

WALK TO REMEMBER
The floral arches provided a sweeping entrance for the bride



Setting the Scene

Hong Kong's top planners and hotels share the details of unique themes and wedding set-ups with *Adele Brunner* and *Jacqueline Kot*



THEMED WEDDINGS CAN BE difficult to pull off. There's a fine line between an elegant event and something that looks like a children's birthday party. Yet, with the right amount of forethought and planning—and a few wedding professionals in your corner—a themed wedding can be tasteful, clever and unique.

BLUE WONDER

Luxury jewellery brand Tiffany & Co and its iconic blue gift box was the inspiration behind a wedding that Marriage Maestros worked on at the Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong.

The couple wanted a contemporary decor based on the idea that a marriage is a precious gift and one that can be full of wonderful surprises. The foyer was decorated with whimsical displays of giant blue and white gift boxes framed with floral arrangements, with the same concept used in creating the wedding cake—which arrived in the shape of stacked gift boxes in shades of blue, arranged in topsy-turvy fashion.

The ballroom itself resembled the inside of a gift box, with the walls swathed with white drapes, matched by elegant arrangements of lilies decorating the tables. As the wedding ceremony and dinner reception were both held in the ballroom, the set-up included a stage and a white marquee in the middle of the room for the ceremony, with another at the front for the head table. The aisle leading to the centre stage was kept simple but stylish with a white carpet and floral arches, while the customised faux-marble head table featured the couple's logo etched on both ends of the table, with built-in mood lighting that changed colour throughout the evening.

Venue: The Grand Ballroom can seat up to 456 guests for a banquet

Vendor: Marriage Maestros
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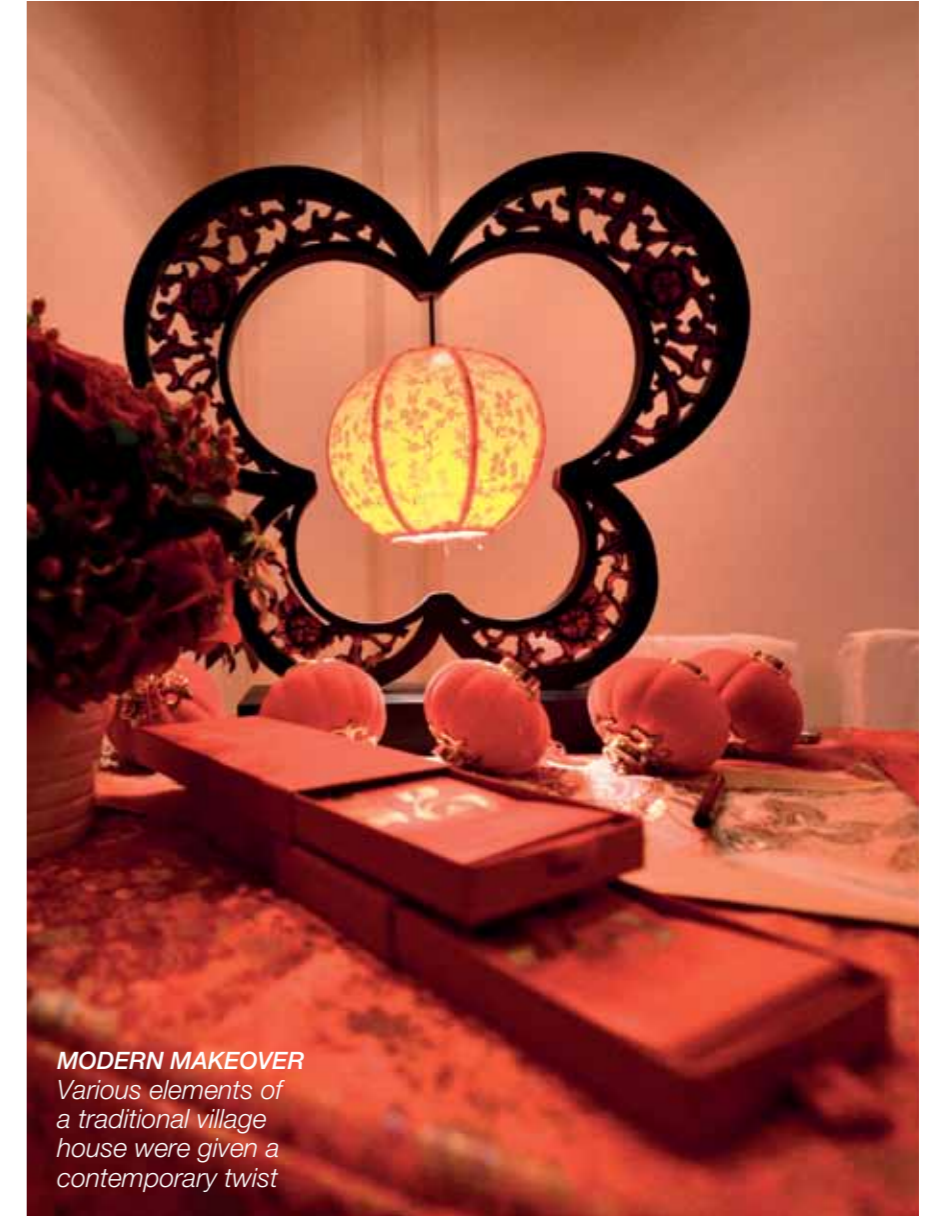


RUSTIC ELEGANCE

The Salisbury Room, The Peninsula Hong Kong's biggest venue, was transformed into a traditional Chinese village house for a recent wedding. The inspiration was the Hong Kong tradition of old, when weddings were held in the village where the groom was born; most village houses today cannot accommodate a large celebration. The hotel worked with Cuz Ngan of Cuz Production to recreate an authentic village wedding with a sumptuous designer twist.

The Salisbury Room's doors were covered with a plywood replica of a village house's entrance, complete with studded red doors, brickwork and roof tiles. The newlyweds wore traditional Chinese outfits and, in keeping with village wedding customs, were led through the ballroom by a pair of "unicorn dancers" while a live band of traditional musicians played.

Symbolising love, prosperity and happiness, the colour red was used to add to the atmosphere of the village house setting. Simple but effective details in red—such as oversized birdcages, lamps and lanterns—decorated the room, along with red floral centrepieces, red and gold brocade table linens, and matching table settings, which tied in with the traditional theme while looking modern. [W](#)



MODERN MAKEOVER
Various elements of a traditional village house were given a contemporary twist

Venue: The Salisbury Room can seat up to 192 guests for a banquet

Vendor: Cuz Production
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DREAMS COME TRUE

The Langham Hong Kong's in-house team has put together many spectacular themes for weddings—one of its most popular is the ultra-romantic Midsummer Dream. A true wedding fantasy, guests enter the main room via a beautiful archway woven with various flowers and plants, and adorned with coloured metal butterflies.

Once in the ballroom, the wedding party is greeted by stunning table settings, with pink hydrangeas in heart-shaped boxes positioned atop gold-framed mirrors and surrounded by pink rose petals. Stairways can be strewn with scatterings of petals and the ballroom's pillars festooned with elaborate bouquets and garlands.

The Langham can even arrange for a fountain to be installed. To add to the romantic theme, a new LED backdrop can display digital images of flowers, photographs of the bride and groom, and even a thank-you note to guests at the end of the evening to promote a more eco-friendly wedding.

CINDERELLA STORY From top: The elegant table settings featured pink hydrangeas in heart-shaped boxes; the stairs leading to the main room were adorned with flowers

Venue: The Ballroom can seat up to 384 guests for a banquet

