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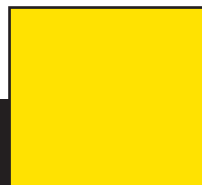
Who isn't completely swept away by the romance, warmth, and promises of true love promised in the classic story of Beauty & the Beast? Can you think of a more romantic way to find the love of your life? No matter if you are a 13-year-old girl experiencing her first crush, a 70-year-old couple who have been married for 50 years or somewhere in between, you can't help but get swept away by the enchantment of beauty being more than skin deep and the promises of finding your soul mate where you least expect to.

EVENT EXPERIENCE

From the eerie, frightening scenes experienced by the humble heroine in the story as she searches for her father, to the beauty and love she finds in the most unexpected place; we love the contrasts in designs we can pull in to tell the story. Beginning with a shadowy, grim start to a promising, romantic conclusion we thrill at the opportunity to celebrate the happily ever after theme.

COLORS & TEXTURES

For this theme, focus on the grandeur of the castle once it has been revived. Use lots of gold, bright yellow and red, and tie in royal blue for accents.





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INVITATION IDEAS

Invitations for this theme should be romantic and fanciful with perhaps a trace of beastly intrigue peeking out. Be creative and let your romantic side take over!

- Use a very royal looking design, perhaps festooned with a golden crown on royal blue background
- Make the invite more of an “announcement” of a formal event celebrating something special
- Include a handsome prince, beautiful princess and perhaps a depiction of a beast

Your preferred local advertising or marketing company can create these invitations, or you can make them yourself. And remember, when creating something new, you will want to thoroughly test it to make sure it works and stands up to handling

before sending to your guest. Nothing ruins the excitement of sending or receiving a unique invitation more than learning that your packages arrived smashed or otherwise damaged due to unusual shape or harsh handling.

ENTRYWAY

For the entryway, use battery-operated lanterns to lead guests up the path to the venue. Hang candles in hanging votive cups inside of the entryway or in any greenery located outside.

PRE-FUNCTION AREA

Arrange cocktail tables covered with forest green linens to represent the dark forest surrounding the prince’s castle.

To build intrigue, make sure your guests have a view of what awaits them in the main room!





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MAIN ROOM DÉCOR

Your main room should be a dining room befitting a storybook prince and princess with all the gilt, glimmer and riches you expect to find in a palace.

Use crystal chandeliers, shiny candelabras, fancy brocades for decor. Add gold, royal blues and rich yellows, diamonds, silvers and anything that gleams. Think bejeweled crowns & tiaras, and sparkling jewelry.

HIGHLIGHT AREA

For your highlighted area hang a small backdrop with your favorite phrase from the movie; for example, "Be our Guest". Place an 8 foot table covered with a yellow linen that hangs to the floor in front of the backdrop and your finger foods or sweets atop of it. Adorn it with teacups, roses, and glass domes.

CENTERPIECES

Change up your centerpieces using at least three different styles to keep the room fresh and interesting. Use stacks of books, teacups, and the rose under the glass. Some areas to pay attention to are corners of the room and other serving areas.

For dinner tables alternate between the following:

- Clocks
- Candelabrum
- Teapot and cup

DINNER SET UP

For your dinner set up, use only one color for the linen. This helps to calm all the color in the room and keeps the table settings more elegant. You may prefer royal blues or rich yellows for linens. Add





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a band or tie to chairs to compliment the linen. Add an accent ribbon to the napkin that matches the chair tie. Pick up the silver or gold in the charger plate that will hold the napkin before dinner arrives. Place miniature Enchanted Roses at each place setting.

BAR AND CUSTOM DRINK

Serve beers in steins and metal mugs. Remiscint of the pub scene from the movie. Create a drink station where guests can help themselves stocked with easy to pour, pre-mixed drinks, wines and beers.

Place the bar in the farthest corner from the entry door to encourage guests to move into the room to prevent a bottle-neck at the front door.

Add highlights to the top of the bar with your smaller centerpieces making sure they don't interfere so guests can serve

themselves.

Create some signature winter warm-me-up drinks like:

- Dubonnet Cocktail (our sources say the Queen likes to drink these)
- Cîroc Ultra Vodka (ala Prince Harry)
- "Treasure Chest" cocktail (favored by Prince William)
- Crack Baby (a favorite of the Duchess of Cambridge)

ENTERTAINMENT

Many events offer entertainment. Make sure it's appropriate for your group. Have a violinist or pianist playing during dinner.

PHOTO OPS

Create a space for guests to take photos. Hang a gold sparkling backdrop against a





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wall for guests to pose in front of. Use props like clocks, feather dusters, and tea cups to pose with. Set up a tripod or have someone designated to snap photos. You could even choose to set up a selfie station here.

Queen likes to drink these) - One part Gin, two parts Dubonnet, with two cubes of ice and a slice of lemon with the seeds removed.

DRINK RECIPES

Treasure Chest Cocktail – Prince Williams Brandy and peach liqueur topped with a bottle of Champagne and served in a wooden chest

Crack Baby – Duchess of Cambridge Passion fruit juice, vodka and raspberry liqueur and is then topped off with Champagne

Cîroc Ultra Vodka - One of the few types of vodka to be made using grapes - Prince Harry

Dubonnet Cocktail (our sources say the

