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Kimberly Schlegel Whitman, one of the most sought-after wedding experts today, shares an intimate look at beautiful weddings with stylish flair in *Wedding Inspiration*. Experts in the wedding and event planning industries share opinions and advice on some of the most important elements of a wedding—the invitations, gown, cake, venue, and more.

The weddings—including a lavish Italian garden-themed ceremony, a traditional fairy tale event, a seaside celebration in the Bahamas, and a sumptuous Midsummer Night’s Dream meets Bollywood glamour—are an unforgettable collection of inspiration and ideas for planning a perfect wedding.

“Kimberly’s attention to detail is remarkable. She knows how to throw a memorable event. Her books give us wonderful insight on how she does her magic!”

—MONIQUE LHUILLIER, DESIGNER



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is an internationally renowned wedding, entertaining and lifestyle expert. *Wedding Inspiration* is her sixth book and the highly anticipated follow up to *The Wedding Workbook: A Time Saving Guide for the Busy Bride*. She is

Editor-at-Large for *Southern Living* magazine and the founder and curator of RSVPcalendar.com. She has been featured in *Town & Country Weddings*, *Modern Bride*, *Brides*, *Southern Living Weddings*, *Vogue*, *Elle*, and *Better Homes & Gardens*. She has also been seen on the *TODAY Show*, *The Early Show*, *Top Chef*, *The Nate Berkus Show*, *The Tyra Banks Show*, and the Style Network’s *Whose Wedding Is It Anyway?* Kimberly lives in Dallas, Texas, with her husband and son. You can see more of her wedding ideas on her bridal blog, www.AprilSecond.blogspot.com or on her website at www.KimberlyWhitman.com.

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a former fashion model, is one of the premier personal photographers in the country. Her client list reads like a who’s who of Hollywood and business. She often travels worldwide for assignments but calls

Miami’s South Beach home with her husband, Ian, and their two children, Lauren and Carter.

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Finding Your Inspiration



Creating an inspiration board is the first thing you should do after you become engaged. Your board will help you discover the look and mood you want to set for your big day, but it will also help you communicate it to wedding vendors and make important commitments and arrangements.



Finding your true wedding style is one thing but communicating it to your vendors is another! That is why I love the process of putting together an inspiration board. Your board could be made from a piece of poster board from a craft store, a box that holds swatches, ideas and fabrics, or it could be a digital image or PowerPoint presentation. I don't think it matters what form it is in. It only matters that you piece together the ideas and items that inspire you so that you can visualize your wedding mood, theme and look.



Lucky Tradition

Something Old: The altar cloth used in Kari and Troy's wedding was purchased at a flea market in Paris and used in my wedding to Justin five years ago.

Something New: Kari received a gift of diamond earrings from our parents.

Something Borrowed: Kari borrowed our mother's necklace to enhance her strapless dress.

Something Blue: The insides of Kari's shoes were blue!