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## SUMMER LOVIN'

Brides who are drawn to garden-themed weddings are often traditional, yet fun-loving. They also usually place great importance on their families, so a little get-together on their special day is the perfect way to celebrate their happiness.



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If you're looking to keep your ROM function small and intimate, the best way to do it is to find a location that allows you to keep your celebrations cosy and comfortable.

The "secret garden" that Crowne Plaza has hidden a little away from their poolside is like a haven away from the public eye. With some clever planning, it would be the perfect location to exchange your vows. Sing See Soon has erected a pretty domed gazebo, complete with twirling vines and pink flowers that wouldn't look lost in an English countryside.

Complete the quaint look with romantic pastels like rose pink and lilac. Vintage lace pieces can be used at a minimum to enhance the garden theme, but don't overdo it; lace can look too dowdy and old-fashioned. Fortunately, setting the stage is easy when you've picked a venue ripe with such natural beauty.



3. Little trinkets are a must for a garden-themed wedding. Teapot set from Lim's Arts & Living, Be My Honey jar from Do Me a Favour Pie Ltd (domeafavour.com.sg), heart-shaped tea infuser from SG Wedding Favors (sgweddingfavors.com), mini cookies from Dreamweavers Pte Ltd (dreamweavers.com.sg)

4. Put a round table right at the entrance of your reception and let the guests express their creativity. Guest cards from The Card Room (thecardroom.com.sg), large glass jar from AF Home (afhome.com.sg), butterfly bookmark from SG Wedding Favors (sgweddingfavors.com)

1. For a large variety of invitation cards, check out the vast collection from The Card Room (thecardroom.com.sg). You'll definitely find one that matches your theme perfectly!

2. Customise your chair ties at your solemnisation to suit your theme, the effort really shows! Lace table runner, stylist's own. Lace fabric on chair from Creatively Active Minds, available at Robinsons. Chairs from Sing See Soon.





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5. Serve little bors d'oeuvres if you have an early afternoon reception instead of full course meals. Petit fours, sberbert and cocktails from Croune Plaza Changi Airport.

6. Look for unique ring holders instead of the usual ring pillows. These model chairs from AF Home are pretty adorable!

7. Did you know that JCo doughnuts come in small sizes too? These JPoP's Baby Donuts can simply be "popped" into the mouth. Such sinful delights.

8. No garden wedding is complete without a pretty cake. Get the patissier to customise the design of the cake to your theme. This one is from Caffé Pralet by Creative Culinaire Pte Ltd ([creativeculinaire.com](http://creativeculinaire.com))

Brides tend to agonise when it comes to decor decisions, but once again, simple is sure to charm. Birds and butterflies are popular motifs, and instead of an ordinary signature guestbook, have your guests sign on little cards and stick them onto faux grass, "planting" their blessings for you.

Be sure to pique your guests' palette with flirty petit fours, tea sandwiches, and mini doughnuts. Then quench their thirst from being in the sun with rows of iced teas and fruity sodas. For an extra-special treat, serve individually cupped sherberts for a refreshing respite.

There are many ways to thank your guests for being part of your joyous occasion. A few more popular garden wedding favour ideas are cute honey pots with customised thank-you messages, heart-shaped tea-infusers as little trinkets, or seed packets filled with sweet peas or wildflowers that your guests can grow at home.

A garden bride should wear an ivory gown touched with delicate floral embroidery, or one of lace, ranging from an overlay to a luxurious all-Alençon style. Pink is popular for bridesmaids but you can also try shimmering silk dupioni gowns in different pastels, mirroring all those subtle shades in your flowers. As for the men, a black tux is never amiss, but the men might also don lighter dress when the wedding's outdoors, such as gray or tan. <sup>10</sup>



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