

5 MODERN WEDDING TRADITIONS

New Ideas That Are Taking Over

For many years, the old wedding traditions that our parents and grandparents had as part of their weddings were just what everyone did. There weren't many new traditions that were creeping into the picture. Now, we're seeing more and more new traditions that are making weddings even more unique, creative and interesting. Here are the 10 new wedding traditions that are totally in vogue right now.

COLOURED GEMSTONES

A diamond ring is always going to be popular for engagement and wedding rings, however, we're seeing more couples these days opt for different gemstones.

These days you'll see couples going for pretty pink morganite, sapphire, ruby and emerald gemstones in their rings rather than the traditional diamond. A lot of these types of coloured gemstones are less expensive than diamonds, even though some are rarer.

CONFLICT-FREE

Many couples are also opting for conflict-free gemstones. While it's hard to say whether opting

for a coloured stone will be more conflict-free generally, it's easy enough to purchase plenty of conflict-free options, both diamond and alternative gemstone, if buying an ethical ring is important to you. To not contribute directly to the issues surrounding diamond mining, many couples also opt for vintage rings. Vintage rings are great because they're unique, generally more affordable and they're perfect for the eco-conscious.

FEWER RINGS IN GENERAL

In the last few years we've seen couples ditch the rings and opt for tattoos of a ring on their ring finger and even more recently, having a dermal piercing on their finger. While either of these may look pretty cool, the piercing in particular is wildly impractical. They can easily get infected or ripped out, which is a bit too cringe-worthy for us.

MORE COLOURED WEDDING DRESSES

White, off-white, ivory and any other shade of white you can think of will always be popular for wedding gowns. However, we're now seeing

more brides choosing coloured wedding dresses instead of these more traditional shades.

While we've seen brides wear anything from orange to black, the most popular dress colours at the moment are blush, nude, champagne and even metallic shades.

We happen to love this trend as it is a beautiful and subtle way for brides to show off who they really are with some colour. Not everyone fits into the white dress mould.

MORE BRIDES MAKING SPEECHES

At our parents' weddings, you would not have seen a bride make a speech. It was pretty uncommon for this to happen and the responsibility tended to fall onto the groom's shoulders to get up and thank everyone for coming. Now, we're seeing more brides make speeches at their weddings as well as their bridesmaids. It's pretty common to also have random people who want to make a speech get up and make one.

