



### Save The Dates/ Invitation

Your wedding stationary is the first sign to let your guests know about your vintage theme. A vintage-styled motif and old lettering style can be selected for the whole wedding stationary.



### Vintage Stamps

Using original vintage stamps on the envelope and the other related wedding stationary would beautifully represent the theme.



### Accessories

To get the original romantic vintage look, bride can use accessories like a headpiece cloche, crown-like Tiera, a lacy bandeau, vintage style shoes, a pillbox hat etc. For jewelry, look for exquisite and artistic pieces.

### Bouquet

A big bunch of softly hued fresh and wild flowers, sometimes embellished with beads and pearls, is most suitable for a vintage bride. For adding more, tie it with an antique vintage lace.



### Vintage Wedding Favors

Give nostalgic favor in the form of retro toys for kids, or try penny candy and rock candy. And old fashioned cigars for men after the reception party.





## EXPERT SPACE

*See what the experts has to say about vintage wedding ideas and take note of the suggestions next time you plan a wedding:*

**Kunal Rai, Head of Events, Tamarind Global** throws light on Vintage weddings saying that before one sets out to plan a vintage wedding, it's important to understand the client's definition of Vintage Wedding. The theme could range from the Victorian Era or The Retro style to the Roaring 20's or Art Deco 30's. Once the theme is selected, all elements must be integrated into the theme to bring out its essence and make it authentic. While décor is the most important and prominent element in bringing out the theme chosen, other aspects of the wedding like entertainment, invites, dress code, music, food and hospitality must all tie in seamlessly. Some key décor elements that characteristically constitute a vintage wedding are Hobnail candle holders, milk glass vases, white or baby pink lace drapes, parasols, big blooms, crystals, pearls and white flowers.

The tables can have long lace runners and themed elegant menus and food and beverages can include high tea, miniature cakes and sandwiches, a champagne fountain, scones, florentines and other innovative ideas depending on the time and type of function,



**Manik Vishnoi, F&B and Event Manager, Jaisalmer Marriott Resort & Spa**

Vintage Wedding themes have a popular choice for brides for some time now – inspired by various look books and décor setups from countryside weddings in the West, and Instagram / Pinterest.

The theme uses a lot of wooden props – so we can curate a special set up using old doors and windows to create that ambience. If it is autumn or winters, we can complete the setup with a fireplace backdrop. Alternatively, lace and burlap bunting can be a pretty décor option.

The idea is to keep all elements in sync for a perfect outcome, and not overdo any one element. A clear theme and number of items should be kept in mind as there is a fine line between a fun, rustic vintage wedding and one that has too many elements that don't come together and end up looking like a clutter. A simple aisle can be given an antique and romantic touch with the help of flowers, candles and lanterns. The tables can be dressed up with candle stands, lace napkins, pine cones, earthy florals with ferns, etc. For centerpieces we can get creative with options like oil lamps, hanging bird cages, silver trophy cup centerpieces, vintage vases, mason jars and bottles can be some creative options. Another interesting conversation starter is the bar setup which can be created using a classy and rustic, vintage style dresser or an old cart, or an antique bar trolley.



**Priti Agarwalla & Sunaina Agarwal – Founders of Desi Lantern** adds that Vintage décor to us is reviving the old to befit the now and use it smartly to give a modern and chic look. This kind of décor exudes a certain kind of romantic vibe with style. Vintage décor brings to mind soft pastel colours - English rose pink, a sea green, a Tiffany blue; a dreamy old world look and to compliment it the use of distressed panels/doors/windows, chest of drawers or consoles, floral prints, pearls, doilies etc. This look can be easily tweaked comfortably to befit any occasion or function, and is considered to be an elegant option for both day and evening functions. The key for the décor to work lies in the presentation and perfection with which it is executed. The beauty of this theme is that it can be opulent vintage or muted pastels, and can be ideated upon what one wants, and even though multiple elements are used, this theme always achieves an aesthetic balance.

On fewer occasions, we have used floral prints of different kinds, or used exquisite furniture to give a vintage feel to our décor. At times we incorporate certain elements which have an old world charm such as an antique-looking cycle or 1956 model car can be used for a photo-corner with a signage saying "Just Married". Chair tie ups give a regal feel to the whole ambience and to add to the theme pearls can be used as well which adds to the elegance of the event.

One such set up included an obsolete typewriter on a table with an elegant lace overlay, where guests could type their messages for the couple.

We have also tried salmon pink and grey as a colour-palette option which worked extremely well for a day Mehendi outdoors as well as an engagement evening function indoors. We prefer to not use bird cages and ladders which were overdone last season and try to come up with new and innovative elements to accentuate the theme.