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look outside of bridal for inspiration

When I want to find a unique design for a client, I look to runway fashion and interior design magazines and blogs. These areas of design are where wedding trends first develop before becoming the next hot thing! My best advice is to remember that you will get to plan many parties in your married life—so save any extra ideas for later and cherry-pick your favorites for your wedding day.

choose local flavors

Northern California is a foodie wonderland! From locally pressed Sacramento olive oil, to Napa wines and San Francisco chocolatiers, you can give your guests a culinary adventure with your cocktail hour, menu and favors.

consider your guests' comfort

You should always have a backup plan in case of rain, but other types of weather—like wind and heat—can also affect your guests' experience. In Sacramento, the weather tends to heat up in July and August. Make room in your budget for a tent, rent umbrellas for shade and offer cool beverages upon guests' arrival to the ceremony. We have a lot of outdoor weddings in NoCal and another piece of advice to share with guests is to wear comfortable shoes. If everyone will be hiking through gravel or up a hill to your celebration, put that information on the invitation or wedding website.

think about the details and the logistics

I really love private estate weddings, even though they tend to be more work. It's important to keep in mind that private estates are usually set up to be homes—not event venues. When planning an estate wedding, liability insurance is key, especially if you're going to be serving alcohol. Ask if all of the on-site vendors are insured so you're not held liable. And if you're bringing in extra rentals or equipment for your wedding, make sure you get cost estimates from all your vendors so you can stay within your budget.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Yellow roses mixed with succulents make a textured bridal bouquet; try programs that double as fans to keep guests cool during the ceremony; cake pops provide a tasty treat that come in all colors and flavors, but yellow takes the cake; centerpieces of varied heights create depth in any space.



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