

# 5 Royal Summer Wedding Trends



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If you're like the rest of the world, you've heard about the royal wedding. And if you're like most brides, you were there in front of your television taking copious notes. It's a good thing you did, too, because this summer, it's all about royal inspiration.

You need not copy Kate and William exactly, as there's plenty of room for interpretation. Because Kate's taste is so classic, many of your guests may think that you came up with these ideas all by yourself!

## 1. The Ring

The talk of the year leading up to the wedding was Kate's ring. The beautiful sapphire has rekindled the wedding

world's romance with gemstones. Sure, there are diamonds, and they'll always be a girl's best friend, but how about thinking outside of the box for your rings? There are a number of beautiful choices, from sapphires to rubies, to opals and beyond.

## **2. Fascinators**

If you loved all of the fascinators, raise your hand! And for the record, they do not have to be large, ugly hats. They can be simple, eye catching and brilliant. Large or small, fascinators can compliment the bride's ensemble or dress up the wedding party. If you want to pull in a full royal wedding feel, ask your guests to wear their own hats and fascinators.

## **3. Blushers**

Blushers, though once reserved for solemn church weddings, are definitely making a comeback this summer. Whether you choose a short birdcage-style blusher, or decide to go the full yard with an elbow dusting blusher, you really can't go wrong. The accessories are beautiful, and they create a soft frame around the face, which is truly elegant.

## **4. Lace**

Kate brought lace back in a big way. Once considered too traditional, Kate's use of delicate lace was brilliant. You can add lace touches to your wedding gown, your bridesmaid and even your decor. Lace is a great way to soften the focus and add a touch of old-world elegance.

## **5. Monochromatic Color**

Monochromatic colors for the bride and bridesmaid have also increased in popularity, thanks to Pippa's stunning gown. More and more brides are favoring a simple elegance for their palate, and an all-white wedding is a fantastic way to

accomplish this. The sheer elegance will stun your guests, and the white backdrop just screams for brilliantly colored flowers, accessories and decor.

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