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From Editor

by Cristina

It still seems impossible, but everything is taking its shape now. You have to know that I often have crazy ideas that people try to dissuade me from, but this time Paperpin allied with me and thanks to our crazy Skype "meetings" SC Mag has been conceived. We must admit we've been amazed by a beautiful magazine about Sims homes and decors, and we have immediately thought about fashion and style magazines like Vogue or Glamour, and how cool would have been to create one on our own. At the very same time we had just launched Sim2Cri monthly themed collections... and we just put two and two together, creating a monthly magazine with many tips, links and ideas for your game.

It may sound silly, but we really hope you'll appreciate our job. We have involved almost all the members of the staff - finder girls included, since they usually have a bit boring job, and we also have guest stars... I fell in love with Sephiramy's Spring Contest entry on Koinup, and I asked her to create our front cover..and we have a lot of idea for the following months...

We welcome your suggestions for improvement, and we really hope you'll like our idea, because we have really worked hard to do our best.

A very big thanks goes to the staff and to Macthekat and his Livingetc, without whom our ideas would never be carried out, and of course to all the custom content creators, that have made everything you can see here.



*"Everyone has a dream
and when it comes true
eyes shine like diamonds
cheeks become
dewy petals,
and the heart turns
in a tremor...
We wish you to realize
one of your desires,
at the end of the day,
when stars light up the hope
that a dream will come true
at the first lights of the dawn"*

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The bride and the groom

by Paperpin & Cristina

The clothing is a very important part of a wedding: it just doesn't only distinguish the newlyweds from the other attendants, but has a very deep and symbolic meaning. Gowns and suits have to be chosen and prepared some time before the wedding day, and they must be adapted to the place (Church, beach, parks and stuff) and to the time of the ceremony, and, of course, to the couple! In the following pages you will see a roundup of the most popular and interesting dresses, selected for you by the famous fashion designer ValenSimino.

IN GAME TIPS:

From Open for Business on, you can use your formal wear as a wedding dress: just choose the one you like before the marriage. If you don't have Open for Business or later EP, you can download Wedding with Maxis Default Formalwear (Formal Wedding) <http://www.simbology.com/smf/index.php/topic,6.0.html> that allows you to do the same.

THE BRIDE

The bride is traditionally the star of the day: she is the centre of the attention, thus everything about her must be perfectly cured and prepared; in particular, her gown is maybe the most important part of the ceremony, and is the first thing everyone will look at!

It is a very special dress that can be worn only once in your life, and has to be chosen with care and love.

The gown must emphasize the bride's features and body, without being too sensual or uncomfortable, and for this reason there are a lot of dresses pattern to meet every demand. Here is a list of the most popular ones:

- **Romantic gown:** it is the most used gown, and it is composed of a tight corsage and a huge, voluminous skirt. It suits tall and slim brides, while it is not suggested for curvy ones.
- **Princess gown:** it doesn't fit many girls, and it recalls tale princess style, with extra huge volumes, very long veil and balloon sleeves. Since it will make the bride look like a little doll, it is not suggested to curvy and short girls.

DO:

Dress that suits you and your body
Simple gown for civil ceremony

DON'T:

Too tight gowns on too tiny brides
Romantic gowns for chubby brides
Sexy dresses for religious weddings
White gown in second marriage

The bride and the groom



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- **Siren gown:** sensual brides will love this gown, that looks like an evening dress more than a wedding gown; it is usually a simple sheath dress, with a deep neckline and it's flared at the bottom. It is suggested for alternative weddings, but should be avoided in religious or church-located weddings, unless you cover your shoulders with a shawl.
- **Simple gown:** it is some kind of mixture between the romantic and the siren gowns; it is a sober dress with little ornaments (flowers, ribbons or pearls) and ruffles. It fits most of the brides and emphasizes shoulders and arms.

THE GROOM

The groom's suit is much less complicated (and important!) than the bride's: it is usually a simple suit, that's perfect with most of the weddings - but for high formal or evening ceremonies a tuxedo is recommended. Even if the groom cannot see his spouse's dress until the big day, he has to know its color, in order to choose his suit, shirt and tie. Sometimes the mother of the bride claims to be the one to choose the groom's suit (and that's why many men get mad at them!)

The most common nuances used for weddings are black, grey, dark grey and dark blue, while brown should be avoided. The tie and the shirt must be well-coordinated and don't have to be too flashy and cheap. We're sure you will find many patterns at your fashion house.

C. e P.

DO:

If the groom wears a tuxedo his father, brothers and best men must do the same

Ask for the color of the gown before choosing the suit

DON'T:

Brown suits
Flashy ties and shirts



dress your skins
with your desires...

Barbara Simignello



Women's Atelier

Picked for you by Cristina and Paperpin, according to ValenSIMino's tips

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2. Elynia

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3. Bruno "Bridal Couture"

<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=262617>

4. PronupSims "Jadis"

<http://www.pronupsims.net/>

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5. Biene <http://www.sim2-fashion.de/>

6. ShopSims

<http://www.shopsims.it/adultaformale3.html>

7. LianaSims ID770

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8. SimplyStyling Formal 17 (page)

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Men's Atelier

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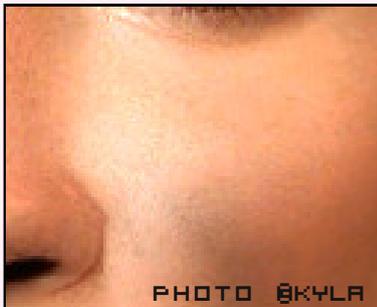
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4. Sims2Cri 021 http://www.sims2cri.com/wedding_02.php
5. Edenstyle by GentleBug http://www.edenstyle.it/TS2_Fashion_Man_formall.htm
6. PronupSims "Flores" <http://www.pronupsims.net/>

by Kyla & Paperpin

On such a special day like your wedding day, you cannot forget or underrate details like the makeup. The bride's makeup must be studied in every component, from the foundation to the nail polish, to emphasize her beauty and highlight her features – exactly as her gown should do. There is anyway a couple of rules to follow, so that the bride won't look like a clown or a mannequin: for this reason we have asked makeup artist MaxSims Factor for some advice:

FOR YOUR FACE



The foundation is a very important element; it makes us look healthier and lights up the skins. It is important to choose the right shade, which has to be as natural as possible.

Artist's tips: for every kind of skintone, MaxSims recommends Sim Factor Miracle

Touch blush, available at:

<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=276863>.



The blush is used to refine the shape of the face and emphasize the cheekbones. For round faces: apply with a brush, from the top to the bottom; for squared faces: apply a generous amount of blush. Anyway, blush must be well-coordinated with the foundation and the other makeup elements: shades like red or pearly

pink must be avoided.

Artist's tip: for his brides MaxSims recommends La_Exotique Cheekbone defining Blush. available at

<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=228949>.



Eyebrows don't have to be forgotten! Cured and tweezed eyebrows are a real help for the face and the glance - since they frame your eyes - and so they must be well-shaped. Just follow your natural shape and pluck where in excess but DO NOT over pluck!

Artist's tips: natural eyebrows are very fashionable, when cured and well-shaped; never use eyebrows pencil. We recommend Anva's salon at

<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=283968>.

EYEBROWS

Make Up

FOR YOUR EYES



The eye shadow is a very important element: there are a lot of nuances - you can choose your favorite ones, just do not darken it up too much. To make the eye look bigger, just use a very light shade under the brows (white or beige), then a darker shade on the middle of the eyelid and a little more darker shade in the outer corner of the eye. The bride's makeup doesn't have to be too heavy, and shades like bronze, gold or silver are the most recommended.

Artist's tips: MaxSims recommends *Eyelights – Subtle eye shadows by Bruno@MTS*; you'll surely find the right nuance for you! Available at:

<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=257414>

The **eyeliner** has to define the shape of the eye without being too heavy, and for this reason bride should not abuse of that – you're not going to the disco!

There are many kinds of **mascara**, from extra volume to waterproof. We suggest using a waterproof one, in case of tears, but again, do not abuse of it. You should avoid fake lashes too.

Artist's tip: choose a light and natural mascara, such as Bruno Simbelline 12, with 12 shades, available at

<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=259228>



The **lipstick** shade has to fit the bride's skin and makeup: it must be natural and light, and we recommend glossy and neutral ones: peach or light pink. Do not use mat lipstick or too much lip pencil. Remember to use the right lipgloss for your lips shape: if you have razor lips choose a light shade, for thick lips, choose a glossy one.

Artist's tips: we recommend Augustin Lip glosses in 9 nuances, available at

<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=285093>

LIPS



Hai MAI pensato che ti mentisse?
corri ai ripari prima che sia tardi
tutto cio' che vuoi sapere lo scopriamo
noi al posto tuo...

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On the big day your **hands** will be the centre of attention: it is important, thus, to have cured and perfect fingers. Start some months before with periodical manicures, and never forget to use balms and creams. Do not bite your **nails**, there are many nail polishes to prevent you from that, and always go to the salon. You can also opt for fake nails, but never choose long ones; about the nail polish, choose a light color for your nails, from light pink to beige, and if you're wearing sandals don't forget to get a pedicure.

Artist's tips: we suggest Sims4Rent new polish collection, available here:

<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=181051> (shades n°3/4/21/22/23).

or the RenSims French, that you can find here:

<http://rensim.com/files.php?cat=34>



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You're going to have a VERY long day, with a lot of things to do and emotions to feel: beyond body lotions and creams, don't forget to use a **perfume**, fresh and bright as you will be on such a special day. Use just a couple of drops and you will be charming and irresistible not only for your husband, but just for everyone! Don't forget to bring your perfume with you, so that you can refresh anytime you want!



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DO:
Natural look
Juicy lipgloss
Cured hands and short nails

DON'T:
Heavy makeup
Eyebrow pencil
Long nails
French manicure on very long nails

Artist's tips: Dolce e Gabbana by Glamorouslounge, if you like fruity fragrances – available here:

<http://glamorouslounge.net/>

for fresher scents try 1881 by SimsAvenueDesign:

<http://www.simsdesignavenue.net>

K. e P.

Heads on shoulders

by Ranrinoa & Paperpin

As you can easily imagine, clothes and makeup are not enough to make a perfect bride: hair is a fundamental part of the bride look. But how to choose the best hairstyle? To answer the question we have interviewed a very special guest: Jean LoiSims David, famous hairdresser from Sim City.

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"If you don't want to regret for having done everything on your own or let old aunties and inexperienced cousins help you, ask your hairdresser for advice. Try as many styles as you want, but remember to try your it again one month and then one week before the wedding. Do not mess up with your hair, or you will not feel at ease on your very special day".

Curly or smooth hair?

How about choosing between curls and smooth hair, Mr. David?

"That's a common matter: choosing between curls and smooth hair. Often, girls with curls want to have smooth hair and vice versa: remember that emotions and distress – hour by hour – can curl your hair up. Be careful!"

And what about a girl who wants curls?

"Girls who want curl s for their wedding choose for locks or twist, but emotion can play tricks for them too!"

Do we have to give up, then?

"Absolutely not. Just talk to your hairdresser, and he/she will use special products in order to give you the perfect style".

Jean LoiSims also says: *"The bride should look pretty and elegant, not goofy and ridiculous! Be careful to choose an appropriate hairstyle that matches with the makeup, the dress and the accessories (veils, tiaras, flowers and jewels). Do not overdo and put everything together, otherwise you'll look snazzy and inappropriate - to be honest, very adorned brides remind me of my Christmas tree!"*

As for particular hairdos he states: *"Remember you can be fashionable on your wedding day too: don't be afraid to try stylish haircuts, you don't have to follow the old, classic style."*

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<http://www.digitalperversion.net/>

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Heads on shoulders

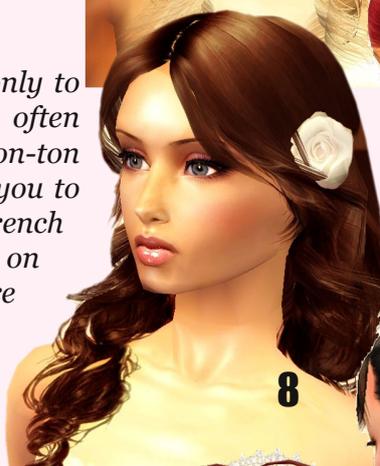
Loose or twisted?

If you decide to keep your hair loose, Jean LoiSims suggests using an ornamental flower or a little tiara.

“Keeping your hair loose is a simple and sophisticated style, but it has to fit the dress.”

How come do brides twist their hair so often?

“Twisted hair is not used only to keep the veil, but brides often want to resemble a bon-ton look. If your gown allows you to do that, just create a French chignon, you can do it on your own! If you’re choosing for an elaborate style, anyway, talk to your hairdresser.”



6. Raonsims <http://www.raonsims.com/>

7. PeggyZone <http://www.peggyzone.com>

8. Helga @ JustSims <http://www.justsims2.ru>

9. Sims2Sisters @ TSR

<http://www.thesimsresource.com/artists/sims2sisters/>

Short hair, why not?

Is short hair forbidden for a bride?

“Very often, brides with short hair use extensions or wigs not to show their real style. I love short hair for brides, instead! Why? Simple: they give the girl a young and fresh look!”

So that’s not a taboo anymore..

“That’s all about people who believe that brides must have long hair. I think this is just annoying, and the wedding is the perfect time to get a new hairstyle!”

R. e P.

DO:
 Try your hairstyle before the wedding day
 Stylish look adapt to the gown
 Flowers and tiaras

DON'T:
 Very old styles
 DIY if you're inexperienced
 The "Christmas tree" look, using too many accessories

10. PeggyZone <http://www.peggyzone.com>

11. RoseSims2 <http://www.rosesims2.net>

12. XMSims <http://www.xmsims.com/>

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Man with style!

by Paperpin & Cristina

Even if the wedding is traditionally the day of the bride, it is important to appear cured and elegant, even because the couple must be harmonious. In a few words: men, yes – but with style!

A perfect groom is an elegant and fascinating man, that emphasizes the beauty of his woman. Not to “stumble” on the big day and mess everything up, it’s important to follow some little tips, given by Jean LoiSims David.



BEARD AND MOUSTACHE

The groom’s face should be shaved and smooth, thus stubbles and long fuzzy beards are absolutely forbidden. If the groom usually wears a beard, it should be trimmed and cured for the occasion. Say no to Santa’s look!

Artist's Tip: Jean LoiSim suggests following Squall117's tips at <http://modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=226569>.



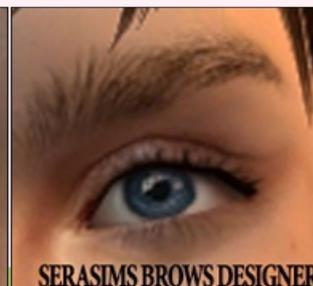
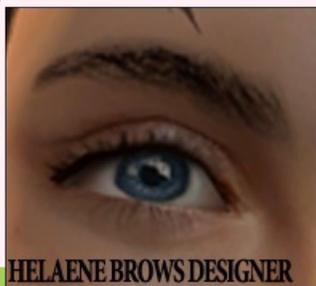
to tweeze you brows, avoid very thin, egg-rounded eyebrows or hip-hop shaved eyebrows; if

help you, at least on your wedding day, and remember that bushy eyebrows are not elegant too!

Lately man have begun to depilate their bodies and pluck their eyebrows: surely it is a sign of personal care, but it’s important not to overdo and change your glance’s shape; if you really want

you want to pluck them just take off where in excess, keeping your natural shape.

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EYEBROWS

Man with style!

If jewels are not well-seen in the bride, they are absolutely forbidden for the groom.

Anyway, if he usually wears piercings (i.e. on the eyebrow or on the lip), it is not good to show holes and scars as well: be elegant again, and wear little, invisible, piercings. Do not wear rings or bracelet, don't forget it's a wedding!

1. SimsArtistUnion <http://simsartistsunion.com/>

2. PeggyZone <http://www.peggyzone.com>

3. Raonsims <http://www.raonsims.com/>

4. HystericalParoxysm @ MTS <http://modthesims2.com/member.php?u=31337>

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6. Him666 <http://www.wicked sims2.com/forums/index.php?board=69.0>

7. Him666 <http://www.wicked sims2.com/forums/index.php?board=69.0>

8. Aikea_Guinea http://www.thesimsresource.com/artists/aikea_guinea/

9. NookieSims <http://nookiesims2.net/>

1. SimsArtistUnion
<http://simsartistsunion.com/>

The groom's head must be trimmed and cured, but the hairstyle can be classic and made-up as well as stylish and casual; just remember to avoid the "out of bed" look and very odd hair. If the groom has long hair (which is not desirable) it is recommended to twist the hair in a low ponytail - DO NOT use hair bands and other stuff: it's a wedding, not a soccer match!

C. e P.



Beyond the bride and the groom...

by Paperpin

A perfect wedding is a well-planned wedding, not only for details such as flowers and dresses, there are many other facts that have to be taken care of.

Beyond the groom and the bride there is the huge number of attendants, among which: bridesmaids, best men, friends and relatives. Since you cannot choose what your attendants should wear, it is important to tell everyone how the ceremony will be and where it takes place: church, beach, countryside, etc.

The witnesses

The witnesses are inevitable presences of every wedding: grooms and brides must have at least one witness each, and it is important to choose carefully who will have to play this role.

Just to avoid jealousy and envy, try to opt for persons you love much and that maybe have introduced the newlyweds; remember that witnesses must be of age (adults or young adults).

Do & Donts

- The best man must be dressed like the groom and his father: if the groom wears a tuxedo, the witness must do the same.
- The witnesses of the bride (and not the maids!) should wear in a sober and elegant way, possibly with light pastel colors.
- Avoid sexy dresses, especially if the wedding takes place in the church, short skirts and stiletto heels: style and elegance comes from other details. Heavy makeup and odd hairstyles should be avoided.
- Being particular attendants, the couple should prepare special gifts for their witnesses.
- Remember that white is the color of the bride and nobody in the church should be dressed in white!



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Beyond the bride and the groom...

The bridesmaids

The bridesmaids are very particular attendants, whose meaning is often misunderstood: in Anglo-Saxon countries the groom has one or more witnesses, called "Best men", while the bride is surrounded by an odd number of maids, called "Bridesmaids" – among which there is the most important one, the Maid of Honor - witness of the bride. The number of bridesmaids depends on the style of the wedding, but usually they are three or five.

Outside Anglo-Saxon countries, maids usually join page-boys, and are children or young girls. Sometimes the bride chooses to have her sisters, or cousins, or closest friends as brides.



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Do & Donts

- The rules given for the witnesses are valid for bridesmaids too: they must wear the same kind of dress in the same kind of color: apricot, lilac, light yellow or light blue (or anyway a pastel shade).
- The bride must provide her maids the dress and the accessories (gloves, purses and other stuff - that's why having maids is so expensive).
- Once again, no to sexy dresses or particular patterns, a simple, plain gown is perfect.
- Remember that white is the color of the bride ONLY, and nobody, not even the maids have to be dressed in white!

Beyond the bride and the groom...

The page-boys

Page-boys are a funny part of the wedding: usually they are little cousins or nephews, from 4 to 8 years old, that can follow or go before the bride (and sometimes they carry rose petals in a little basket) while entering the church (if the bride wears a long veil, then page-boys are just inevitable).

Usually, if there is only one page (or a little maid - why not) – and it happens when a couple gets married after giving birth to a child – he/she will enter right before the bride. If pages/maids are in odd number, then one will go before and the other behind the woman. If they are in an even number, they will do as the couple wishes.



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Do & Donts

- Little maids should dress like the bridesmaids, with light and pastel colors. They can wear ribbons on their heads and shining shoes.



- Page-boys should wear an elegant little tuxedo, with a little tie or necktie. They should wear shining shoes too.
- Remember that toddlers and very young children may not feel at ease as well as teens or preteens may not like to be the centre of attention.
- Give them specific things to do, such as carry a basket of petals or the wedding rings (if you fear they may stumble or lose them, just give them ordinary or toy rings).

Beyond the bride and the groom...

The attendants

The attendants are always a big concern: you should choose where they will be set in the restaurant/wedding party and make sure they will dress up in the right way. If you're not sure about that, just inform them if the wedding will be very formal or rustic: if the ceremony takes place in the countryside (for example), showing up with a long lacey dress will be quite enough inappropriate.

Do & Donts

- The first rule is avoid white dresses or anyway patterns that could recall the bride's.
- Older attendants should inform on how the mother of the bride will be dressed: there's nothing worse than being dressed exactly like her or her sisters.
- No deep necklines, miniskirts and stiletto heels; colorful and fancy dresses are quite good, especially if the wedding takes place in the morning.

- If the bride wears a short dress the attendants should do the same (without overdoing); the same is if she wears a simple, plain gown.
- Men should wear according to the style of the wedding, wearing a tuxedo if it is very formal. Avoid flashy shirts, jewels and odd jackets.



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Ci credo o non ci credo?

by Kyla

Most of the things we do when planning a wedding are a symbol of ancient traditions that we actually ignore, and so we think it is all a pre-made path we have to follow. Believe it or not, here it is a roundup of the most famous traditions, introduced by prof. Octavius Mysterious.

The gown

The bride's gown is a symbol of purity and candor, and that's the reason why, in western countries, white has always been the color of the bride. In the last years, however, many other nuances have been introduced (beige, ivory white, cream white, etc.): just make sure your gown is of a light shade.

Moreover, tradition says that the bride should carry 5 things with her on the big day: *Something old, something new, something borrowed something blue, and a silver sixpence in her shoe.*

- Something old: means continuity with the bride's family and past, that doesn't have to be forgotten in this new life;
- Something new: means all the new things that will happen in this new life ahead;
- Something borrowed: for good fortune, it symbolizes the love of her family, that won't leave her.
- Something blue: there are many dissenting opinions about this; some says that it comes from an Ancient Rome tradition, where blue was the color of the brides, some other think it is to wish male babies, many others state it is against bad luck and envy;
- A silver sixpence in her shoe: it wishes wealth and money; it has to be placed in the left shoe. In non Anglo – Saxon countries, where they don't have silver sixpence, this is



replaced by “something given as a gift”.

The wedding rings

In the Catholic tradition, people wear their wedding ring on the left hand's fourth finger – which is called “ring finger”. This is an Egyptian tradition, since they would have found a vein that connects this finger directly to the heart, supposing that feelings ran through this vein.

Sugar almonds

Very popular in Italy, they have to be in odd number and white; usually there are five of them representing: health, fertility, long life, happiness and wealth.



The veil

It surely dates back from ancient times, when it was used as a symbol of purity and candor (they used to say it would have protect the bride form evil spirits); other “less romantic” theories state that it was used in arranged marriage, to prevent the groom from seeing his wife before saying “Yes” and mess everything up!

The bouquet

This is the last gift that the groom gives to his wife-to be, and it's some kind of end of the engagement; the bouquet is given to the bride on the morning of the wedding day, but it is the bride herself that chooses it, since it has to fit her dress. At the end of the ceremony, she has to throw it to her single attendants: the one who reaches it should get married within the year!



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Ci credo o non ci credo?

The honeymoon

The word “honeymoon” comes from an old Roman tradition, when the newlyweds used to eat honey (or anything sweet) for an entire month after the wedding (in Ancient Rome they used to base on the lunar cycle).

Rice

Throwing rice to the newlyweds is a wish for fertility and wealth.



The dowry

In old times the groom didn't have to support financially his wife for one year after the marriage: for this reason her family used to prepare everything, from clothes to linen.

The bridesmaids

In ancient Egypt, they used to believe that evil spirits gathered around the bride to blow the ceremony. For this reasons, the bride's girlfriends were dressed like the bride herself, and followed her everywhere, to “confuse” the evils and prevent them from messing everything up.



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Thanks to prof. Mysterious for his kindness..and for the tea we have drunk during this interview!

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MODEL: GEORGINA THOMAS
AD DESIGNER © CRI

Invitations and Favors

by Nuvolawe & Cristina

Did you already choose the date for the big day and booked the restaurant? Well, that's not enough. You have to tell the world – or at least your friends and relatives – that you're going to get married. That's a bit boring thing, and you should write down a list to choose who would you like to have for your wedding and who not. Once you have finished planning, you'll have to prepare the invitations: you can consult a wedding planner or do it yourself (usually the family of the bride has to do this). Remember to prepare some extra invitations, in case you forget someone or lose some.

What to write:

- Avoid writing "Professor" or "Doctor".. just use a simple "Mister" before the name of the attendant;
- The address!
- If the attendants come from another town, send them a little map, so that they can get in the right place without troubles;
- To be sure of how many people will be there, ask for confirmation (RSVP).

How to write:

- Paper invitations: use cards in white or ivory and write in elegant English italic. The can be handwritten or printed at the print shop. You can choose to send the invitations by mail or give them by hand.
- Email invitations: if you're sure your attendants can use computers and emails, you can send your invitations through the Internet. Create a cute picture and send it to your friends asking for confirmation! You will save much money and time, but avoid sending them all at once: your addresses may read the name of the other guests and be disappointed - everyone should feel unique!



Favors are little objects that are meant to be some kind of gratitude gift for taking part at your wedding. It is an old tradition, and they're usually made of silver or porcelain, and they contain sugar almonds and a little card with the name of the bride and the groom. You should choose them a couple of months before the wedding, and once again, remember to get some extra ones. Also, remember to send them to everyone who couldn't come to your wedding.

Lately, favors are shifting from tiny silver things to high-tech presents: mp3 collections, CDs, DVDs, and anything connected with the newlywed's love; useful objects are used too (vases, frames, etc.).

N. e C.



Wedding list

by Paperpin & Cristina

Whether you are newlyweds or old time live-in partners, you will surely need something after the wedding: it may be a new dishwasher or a TV, or maybe a cruise in the exotic seas.

The wedding list is made for this purpose, and that's the means by which your friends and parents can be an active part of your wedding, giving you something you need and like.

A wedding list can be of two kinds: traditional or alternative.

The traditional one usually includes dishes, glasses, cookware, kitchen utensils and other house accessories; if the shop you're setting your list at is very provided, you can also include small and big appliances.

The alternative wedding list is typical for old live-in couples, who don't need many house accessories, and rather prefer their relative's money to be given to charity. In this case, the couple should tell their attendants where they want their money to be given or sent (remember to choose serious and honest corporations!).

Moreover, lately it has been spreading the trend of including the honeymoon in the wedding list, especially if it is a cruise or an expensive travel. In this case, just tell your attendants in which travel agency you have booked your honeymoon.

Whatever kind of wedding list you're choosing, remember that this is your most important day, so you can choose and put in the list ANYTHING you want...put no restrain to your imagination!

Our staff has chosen for you some big shops and malls, where you can do your Wedding Lists (thanks cards are included in price).

P. e C.



NU Mini-Mall

NU MiniMall by Illiana

<http://www.thesimsresource.com/downloads/sims2/lots/community/Shops/724105/>



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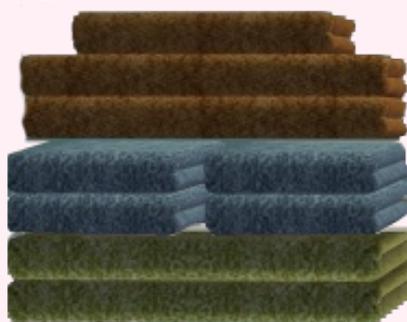
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SimTour Travel Agency available in every 4x4 corner of the BlueWater Village, or just calling 555-33-22-99

Wedding List



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3. Holy Simoly <http://www.holysimoly.com/>
4. SimSecrets <http://www.simsecrets.biz/>
5. 4eversimfantasy <http://www.4eversimfantasy.net/>
6. Parsimonious <http://parsimonious.org/>
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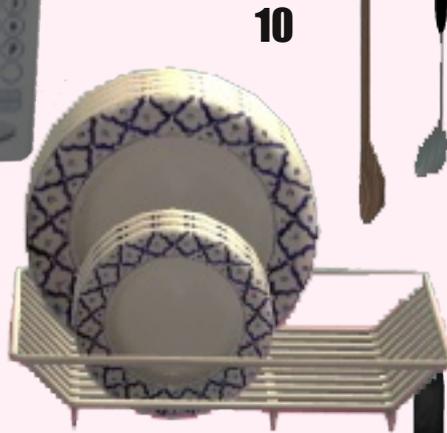
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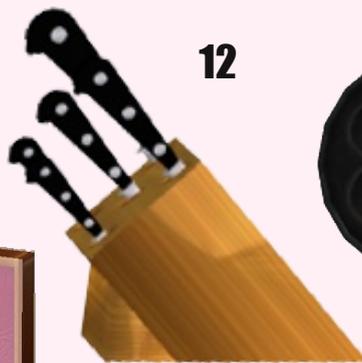
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8. Maxis default TS2

9. Maxis default TS2 Seasons

10. Boblishman @ MTS

<http://modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=55121>

11. 4eversimsfantasy <http://www.4eversimfantasy.net/>

12. Boblishman @ MTS

<http://modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=52182>

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14. CashCraft @TSR

<http://www.thesimsresource.com/artists/Cashcraft/>

15. Sgoobysnacks29 @ Insimenator

<http://www.insimenator.net/showthread.php?t=24011>



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Bouquet & decorations

by Paperpin

Many, many, many flowers will surround the bride on her special day: at home, in the church, on her dress.. that's very important to choose them some time before the ceremony, so that everything can be ready in time. Flowers and decorations should be of the same color of the bride's gown – white flowers are very traditional but just any light shade is ok.

But how can we choose best and create a lovely and elegant atmosphere? We have asked famous flower seller Lily Prickley for advice, since she has taken care of the weddings of Cassandra Goth and Don Lothario and the Bachelor family!

Hi Lily! First of all, what can you tell us about flower's meanings? Is it important to choose the right one or we can make some exceptions?

"Flowers have many different meanings, that don't have to be underrated: showing up with a narcissus flower- that means vanity and emptiness – well, doesn't make a good impression! If the couple is very young they can choose for crocus flowers, that means passionate love and youth,

but anyway there is a flower for every couple – and you can mix them together: honeysuckle and brooms are a great pair, since the first one means sweetness and the other one humbleness. Don't forget that not all the attendants know the meaning of flowers: we cannot require them to know, for example, that dahlia means

gratitude or cyclamen means distrust. One of the most used flowers is the rose, but don't mess up! Roses are always roses but they don't have always the same meaning: the white one means purity, the yellow one infidelity, the pink one sweetness".

 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Protea</i></p>	<p>Protea: means persistence. It is a great wish.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Miltonia</i></p>	<p>Miltonia: is one kind of orchid and it's the flower of passionate love, sensuality and elegance.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Freesia</i></p>	<p>Freesia: is the symbol of platonic love.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Magnolia</i></p>	<p>Magnolia: is the flower of candor and nobility.</p>



Bouquet & decorations

by Paperpin & Nuvolawe

Decorations

Church decorations must fit the bride's gown and the place where the wedding will be located: countryside church, an elegant cathedral, a white sands beach. Flowers must be placed at the entrance of the church (if the wedding takes place in an open lot just put them at the entrance of the place), at both the sides of the main entrance, inside the church, among the benches and near the altar or the wedding arch.

The bouquet

The bride's bouquet doesn't make exception: it must fit the gown and the church. Here you can see some suggestions, taken from Pronupsims and Sims2Cri collections.



La navata centrale



L'altare



Gli interni



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Orchid is the symbol of sensuality and charm: it is suggested for groovy brides.

A single-flowered calla lily bouquet is great for simple and sober brides, with wiggly gowns. Calla means beauty, simple and refined.



White roses mean purity, innocence and humbleness; opt for them mainly if you are very young and only if the gown is totally white.



Sunflowers bouquet is suggested only for countryside weddings, never use it in elegant or high formal contexts. Sunflower means deep love.

Thanks Macarossi @MTS

<http://www.modthesims2.com/member/macarossi> for these beautiful flowers

The Wedding

by Cristina & Paperpin

Here we are. You have planned everything: the dresses, the invitations, the witnesses; the big day has arrived and you only have to say “Yes”. Choosing the place for your wedding is very important, and the choice can be driven by many causes. To celebrate our first issue we have prepared something special for you; getting married under the wedding arch is nice, ok, but we have something in store for you: the possibility of getting married by a priest and a little more..alternative marriage!

Get married by priest

As we all know, The Sims 2 does not let you get married in the church or in the city hall (there is no religion or politic in the game!); however, we have found a mod that lets you choose a priest for your wedding, to be one step closer to reality.

The file we need is available at www.sims2graveyard.com: scroll down until you find **Pc Sims/PriestMarry.rar** and remember you'll need Open for Business. Unzip the file into your Downloads folder (*My Documents/EA Games/The Sims2/Downloads*) and launch the game.

NOTE: remember this file is a hacked one, thus it modifies some of the game's values. Use it with care and at your own risk, to avoid conflicts with other files.

Inside the .rar archive you will find several files:

- **Marry me Arch:** it is the wedding arch you need to celebrate the wedding. Requires Open for Business.



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- **Marry me Arch_book:** it is the book of the priest, and it is essential for the hack to work, together with the arch. This object does not appear in the objects list, but it will be taken out by the priest when needed. Requires Open for Business.
- **Marry me Basket food:** it is a basket where you can take any food you like for your wedding feast; click on it to read the list of available foods. Requires Open for Business.



- **Marry me Bride Crown:** it is a little crown/tiara that the groom and the bride can wear, and it won't let their needs decrease. In the following picture it is shown both on the end table and on the bride's head. Requires at



least one EP.

- **Marry me Candy Buffet:** as for the basket food, the candy buffet is a little table where you can place foods. Requires Open for Business.

The Wedding

- **Marry me chair:** it is an ordinary chair.
- **Marry me end table:** it is an ordinary end table.
- **Marry me table:** it is an ordinary table; in the picture below is showed with chairs.



- **Marry me display:** it is a decorative object that plays a melody. Requires Open for Business.
- **Marry me Wedding gift:** it is a little pink box that can be given to the attendants. Requires Open for Business.



Alan offered himself to play the part of the priest, that's why we're choosing him in the list. Now we



These objects can be used in residential lots as well as in community lots, and that's why you can create any kind of buildings you like. In our case we have build an appropriate community lot, and involved in Miss and Mister Sims2Cri 2007: Isabella Modigliani and Giorgio Todrani.

As you can see, we have placed the arch in the middle of a lovely rose garden, and so we can go on with the ceremony. Clicking on the arch and selecting **Get married by Priest**, a list of all the adult Sims available in the lot will appear:

don't have much more to do than going under the arch and get married!

Here there are our newlyweds! Alan celebrated the wedding and Isabella and Giorgio are our new couple!



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Alternative Wedding

by BlackOrchid & Paperpin

Our second kind of wedding is a special ceremony on the beach! Our great architect BlackOrchid has created for you this wonderful lot, called Paradise Beach and available at www.sims2cri.com.



NIGHT VIEW



Here it is our wedding photo essay:



THE PROPOSAL



THE CEREMONY



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THE WEDDING

Choosing the last name

One of the most annoying things about Sims 2 weddings is about last names. The game, in fact, automatically assigns the partners the last name of the Sims who proposes. This is very boring, especially for Townies, but luckily there are two hacks that change this situation.

Traditional marriage hack

(<http://www.moreawesomethanyou.com/ffs/index.php?dir=ft/hacks/>)

This hack modifies the assignment of the last name, giving to both the partners the surname of the male one; if the marriage is between Sims of the same sex, then each one will keep its actual last name. To use this file simply unzip it in your Downloads folder (My Documents/EA Games/The Sims 2/Downloads); the hack will automatically change the game settings.

Last name chooser

(<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=223528>)

This hack is an evolution of the previous one, and lets player choose time by time what they want to do about the last name: using this file, every time you celebrate a wedding under the arch a little window will appear, asking:

- No change: if you want your Sims to keep their actual surnames;
- Sim in icon: both of them will get the surname of the Sims who made the proposal (shown in the dialog icon);
- Other Sim: both the partners will get the surname of the other Sim (the one who received the proposal).



4-R-E-N-T

be a King with the car of your choice

Photo session

by Cristina

A wedding is a very special and unique event (even in case of divorce!); immortalize so many scenes and details is absolutely important, and very often family and friend's help is not enough, and you have to hire a photographer. If you don't know any, ask your friends or relatives for advice, it is important to choose a good one (you can ask to see some of his works before choosing); shoot pics outside the studio is very tricky and plodding and not every photographer is good at it.

Tips: tell him/her what you have in mind, how many pics you'd like to have, their size, how much you can spend; you will avoid bad surprises when going to pay the bill! Keep in mind that many attendants would like to have a picture for them, and off-prints are quite expensive.

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In game tips

First of all, remember to set the Graphic Options as better as your computer can do, maximizing the shadows, reflexes, texture and bump maps.

Pictures taken by internal tool are not that great, so it's better use an external screenshot capturing program, such as **YAFSScreen** (<http://www.marianaldenhoevel.de/YAFSScreen/>), which is 100% free. Alternatively, use the traditional PrntScr key (next to the F12 key).

We all know that when in the Live mode, shooting pics is not easy: remember to pause the game or slow time down (use the cheat **slowmotion -2**, for example), or use one of those posing hacks available on the internet, such as **Hula Dance** or **Photo box**.

A complete list of posing hack is available here:

<http://forum.nipogames.com/showthread.php?t=159493>

To get closer to the characters, push the TAB key, and get into Camera mode.

You will find more information in our "**Perfect Screenshots**" tutorial on www.sims2cri.com.

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Don't go before the bar,
if love is blind and
doesn't hinge upon money

sign up

Massim's Prenup
none will get away with it!

Buffet

by Paperpin & Cristina

It is well-known that many of the attendants come to your wedding also for the banquet: that's probably one of the most awaited parts of the ceremony, after the bride's gown.

For this reason it is important to organize everything, in regard of the number of the attendants, if there are children or food intolerances. You can opt for a simple standing buffet or a luxurious banquet at the restaurant, just avoid food waste and have fun!

Our catering service has prepared for you a lovely buffet with a very special menu, using MaryLou's buffet table available at www.marylousims2.it. You can choose among three different menus:

- Salmon, baked Alaska, Pork chop;
- Lobster Thermidor, profiteroles, Spaghetti:

- Grilled cheese sandwich, hamburger, layer cake (ideal for children!).

Famous chef **Simette Coquin** has prepared some very special dishes for you (some recipe are available in the game, some other at modthesims2.com).



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Dolce alle fragole



Salmone

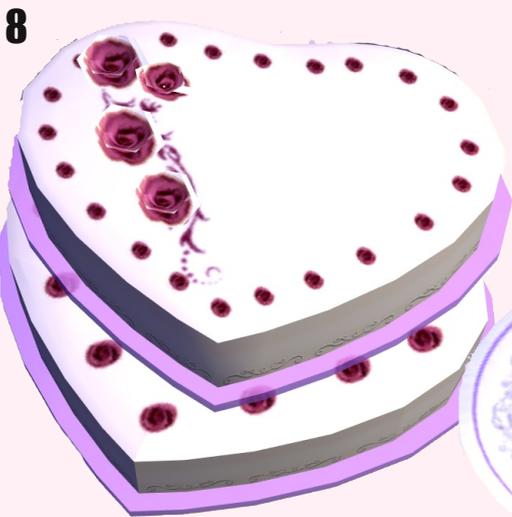


1. Custom buffet table by Marylou
<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=237622>
2. Strawberry Mousse cake by Crocobaura
<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=247402>
3. Salmon by Maxis (default TS2)
4. Turkey by Maxis (default TS2)
5. Seafood Hollandaise by smithycpl
<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=252960>

6. Tuscan bean soup by smithycpl
<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=252960>
7. Raspberry soufle by smithycpl
<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=252960>

Remember to arrange tables and chairs, and make available some highchairs for toddlers, so that while mom and dad are chatting, babies can eat their meals.

The crowning moment of the night, anyway, will be the wedding cake time: it is a fundamental part of the wedding, and for the occasion MasterMax has created for you a wonderful heart-shaped cake, available at www.sims2cri.com.



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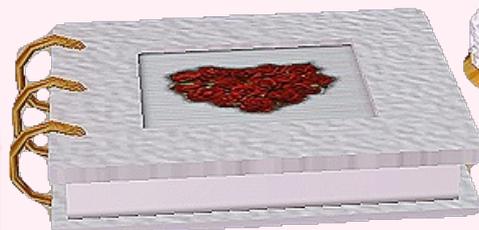


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Wishing you the best, remember to drink to your love with some champagne, such as Moët & Chandon or Dom Perignon (available at Pronupsims and AroundtheSims2). Don't forget to sign the guestbook!



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8. Wedding Heart Cake by Mastermax
<http://www.sims2cri.com>

9. Maxis TS2 default

10. Jasana_BugBreeder
<http://modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=191615>

11-12. Aroundthesims2 <http://www.aroundthesims2.com/>

13. PronupSims <http://www.pronupsims.net/>

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Honeymoon: Where?

by Paperpin & Ariela0

Distress, anxiety, many things to do..planning a wedding is a real hard job, and for this reason you'll need – once the ceremony is finished – to relax and calm down. Your honeymoon must be exactly this kind of holiday, so you'll need to organize it sometime before the wedding.

Even in this case, we have contacted in her travel agency in Pleasantview none other than Cloulette Withdove, famous Sim City VIPs agent who has been in the travelling scene for years.

Cloulette's agency offers many kind of different honeymoons, to suit every budget.

"Lately has been spreading the trend of including the honeymoon travel in the Wedding list: this not only helps up-to-date attendants, that don't appreciate your expensive Bohemian vases collection or the brand new trash compactor you have put in your wedding list, but is also a great way to contribute to your special day. Usually, when people add the honeymoon to the list it is always an expensive travel, such as a cruise, where everything is already organized and the newlyweds only have to relax".



Between a phone call and a consulting, Cloulette has had some time to answer our questions and give us some tips about the perfect honeymoon.

"The first thing you have to keep in mind is that a honeymoon is not an ordinary vacation, but it is a unique experience and has to be organized and planned in every detail, from the destination to the hotel".

While we're writing, Cloulette has to contend with a very hesitant pair, who has very different ideas about their honeymoon.

“*When partners do not agree on what kind of honeymoon to choose, it should be better take a look to all the possibilities and compare services and prices, that – let's be honest – can be the real matter of the situation”.*



Honeymoon: Where?

In this end, Cloulette shows us a brochure of a cruise on the Black Queen:



Or a Mediterranean cruise on the SimCity Cruise line:



Anyway, Heron Agency offers many different kinds of honeymoons, and Cloulette has picked for you the best ones, for every budget and couple (travels are all- included).

SEASIDE

If you choose a seaside destination you can relax on the beach, sunbathe on white sand and swim in the ocean! Seaside places are the most popular ones, and they offer luxury, relax and recreation. Heron agency's offers provide a stay in exclusive resorts and tours.

Ibiza village \$\$\$



If you want relax and entertainment, Ibiza Village is just perfect! In the village you'll find a disco, a restaurant and a bar. In every room: TV, private bathroom and room service.

Price per night: 750\$

Bali Bungalows \$\$\$

Staying in Bali Bungalows is just a relaxing and fun



Honeymoon: Where?

experience. The hotel provides a restaurant and a SPA; two of the bungalows have a private beach. In every room: TV, private bathroom and room service.
Price per night: 750\$

Enchanted Resort \$\$\$\$



This resort is for very demanding couples and is located in a beautiful natural park. It is made of 3 bungalows with private beach and a restaurant. In every room: TV, private bathroom and room service.
Price per night: 1000\$

(These three locations are made by BlackOrchid@Sims2Cri)

Wherever you choose to stay, don't forget about trips and tours included in your holiday: a visit to the mysterious Voodoo Medicine Man, parasailing, and the exploration of a real pirate ship!

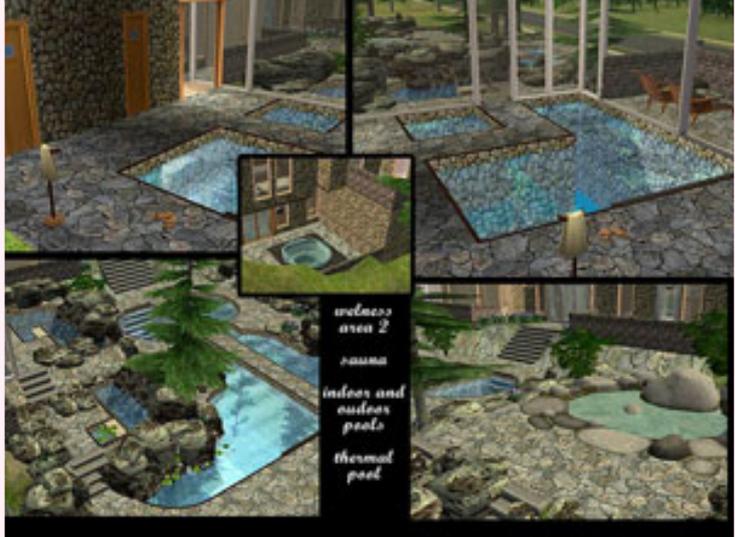
(Irma@modthesims2.com)



MOUNTAINS

Nontraditional couples will love this alternative honeymoon on the mountains: hiking, trips, good food and a beauty farm is what you will find in Cloulette's holidays.

Dolomiten SPA \$\$\$



The deal includes a 7days/6 nights stay at the Dolomiten SPA, that provides a lovely beauty farm located in a deep forest. The hotel has a SPA and two swimming pools. In every room: TV, private bathroom and room service.

Price per night: 800\$

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Honeymoon: Where?

Santa Village \$\$\$\$\$



Tales fanatics will love whit stay in Santa Village, a place visited by thousands of people every year. The village has a restaurant, a beauty farm, a jewelry and a park. In every room: TV, private bathroom and room service. Pamper your inner child and spend your honeymoon at Santa Village!

Price per night: 1300\$

Both the stays include activities like bird watching or hiking and challenges with the natives.

FAR EAST

Mysterious Far East is a particular destination, very magical and fascinating. By choosing an oriental place you can dip into mystery and the quite atmosphere of old temples, to relax your body and soul.

Balance Resort \$\$



Located in a big natural park, the Balance Resort provides all the comforts you'll need, beauty farm included. Rooms are arranged into separated suites; in every room: TV, private bathroom and room service. The resort has also a restaurant and a tea room.

Price per night: 670\$

Naruyama Springs Inn \$\$/\$\$\$\$\$



It is a very big hotel, located in a park, with a beauty farm and luxury suites. There are two kinds of room: Lotus Rooms and YinYang Suite; in every room: TV, private bathroom and room service.

Price per night: 568 – 1229\$

jon119@modthesims2.com

The deal includes a trip in the bamboo forest, on the river and a visit to the famous tea houses. A trip to the village's Wise old man can also be booked.

[\(musiquefille@modthesims2.com\)](mailto:musiquefille@modthesims2.com)



Honeymoon: Where?

If you don't want to have relaxing and exotic honeymoons, you can opt for a groovy and lively city: this kind of holiday is less expensive but as much fun. Cloudette has many destinations for you.

CAPITAL CITIES

Paris

The deal includes a 7 days/6 nights stay at the Le Fleurs (du mal) Hotel.



In every room: TV, private bathroom and room service; WIFI service and a bar are also available.
 Price per night: n.a.

Included in the holiday are visits to the Louvre museum, the famous Moulin Rouge and romantic walks along the Seine river.



Amsterdam

The deal includes a 7 days/6 nights stay at the modern Habita Hotel, located in the suburbs of Amsterdam.



The hotel has a bar, a restaurant and a swimming pool; in every room: TV, private bathroom and room service.
 Price per night: 780\$



Included in the price there are trips into the near towns, and a visit to the famous windmills.



If you want an alternative accommodation, you can rent a room in the city center, to enjoy the life and the atmosphere of the place.
 In every room: TV, private bathroom and room service.
 Price per night 800 – 1100\$

VINDICARE @ <http://www.modthesims2.com/creator/VINDICARE>



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BURB INVESTIGATION

Honeymoon: Where?

A visit to the Van Gogh museum is included in price.



Greece \$\$\$\$

Culture and tourism fanatics will love this Greek honeymoon; the holiday includes a 7 days/8 nights stay at the Greek Village, lively location on the seaside.

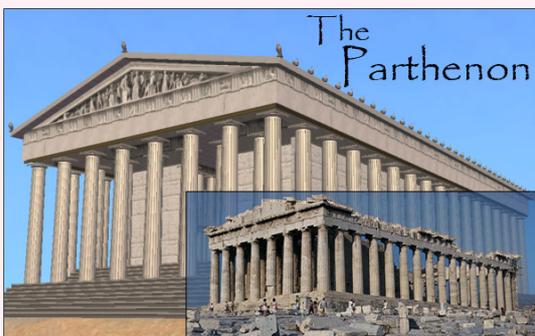
The hotel has a jewelry, a souvenir shop, a beauty



salon and a bar. In every room: TV, private bathroom and room service.

Price per night: 1000\$

The deal includes a visit to the famous Parthenon, the biggest building of the Acropolis.



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Egypt

The holiday includes a 6 days/5 nights stay at the White Sands hotel, located in the SaharaSims Oasis.



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The hotel has a bar and a souvenir shop. In every room: TV, private bathroom and room service.

Price per night: n.a.

Of course, a visit to the pyramids is included in price.



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Starter home: know how

by Nenny

When you're looking for a house you have to consider several components: how big is the house, how much it costs, where it is located, and so on. Many young couples choose to live in the town center, but this has many pros and cons.

Surely you will be close to the office and shops will be a few steps away from home, but living in the city means living in an apartment, and we all know that this implies a lot of things to consider. First of all, you'll have to learn how to get along with your neighbors, who can be very noisy and unpleasant (especially when they decide to move the furniture during the night or listen to music until 3 am). And what about their annoying pets?

It is very important, then, to choose accurately your apartment – if you really want to live in the city.



At the beginning you'll just need a little house with a living/dining room, a kitchen, a bathroom and a bedroom; but make sure to have enough room to expand your house when you'll have babies – in this way you won't have to move to another place!

Year after year, your "love nest" will change with you, and if you want to, it will be the place to stay until your last day.

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Many couples, instead, preferred to move to the suburbs, to enjoy the peaceful and quiet atmosphere. Your quality of live will improve noticeably, and pollution will not be a problem anymore.

According to your tastes and how much money you can spend, there are a lot of different choices: a lovely cottage on the seaside, a mountain shelter or a little country house with a tiny garden.

Wherever you choose to go, it is advisable to be far-seeing and opt for a little home that can be easily enlarged if needed.



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When a couple decides to get married and live on their own, they have to find the right place to go. First of all, be patient.

The easiest way to find the house of your dream is by word of mouth with relatives and friends but, if you don't get anything in a while, you should search on newspapers and magazines or consult a land agency.

In this case, be careful from the beginning! Estate agents must be honest and serious, so you won't have bad surprises.

Everyone will show you the best details of every home, and come to a decision won't be easy.

For this reasons we have interviewed our expert, former Pleasantview major Eng. Carl Concretes.



Mr. Concretes, what would you say to a young couple who wants to buy its first home and has to consult a land agency?

"I'd tell them to be careful

In game tips

If the house of your dream is too pricey for you or the wedding party has been too expensive, do not hesitate and ask for a loan at the **Motherlode National Bank**. Press the **CTRL-SHIFT-C** keys and type in **motherlode**: you will get 50000\$ in the blink of an eye!

Moreover, **Family Funds Association** is giving checks to needy families: press again **CTRL-SHIFT-C** and type in **familyFunds FAMILYNAME AMOUNT** (i.e. **familyFunds Goth 30000**). The FFA has been introduced with Open for Business and it is available from this EP on.



and choose the most popular agencies, that most probably won't fraud them – at least to keep their good name."

And what if our newlyweds have some doubts about the house they want to buy?

"They should ask an expert for advice and for a little inspection of the house".

Thank you Mr. Concretes, we'll treasure those tips!

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Living together: it's not all a bed of roses

by Nenny

Is that true that all the vices come out after the wedding? Dear couple, if you think that living together is easy, you are totally wrong! Living with your wife or husband is not as going on holiday together.

At the beginning is all very exciting: you live with the one you love the most, in your own home..it's just great. After some times, anyway, troubles peep out: everyone shows his/her flaws and bad habits that have been hidden during the engagement.

What can you do, then?

Well, it's all about trying to get along. Living under the same roof means cooking, doing the housework, cleaning, ironing and doing the washing up. The first thing to do is balance everyone's duty: if she does the ironing, he hangs the clothes out to dry, if she cooks, he wears the table and so on. The keyword is collaboration.



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Also remember that sometimes you'll have to face bad days, anger and exhaustion – everyone can have bad days, and it's totally useless to get mad at him/her or argue. Just try to put in the other's shoes and try to clear everything...letting go something. You know, there's nothing worse to be told off for having left dirty socks on clean bed sheets...

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In game tips

A cured garden shows much about you. Don't leave aside your lawns! Your guests will be amused and your neighbors very envious!

Moreover, it will keep beetles away from your home, and your "Environment" bar will always be green when you're outside!

If you have Seasons and autumn leaves are just a plague - and your gardener resigned - you can always use a cheat (**CTRL-SHIFT-C**) and type in **moveObjects on**. Switch to the Buy Mode and you'll be able to remove fallen leaves with the Hand tool.



A woman with dark hair styled in a bun is shown from the waist up, wearing a white lace bodysuit with cutouts. She is looking down. The background is a classical-style room with a stone altar, a wooden chair, and a path of pink rose petals on the floor.

Yamablumb
Our second skin

Cheap & chic furnishing

by Nenny

Furnish a house requires a huge amount of time and very clear ideas. In a certain way it is some kind of game, where you need ability and taste, even because we're building you love nest step by step – and you can't change the furnishing every year!

It is very true that a house is a mirror of someone's nature, personality and way of thinking.

But how can we find a style that pleases both the romantic wife and the high-tech husband? Where do we have to start? And what should we buy without running out of money?

For this purpose we have interviewed famous interior designer **Wu Fur Nish Jing**, well known for being the architect of Tom Cruisim, Avril LaSim and Julia RobinSims.



Miss Fur Nish Jing, what would you suggest?

“First of all, you have to find a compromise to satisfy both of the partners; in the last years, couple seem to prefer “casual furnishing”, not expensive and very useful.”

Let's talk about prices. Is it possible to spend a little and have a lovely warm home?

“Yes, of course. My motto is “Cheap and Chic”: spend less and have much. We all know that young couple do not have high budgets, and so it is important to furnish the most important areas of the house: the kitchen, the dining/living room, the bedroom and the bathroom. Every other thing can be done later.”

Any suggestion?

“Start from the kitchen, and opt for essential and minimalistic furnishing, avoiding flashy colors or odd things: you'll get sick of them very soon.”



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SimcredibleDesign - <http://sims2.simcredibledesigns.com/>

SimsConnection - <http://www.simsconnection.com/>

4EverSimfantasy - <http://www.4eversimfantasy.net/>

Birgit Web - <http://www.birgit43.de/index.php>

Sims2Play - <http://sims-2.gameslife.ru/>

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Cheap & chic furnishing

“Then proceed with the living room: the keywords are fantasy and handiness. Opt for a simple and soft sofa in washable fabric, choose lively nuances to warm up the atmosphere and be careful when placing lights.”



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blake_boy @ MTS -

<http://www.modthesims2.com/showthread.php?t=252787>

“The bathroom is a very intimate place, and I suggest brightening it up with colorful accessories and towels. If it has enough room, out some plants: they will grow up wonderfully!”

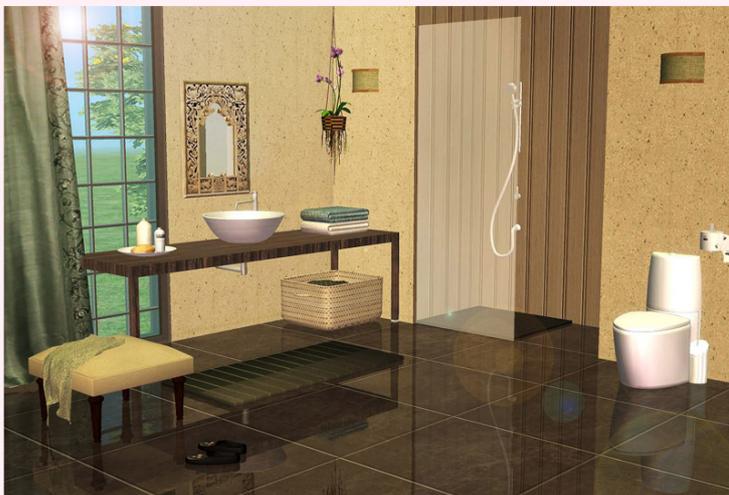


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“The bedroom must be furnished with care: it is your “nest” and must be warm and comfy. Choose a good bed and cute bedding, a robust closet and you’re done!”



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Peggyzone - <http://www.peggyzone.com/>

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“Every room of the house, anyway, can be personalized as you like, with colorful walls, ethnic accessories or old style furniture. Dare, it will worth the try!”

on the next issue:



FAR EAST : ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Take part in Sims2Cri's new contest, the star of the SC Mag next issue could be you! Create your own ad and take part in the contest, you could be one of Sims2Cri's photographers and win exclusive clothes!

You'll only have to shoot an ingame picture, assemble and customize it as you prefer,

create the brand, a slogan and publish it according to the following rules. You can create up to three pics, having so more chances to win, and the first three classifieds will choose and download exclusive clothes created by Sims2Cri's staff!



Rules:

You have to create a themed image-advertisement about **FAR EAST**. It can be concerned on any field, from clothes to hotels, from makeup to furnishing, but they have to be Sims-related. Every contestant can create UP to 3 pics, that have to be made for the purpose (no old pics already published), pics should be in a standard A4 size (595x843 pixels) and 100dpi resolution.

Pics must be published on Koinup, and tagged as **scmagadjunecontest**.

You have to keep the original file (i.e. if you work with Photoshop save your files in .psd and keep it somewhere), because we will need it if you win or get in the first ten places.

We appreciate if you credit the websites you have downloaded stuff from in the "Credit" section when uploading the pics.

Judges: Sims2Cri's staff

Criteria: creativity, cure, quality and connection to the theme.

The 10 best ads will be published on the issue of the magazine.

The first 3 classifieds, beyond the publication (with credits of course), will win two creation of the staff, at their choice.

The Koinup coolest (at June 21th) can choose one creation.

The outcomes will be published on June 22th.

To take part and read the full rules, go here <http://www.koinup.com/contest/scmagadjune/>

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