

There's a faint sound of bells in the background and, to us, that means wedding season is fast approaching! Although of course people get married all year round, there's something special and lovely about the warm weather in summer that makes us want to put on a fancy dress and dance the night away!

If you're on the other side of it, however, you know there are months of planning that go into that eight hours of nerves, excitement, drunkenness, and eventual throwing off of shoes... And when it's a vegan wedding, a little extra TLC is probably worthwhile to ensure you have the night of your dreams.

So without further adieu, we've compiled some lovely bridal fashion, beauty products, décor that can serve as registry items *or* at your reception, as well as a few local caterers and chefs in Toronto to ease your preparation and put the "ding, ding, ding!" in "wedding" (click the images). When all's said and done, just try to keep unnecessary drama to a minimum so you can fully enjoy it:)



FASHION

One of the hands-down most important aspects for any bride and groom is what they wear when they say 'I do'. Even the self-proclaimed most unfashionable of men and women suddenly care about their attire and accessories! No matter what style of wedding you're having, whether hiring professional photographers and the whole-nine-yard videographers or DIY-ing with the help of friends and disposable cameras, those visual, tangible memories will be around forever. But when it comes to dressing up, you don't need animal products to look amazing. Some companies are even offering custom-made men's vegan suits and tuxedos! We found some other gorgeous vegan-friendly options around town (and the internet) so even small budget brides and grooms to-be need not fret. You're gonna look gorgeous!



BEAUTY

Everyone wants to be fresh-faced with the prettiest up-do or perfect beachy waves when they have a special event, let alone when it's THE event. But whether you're striving for natural and minimal or super glam and done up, you need to have the right tools to start with! If you feel confident enough to go it alone, all the power to you. Independent hair and makeup can be tempting, but if you're not sure, scope out some vegan-friendly professionals for quotes and trials, and treat yourself to a manicure and pedicure the day before to avoid rushing and allow for drying time. No matter what route you take, just ensure you have the loveliest of products—like natural shampoo, conditioner and hair treatments, light but long-lasting foundation and eye makeup, the perfect lip colour, and non-toxic nail polish.





Clockwise from top left: Maui Moisture Thicken + Restore blow out mist, Strength + Anti-Breakage hair mask, Nourish + Moisture weightless oil mist; Taupe Coat nail polish in My Day Job and Better Half; Love Beauty & Planet Murumuru Butter & Rose Shampoo and Conditioner: Zuii Organic Flora Mascara and Liquid Foundation; Lime Crime Plushies lip gloss in Turkish Delight; Arbonne It's All In the Eyes Eye Shadow in Onyx and Solar











DÉCOR

While most people would say that the music and food will make or break your reception, you can't really argue that décor plays a pivotal role in setting the mood and creating your vibe—whether that's classic neutrals, rustic and bohemian, fun brights, or somewhere in between! In fact, between figuring out how you want your big day to look, what to add to your registry for gifts, and perhaps updating your post-wedding living space, décor can actually be really important before, during, and after. Of course, we featured some ideas for all three (such as wine glasses, pretty lighting features, vases, and paper products)! You can always rent different items at what is likely a better price, but the upside to buying instead is re-purposing them in your matrimonial home when the wedding's over.











Clockwise from top left: Hobby Celebration party props, Mikasa Set of Eight Cheers Stemless Wine Glasses, Michel Design Works 100% biodegradable Pamplemousse napkins with water-based ink, Crate & Barrel stoneware Perry Large Bunch Vases, Rifle Paper Co. Pearl Jardin place cards, Kikkerland LED Copper String Lights, Ikea galvanized steel Skurar plant pot





DINING

When deciding on a vegan wedding (as if most vegans would even consider it a question), making sure the food is delicious and will knock people's socks off is priority numéro uno. Fortunately, there are amazing vegan or vegan-friendly caterers and chefs nowadays—plus we hear even plant-based novices have totally welcomed the challenge to create fully animal-free meals! After all, food is their art. Having a glorious wedding cake and other fun desserts is certainly no problem, either (we know this all too well because sweets = life). We rounded up just a few great local options in Toronto, but go on and put Google to work to find ones near you. Our overall tip: Avoid the topic of menu choices if anyone asks how you're planning is going and prepare to amaze and delight your unsuspecting guests!

