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A BARN IS A MAGICAL PLACE FOR A WEDDING.

Steeped in history and evoking the simplicity of a place that time has forgotten, the classic barn has been a subject irresistible to artists, poets, and city folk alike for its stoic visage and endearing presence.

Inherent in the choice to have a barn wedding offers a great deal of flexibility and ample room for imagination. Your ceremony and reception can use the barn as a backdrop for a lovely day in the fresh country air. It can serve as the perfect canvas for an indoor reception, dappled by twinkling lights hung from the rafters and the glow of candles from tables full of loved ones. A barn works equally well as a backup for inclement weather or as the centerpiece of a wedding's design.

In *Barn Weddings*, Maggie Lord offers ideas and advice on how to create a barn wedding, including information on different styles and décor as well as tips from the pros for making the day a special one to remember. Part indoor, part outdoor, but all beauty, history and romance, barn weddings are as practical as they are ripe with opportunity for charm and creativity.

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BARN WEDDING INSPIRATIONS

EVERY WEDDING STARTS WITH AN INSPIRATION, big or small. Your inspiration could be something as simple as a piece of fabric, a color scheme, or an image from a magazine. Or maybe it's still just an image in your mind, a fantasy you've had since childhood. Whatever it may be, it's a place to start.

Each wedding begins with a simple vision that grows into a beautiful event. For those seeking inspiration, Wedding Inspiration Shoots offer highly styled examples of different wedding themes and decor. Wedding Inspiration Shoots are the dreamy building blocks that often help couples define a wedding style and find creative ways to start planning and personalizing their own special day. The Wedding Inspiration Shoots featured in this section are built around a specific theme and offer a more focused look at the particular details of barn wedding style.

FLOWERS

One of the most visible style elements at any wedding are the flowers. From flowers on the table to the bouquets that the wedding party and the bride carry, flowers make a statement. When choosing flowers, one of the benefits of having a barn wedding is the fact that you have great height to work with. Since most barns have a beautiful framework of posts and beams,

there is an opportunity to incorporate those architectural features into your floral design. Hanging flowers from the barn's posts raises the focal point to eye level. Get creative and try hanging tin vases or wrapping garlands around the posts. Make your tablescape more dynamic by using vases with a variety of heights, a stylistic choice that always works well in a barn.

