

DRESSING YOUR VENUE

With a little extra work, you can take a great venue (even Blame Her Ranch) and make it even better

From elegant candelabras to rustic BHR vintage crates, there are so many ideas to choose from. Transform your venue with these 12 show-stopping wedding decoration ideas, whether you choose a blank canvas, characterful conversion or a stately ranch like ours!

1. FAIRYTALE CHANDELIERS: What better way to illuminate a golden stone barn than with a chandelier made up of tiny, flickering fairy lights? This statement glowing lighting makes weddings utterly unforgettable and feel as close to a fairytale as they do to reality.

2. BLOSSOM TREES: When you're getting married in a country house, you're often already blessed with high ceilings, grand interiors and lots of space. You can transform your wedding ceremony and reception rooms by introducing tall blossom trees, drawing the eye upwards and adding a romantic, fairytale finishing touch.

3. RUSTIC STACKED CRATES: Take inspiration from rustic interior stores and create a crate display! Stack up a selection of mismatched wooden boxes and fill them with personal touches, from storybooks to letters, flowers and signs.

4. STARLIT CEILINGS: Possibly one of our favorite wedding decoration ideas, particularly for winter weddings. It's important that your venue is equally as brilliant by night as it is by day, given that your celebrations might well extend into the early hours.

5. CANOPY OF COLOUR: Turn the ceiling into a kaleidoscope of colour to emphasize your venue's airy interiors. You can use bright additions by suspending countless lanterns and honeycombs from the vaulted ceiling, as well as hanging pom-poms to form a DIY backdrop for the dessert table. These make great features in marquees, too.

6. SILVER CANDELABRA: Echoing glistening glass chandeliers that make your wedding décor so stunning by adding shiny silver candelabras to their tables to complement a venue's existing style. Finished with elegant roses, softening gypsophila and garlands of crystal beads, you can enhance the glittering effect of the chandeliers. And the result? A wedding

reception that is chic, stylish and super luxurious.

7. STYLISH CEILINGS: Whether your venue is a ranch like ours or an elegant home, drapes are a simple way to lavish a decadent feel upon any space. Lighter coloured fabrics will retain a breezy feel, while a statement chandelier ramps up the glamour. In large spaces like barns, try out coloured options.

8. OVER-SIZED LETTERS: Over-sized letters are wonderfully versatile. Choose wooden finishes for a country look, or worn metal with exposed Edison bulbs for a more industrial style. They're also great for decorating the dance floor, defining the area and inviting guests over.

9. FLOWER WALLS: For another take on feature flowers, how about embracing your inner Kim Kardashian with a flower wall? You could let vines, rose stems and trailing delphiniums create a picturesque backdrop for your top table.

10. TWINKLING FAIRY LIGHTS: While we have tons of lights at BHR, one of the simplest, yet most effective wedding decoration ideas are fairy lights. Wrap softly sparkling fairy lights around your venue's beams. For country houses, try clustering fairy lights around the fireplace or hanging nets of them behind the dance floor. There's nothing like their romantic glow, ever so slightly out of focus, as a backdrop for your first dance photos.

11. TABLE RUNNERS: While silk, sequins and hessian are all strong contenders for table runners, why not embrace 2017's obsession with greenery and fashion, one from foliage instead? Most florists will be happy to create them, with eucalyptus or ferns being popular plant choices to do so. Florists can also use an abundance of blooms to form a table runner, but at a larger investment. [WH](#)

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