoy your speeches.



25. Decorate the Ceremony Area: Don't forget to dress up the ceremony space to match the reception decor. If in the same building, these decorations or chairs can be turned about for your wedding breakfast while you are out getting photographed.

26. Vintage Find Use: Incorporate vintage items like furniture or decor pieces to add character.

Check out [pintrest](#) for over 900 ideas [🌐 Vintage Wedding](#)



27. Tying the Knot Decor: When saying your vows, consider a beautifully decorated floral arch or wedding twinklelight backdrop.





28. Utilise Multi-Purpose Decor: Choose decorative elements that can serve multiple purposes, like table numbers that double as decorations.

29. Plan for Clean-Up: Coordinate with your venue and event companies on clean-up procedures to ensure everything runs smoothly. That includes dressing down the venue at the end of the night.



Your venue needs to be cleared for the next day booking!

HOTELS ARE STRICT ON CLEAR UP TIMES BEING HONOURED!

30. Use Natural Elements: Incorporate elements like wood, stone, or greenery for a rustic or organic aesthetic.

31. Timing for Daylight: Consider natural light when planning event start times, especially for photography. Don't miss out in the winter by getting married too late in the afternoon.



REMEMBER: Winter in the UK can be dark by teatime - The darkest evenings are really experienced during the period from early December to early January.

32. Always keep 20% of your budget for the unexpected costs or additional unexpected expenditure - you will be glad you did!



33. Dress Up the Cake Display: Consider a dedicated table for your wedding cake that matches your decor theme.



Simple and effective

34. Guest Book Alternatives: Explore creative alternatives for guest books, like fingerprint trees or photo albums.

35. Decorate Bathrooms: Small touches like fresh flowers in bathroom areas can enhance the overall guest experience.

36. Mind the View: Be aware of what guests will see; consider dressing the areas in their sightlines.



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37. Transport Options: If applicable, plan for transporting decor from the ceremony to the reception sites. Make sure of what you have purchased! Your bridal bouquets can also serve as cake table and top table decorations.

38. Interactive Seating: Consider a mix of traditional seating and lounge furniture to create a relaxed atmosphere in areas.

39. Seasonal Decor: Embrace the season by incorporating seasonal elements like pumpkins in autumn or in spring, fresh small bouquets with lots of foliage.



40. Consider the End of the Night: Plan for decor that will look good both during the event and at the end when the lighting dims.

41. Communicate with Vendors: Share your venue dressing plans with all vendors to ensure cohesive execution. That includes deliveries for access!



42. Non-Traditional Ceremony Locations: Explore unique venues like art galleries for a different vibe.

43. Enhance Existing Features: If your venue has beautiful features, enhance them rather than cover them up. You will spend less on decorations!

44. Identify Key Photos: Plan where key moments will happen, like the first dance, and ensure those areas are photo-ready.



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45. Test Decor Arrangements: If possible, do a mock-up of decor before the wedding day to visualise the layout.

46. Budget for Last-Minute Items: Keep a small buffer in your budget for for on the day unexpected costs that that may arise.



47. Engage the Senses: Think about how decor can engage all senses, like incorporating scents with flowers.

48. Stay Flexible: Be open to adjusting decor plans based on what works best in the venue space. Speak to your venue dresser or stylists; they have the perfect eye to pick these areas up.

49. Seek Professional Help: Consider hiring a professional venue dressers if the scale of decor feels overwhelming. The last thing you want is to be stressed the evening before or on the day of, dealing with the coordination of your venue and vendors.

50. Enjoy the Process: Remember that planning is part of the journey; cherish each moment as you prepare for your special day.



These tips can help streamline the planning process and ensure you create a beautiful and memorable wedding day!

I hope you found these tips helpful! If you have any more questions or need a little extra help, don't hesitate to reach out and book our wedding planning and styling services. We're here to make your wedding planning journey easy and enjoyable while saving you both time and money. We can't wait to help you create your special day!

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