

# Dressed to thrill

Want to wow your guests with your wedding style? Three top stylists share their favoured themes and explain how to get the look



## For a fairytale wedding... RAPUNZEL

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The big day is your chance to realise your own real-life fairytale. Your storybook setting is sorted, but how to make it look the part too? First, pick your theme. Georgina Webb of Ruby Weddings has turned her hand to Snow White, Cinderella and Princess and the Pea themes to date, but has yet another inspiring look up her sleeve: *Rapunzel*.

"To create a *Rapunzel*-themed wedding look I wanted to avoid the vintage trend that just seems to be everywhere at the moment," she tells *Your Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wedding*. "Instead I took my inspiration from the old fairytale books and went with a theme of plaits."

The trick to getting the look? Get your bridesmaids together and get braiding! "There were plaits everywhere," says Georgina. "I added them on to the chairs, wrapped them around old books and created a hanging backdrop for the wedding table." Consider where your day will take place at your venue too,

so you know which areas will need to be dressed. "*Rapunzel* works well for an al fresco wedding and would form a fabulous backdrop for your ceremony too," says Georgina.

With whimsical tales of romance in mind, Georgina says no venue is complete without flowers; just opt for wild blooms to reflect the feel, rather than structured arrangements. "I wanted a real country garden, hand-picked look with a range of colours and flowers," she says. It's a floral style that's easy on big-day budgets too. In fact you don't need the bank balance of a prince to make *Rapunzel* work for you.

"I handmade the favours, place names and all of the plaits so any bride who is good at DIY could easily do the same," says Georgina. "Just make sure you allow enough time because the plaits took forever!" With the venue set all that's left for you to do is let down your hair, *Rapunzel*-style!



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## GET THE LOOK! With Georgina's top tips

1. Source styling details such as old books and vases from charity shops and car boot sales.
2. Create plaits from colourful strips of fabric – I used old duvet covers.
3. Keep the look natural with hand-picked flowers to reflect the fairytale feel.
4. Carry the venue's theme through to your bridal look: try a fishtail braid for yours or your bridesmaids' hair and add a few simple flowers or a floral crown.
5. Don't underestimate how long DIY details can take to create – you don't want to be up all night the day before your wedding!