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*Vancouver designer Julia Hoover and floral stylist Heather March recently launched a one-stop wedding styling company called Hunt and Gather Collective, where the focus is on creating lush West Coast weddings*

# Bohemian Dream

*Two Vancouver talents  
launch wedding stylist brand*

**WHEN VANCOUVER DESIGNER JULIA HOOVER GOT MARRIED LAST FALL, FLORAL DESIGNER HEATHER MARCH FROM GREENSTEMS WORKED HER MAGIC AT THE BOHO-ESQUE WEDDING.**

March created a dreamy, whimsical world of greenery that perfectly reflected Hoover's hippie style – she also made a lasting impression on the bride.

“Everything she touches is gold,” says Hoover, describing how she was blown away by what she saw as she walked down the aisle.

The ceremony scene included lush green garlands and ivy cascading from the ceiling.

“It was spectacular,” Hoover says, smiling as she recalls her special day. “We totally hit it off and our creative minds just go nuts when we are together. After the holidays, I just wrote her; I really miss working with you; we need to think of a way we can bring this back and keep working together,” explains Hoover, who designs a line of scarves and clothing for her line called Jackson Rowe. Hoover considered having March work on an upcoming catalogue, but after chatting the idea evolved into so much more.







They decided to launch a business that would merge their creative style and help other brides achieve the same beautiful bohemian feel at their nuptials.

The result: a wedding styling company called Hunt and Gather Collective, which merges March's greenery expertise and Hoover's vintage style. Once they proposed the idea, the ladies got going immediately on the plan, connecting to other boho-minded bridal businesses, including Gastown's Union Bridal.

Hunt and Gather Collective is a one-stop styling shop for brides who want an earthy, West-Coast feel to their big day. Think a Kate Moss-style wedding: flowing skirts, floral crowns, cow skull accessories, Persian rugs.

"The focus is on bringing in other like-minded industry people, photographers, planners and kind of have a go-to team that makes it really easy for brides," explains Hoover.

The plan is to hold a fashion show and launch event in March to get the word out about the new venture. The shows are being held March 19 and 20 at the Beaumont Studios in Vancouver and will include a runway event featuring designer gowns from Union Bridal.

Hoover, a newlywed herself, just went through the marriage experience, opting for a fall wedding as a way to cut costs. Instead, they had an indoor ceremony at VanDusen Botanical Garden and an affordable (and lovely) reception at The Boathouse in her very own Kitsilano hood.

"As soon as we decided it was going to be a fall wedding it was just so much easier," she says.

After figuring out how to make her life a little easier, the newlywed, along with her business partner, is looking forward to making life easier for other brides-to-be with the Hunt and Gather Collective, [www.huntandgathercollective.com](http://www.huntandgathercollective.com). ❖



*A dreamy boho-style dress from Gastown's Union Bridal, which will be part of the Hunt and Gather Collective's launch event next month.*



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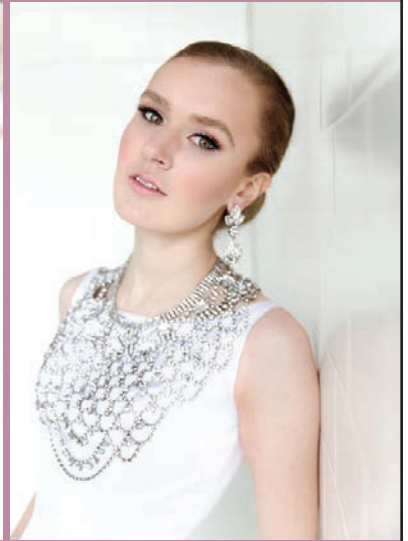


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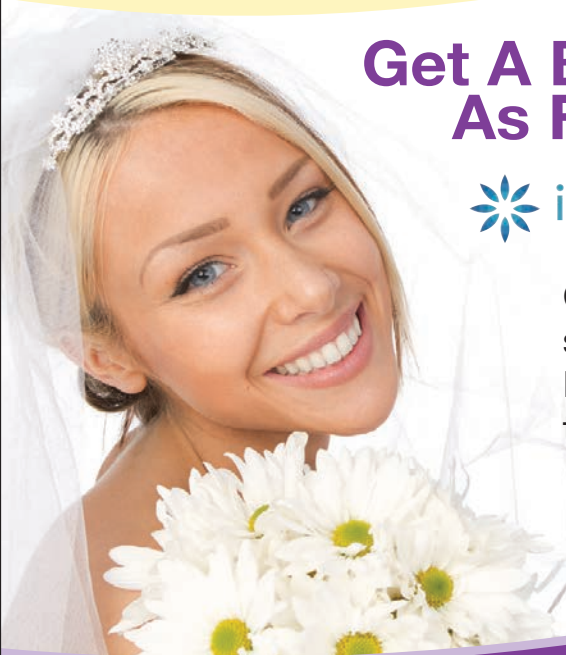
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*Alicia and Adam Winnett were married on a mountaintop in front of 135 of their closest friends and family at North Arm Farm in Pemberton. Alicia Winnett describes this stunning photograph of her wedding party as the “Vanity Fair” photo, saying husband-and-wife team Shari and Mike Vallely of Shari + Mike Photographers are known for their exceptional group shots. | Photos by Shari + Mike Photographers*

# Misty Mountaintop WEDDING

*A Vancouver fashion blogger and hubby host a magical gathering in Pemberton*

**THE HUNT FOR THE RIGHT WEDDING DRESS CAN BE DAUNTING IN ITSELF, BUT IMAGINE IF YOU HAVE THOUSANDS OF INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS WHO ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT YOU WORE FOR THE BIG DAY.**

That’s the fate that awaited Vancouver fashion blogger Alicia Winnett, who runs Alicia Fashionista, a blog chronicling her take on fashion. Fortunately, Winnett didn’t disappoint with her show-stopper sweetheart neckline mermaid gown (from Champagne and Lace in Abbotsford) that hugged her every curve. As a blogger, Winnett describes herself as an average-sized girl with a regular clothing budget, but she has a knack for making it look incredibly well put-together – and she worked that magic when it came to her Aug. 15, 2015 nuptials with Adam Winnett. The gorgeous couple held their fairytale wedding for 135 people in the clean-mountain air at beautiful North Arm Farm in Pemberton.

“Adam and I are very social and we have such a big network but we are also very easygoing, we are the kind of people that could have eloped and it would have been OK for us,” she says. “But because we loved everyone so much, we also wanted to throw a big party, and so the biggest thing about the day for us was that everyone was comfortable and had so much fun.”





- 1. THE FLOWERS** | Alicia's lush bouquet was designed by The Flower Factory on Main Street.
- 2. THE LOCATION** | The couple's family and friends dined in a covered area as the sun set.
- 3. GETTING CEREMONY** | The August 2015 wedding was held at picturesque North Arm Farm in Pemberton.
- 4. THE WEATHER** | The original plan was to have a long-table dinner in the field, but morning rain meant the meal was moved into the barn.





## Q&A *with the bride*

### WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM YOUR WEDDING?

I worked with Best Day Ever, who helped me with the concept beforehand when I was staring at a Pinterest board of like 600 pins, and I wasn't sure what I actually liked, and they helped me narrow that down. My number-one thing that I ended up telling people is to find vendors that you really get a good sense from and that you really get along with; I don't know if my work life helped me with that, but we ended up with such a good group of people that I was so relaxed on the day. I trusted everyone – that they knew what was going to happen and that they would take care of us no matter what.

### DID YOU HAVE ANY BRIDEZILLA MOMENTS?

My only one was seconds before I was going out for the ceremony, that was my only bridezilla moment, hopefully, I think. We moved everything so quickly, because of the weather rush (there were sprinkles at various times throughout the

day), and I was like, "Why is everyone standing? What is going on!?"

### WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?

There were so many moments – probably Adam crying during his speech, because he had not cried in like 20 years; he thought something was genuinely wrong with him. It was really sweet.

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I don't think I would even change anything, which is kind of crazy.

### WHERE DID YOU SPEND THAT YOU WERE HAPPY TO SPEND?

Adam and I are big music people, so we spent money on live music. He (Colin Bullock) played his guitar and sang for the ceremony and at cocktail hour, and he was unbelievable – my cousins at the wedding tried to poach him for their weddings. Even other vendors were like, "How did you find this guy?" ❖



*“I don't think I would even change anything, which is kind of crazy.”*



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# A Decade IN LOVE



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## *Making time to enjoy the party*

**ILANA AND JONATHAN AMES STARTED A NEW CHAPTER IN THEIR 10-YEAR LOVE AFFAIR WITH THEIR AUGUST WEDDING LAST YEAR.**

Surrounded by 300 family and friends, Ilana, a teacher and fitness instructor, and Jonathan, who works in business development, held their nuptials at the Beth Israel Synagogue in Vancouver, where the theme was “A Decade of Love.” Despite the large guest list, it was important for the couple to keep the wedding intimate, personal and romantic.

“We had a hanging display of photographs of us dating back to our first year of being a couple, along with signature cocktails to showcase our personalities,” Ilana explains. “We had a lot of tea lights, both on the table and hanging off the centerpieces, which added to the ambience.”

The overall décor and feel reflected the love between the long-term couple who, even after 10 years together, were just getting started.





1. **THE SETTING** | The couple's joy-filled nuptials were held at Beth Israel Synagogue in Vancouver.
2. **THE PHOTOGRAPHY** | The camera loves this couple almost as much as they love one another.
3. **THE FAMILY** | Ilana and Jonathan made sure they took time to enjoy their family and friends during the wedding.
4. **THE FOOD** | As self-described food lovers, delicious cuisine and drinks were essential for their big day.

**WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM YOUR WEDDING?**

It is necessary to remember what the wedding day represents (you are marrying the love of your life). It was also important for me to remember to remain present throughout the wedding experience. It is easy to get caught up in all the details and lose sight of the importance of the day. I constantly had to remind myself that my guests would not notice whether I chose the most expensive chairs or the finest linens. Your guests only pay attention to the atmosphere of the wedding and whether they had a fun time or not — good food, great drinks and fun music are key. Also, the wedding day goes by so quickly, so we made a point to take the time to sit back and watch the party happen.

**DID YOU HAVE ANY BRIDEZILLA MOMENTS?**

I was relatively calm throughout the process. I chose to plan my own wedding, while only hiring a day-of planner. I pride myself on my organizational skills (some may call it a bit obsessive), which made for efficient planning. However, it did get overwhelming at times communicating with different vendors and remaining on budget.

**WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?**

It is hard to pick my most memorable moment because everything was simply unforgettable — a dream come true. From getting ready with my best friends and twin sister, to the moment when Jon broke the glass under the chuppah, I could not have been more happy. However, our Horah (traditional Jewish dancing) was quite epic. The energy that was created in the room was hard to describe. Jon and I were lifted onto tables where we danced above the heads of all of our family and friends.

**WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?**

There are not many things that I would do differently, although I would probably hire a full-time event planner. While I had fun doing the work myself, it would have been a lot easier to plan a 300-person wedding with the help of a pro. Also, people seem to believe, myself included, that it would save money to plan your own wedding. When in the end, I believe that it may be more cost effective to hire a full-time planner since they are more involved in the industry and have established relationships with different vendors. They also know the best deals, and are skilled at staying within a budget. All of my bridesmaids and my twin sister are now engaged and going through their own wedding planning and my one piece of advice for them is to not skimp on the wedding planner — they can also make for a good psychologist, mother, sister and best friend.





### « A DECADE IN LOVE

The wedding included a hanging display of photographs of Ilana and Jonathan dating back to their first year as a couple.

### IS THERE ANYWHERE YOU WOULD HAVE SPENT LESS?

I definitely made a point from the beginning to save money in any place that I could, and I think I did a fairly good job at that. For future brides, I would suggest cutting back on flowers and décor. This is an area where costs can add up quickly and there are lots of ways to cut back while still being true to your vision. For example, I would be more modest in areas where guests are spending the least amount of time. For myself, I would have taken out the draping and floral arrangements in the entrance, as well as in the hallways where guests are walking from one spot to another. A key piece of advice that I was given was that people do not notice things that are not there.

### WHERE DID YOU SPEND THAT YOU WERE GLAD YOU DID?

The most important things for us was food, drinks and a great band. I am a big time foodie, therefore it was important to have plenty of top-quality food. I believe that the most successful event is one where all guests leave with full bellies! My biggest fear was that my guests would leave hungry or sober. Additionally, Jon and I love to host. We always have a bar filled with top-quality scotch, as well as multiple bottles of wine on hand. We wanted our wedding to be no different. We therefore had various food stations set up during cocktail hour that included some of our favorite items. We had a gourmet American diner station that served mini burgers and truffle fries. Another station served Asian fare, including a remake of our favourite pressed

sushi from Miku restaurant in Vancouver.

In addition, there was an amazing eight-piece band, rocking out all night long to ensure that all of our guests would spend the entire night on the dance floor. Lastly, having a photo booth at any party, let alone a wedding, adds a special touch. People love it and it makes for a good wedding favour.

### HOW WAS THE EXPERIENCE OVERALL?

The overall experience was everything that I could have imagined – and even more. We had all of our favourite people in one room together, and I married the man of my dreams. Who would have thought that 10 years later I would be marrying my high school sweetheart. ❖



# Tradition

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*Tradition and style merge at the vibrant West Coast wedding of Laura Chang and Andy Chow. | Photos: Blush Wedding Photography*



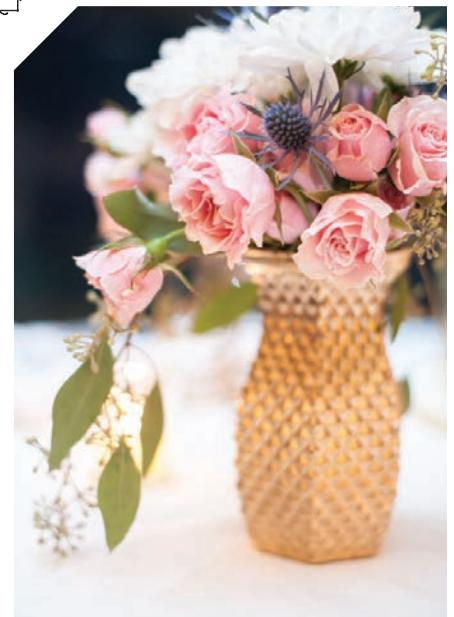
# Wedding shows off beautiful West Coast

CELEBRATIONS WERE DOUBLED UP FOR THE AUGUST NUPTIALS OF LAURA CHANG AND ANDY CHOW. THE COUPLE HOSTED A TWO-PART WEDDING: A TRADITIONAL CHINESE TEA CEREMONY, HELD AT THE ROSEWOOD HOTEL GEORGIA, AND SECOND CEREMONY AND RECEPTION AT BROCK HOUSE RESTAURANT.

With 61 of the 150 guests coming from out of town (we're talking Hong Kong, Toronto, Jamaica, London, Switzerland), the couple wanted to show off beautiful Vancouver. The couple met in Toronto, while they were attending graduate school.

"Andy used to bring me back to Vancouver during our summer breaks, causing me to fall in love with the city," Chang says. "After graduation and a few trials of a long-distance relationship, I decided he was worth the move and here we are almost three years later."

As for their big day, the couple (who are both chiropractors) sought a classic wedding that celebrated tradition, but also made room for a big party with their friends and family.



- 1. THE FOOD** | There was no shortage of food for guests to enjoy at the stunning Vancouver wedding of Laura and Andy.
- 2. THE LITTLE THINGS** | The couple's flame started burning when they met during graduate school in Toronto.
- 3. THE PARTY** | Friends travelled from around the globe – Hong Kong, Toronto, Jamaica, London, Switzerland – to celebrate the couple's special day.
- 4. THE DECOR** | Laura's aunt is a florist and helped the couple with the charming arrangements.





## Q&A *with the bride*

### DID YOU HAVE ANY BRIDEZILLA MOMENTS?

My bridezilla moments all happened before the actual day of the wedding. I am an avid crafter, so the place cards, menus, favours and centerpieces were all made by yours truly. I did have a bit of a meltdown a few days before the wedding regarding some fondant monogrammed cookies (the favours) but my bridesmaids were amazing and all jumped in, after landing from various destinations – they are all from out of town (except for my sister-in-law) – rolled up their sleeves and got working at my wedding factory. The hand-calligraphed five-foot-tall seating chart also gave me hell – 160 names, all handwritten. I might have cried a few times.

### WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?

Andy and I walking down the aisle and getting to see so many out-of-town family and friends. We had hosted a large welcome dinner the night before, however so many people had chosen different flights, so as we gazed out from the altar, it was the first time we were seeing them in months or years.

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I would book a venue with a hotel attached so our out-of-town guests could all crash after the party without worrying about finding a taxi to get home.

### WAS THERE ANYWHERE YOU WOULD SPEND LESS?

Flowers – the costs were enormous, even though my aunt is a florist and did all the arrangements for us. They were a lovely addition, but we might have gone overboard. We ended up hiring a string quartet, which we loved. The DJ was an added expense that really wasn't necessary. At our welcome dinner my husband's iPod and MacBook did a great job of DJ'ing. The cake

was really just a photo prop; there was so much else to eat and the fondant was somewhat melted, (no to "fondant anything" for an outdoor wedding), and the three tiers were really unnecessary in retrospect.

### WHERE DID YOU SPEND THAT YOU WERE GLAD YOU DID?

The venue and food and drink. We are great eaters, so Andy and I wanted to ensure everyone had an amazing meal with enough to eat. There were appetizers, along with dinner, dessert, cake and then a midnight snack buffet with our favorites: pizza, mini burgers and poutine and, of course, an open bar. Our same-day planner, Maria Di Antonio from La Gioia Events, was amazing; her prices were incredibly reasonable, and she helped make sure all the small details I had handcrafted were actually used and placed on the day of. She even made little markers on the grass so the bridesmaids and groomsmen would know where to stand and be spaced correctly for pictures. After working tirelessly for months prior to the wedding, it was so nice to have her take the reins and run the show on the day of. It also allowed our bridal party and family to relax and just enjoy the party. We loved the photos Blush Wedding Photography provided. The officiant from the city. What a steal! She was great and professional. She even drove back to give us our vows when she realized she had accidentally taken them with her.

### HOW WAS THE EXPERIENCE OVERALL?

Amazing! It was half-destination wedding, half-regular wedding; it was 100 per cent tiring. We felt overwhelmed by the support and love, and so blessed to have so many dear friends travel to join us for our big day, but we're so glad we only have to get married once. ❖





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# Timeless

## WEDDING OF A LIFETIME

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**IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO NOT GET SWEEPED UP IN THE MOMENT WHEN LOOKING AT THE STUNNING PHOTOS FROM THE AUGUST 15, 2015 WEDDING BETWEEN ADELA MATEJCEK AND JOSHUA FATTORE.**

The dashing couple truly beam in every pic in a wedding held at the Museum of Anthropology on the UBC campus – a spot the couple always loved and considered an ideal wedding venue, even before their engagement. The lovebirds didn't design their wedding around a specific theme, but Matejcek says caterer Donna Wadsworth, from Savoury City, "nailed it" when she described the nuptials as "Nantucket Italian."

"We wanted a really timeless and elegant feel while having a relaxed outdoor wedding with a family style dinner. We wanted it to feel like an intimate dinner party with our closest friends and family," Matejcek explains.



## Q&A with the bride



### WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM YOUR WEDDING?

Reflecting back, we feel so grateful for the amazing team of vendors who made the day so special. We made all of our decisions based on the vibe and energy of the individual person and how we felt around them. Each of the vendors were incredibly professional, dedicated and just lovely to be around. On the day of, not only did they make everything run smoothly, but it also felt like they were old friends by our side on our most special day. Our wedding would not have happened without wedding planner Alicia Keats – she is extremely talented and just so warm and kind, but also gets the job done no matter what curveballs come her way. Donna from Savoury City is not only a brilliant and creative chef, she was also one of the most supportive people. She took many calls from us just to chat and let us vent, often about nothing related to the catering. Ken Yiem and Kristy Ryan of Blush Wedding Photography are two of the most talented artists but also just awesome people to be around, and their work is to die for.

### DID YOU HAVE ANY BRIDEZILLA MOMENTS?

I think the closest thing was that I started to panic a bit a few months after I bought my dress. I bought it after seeing it once after a 24-hour shift at the hospital. I was so tired, that a few weeks later, I couldn't even remember the dress! Luckily when it arrived I loved it even more than the first time.

### WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?

I just remember spending most of the day laughing. It was such a joyous day – filled with love and laughter. I woke up to the most romantic gift from Josh. We always talk about how this is just one of many lives we have spent together. We both independently had the feeling that we last saw each other in 1779, so he gave me an antique heart locket from 1779 on the morning of our wedding. Then seeing him at the altar; I thought about that moment hundreds of times before the day, but seeing him up there smiling in his tux was incredible. All of the love from our family and friends, it truly was an incredible feeling. And the impromptu music. So much singing – from my nine-year-old niece beatboxing to my parents' friends playing the guitar and singing Czech folk songs!

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I think we would try as much as possible to have everything ready a week before so that we could enjoy time with friends and family leading up to the wedding. We were very, very busy with last minute stuff leading right up to the rehearsal dinner; that would be our only regret.

### WAS THERE ANYWHERE YOU WOULD HAVE SPENT LESS?

I can't really think of anything in monetary terms, but I think in terms of time, I would definitely spend less time worrying about the small details, especially in the beginning of the planning process. In the end, the details didn't really make the day – it was the people there that made the day.

### WHERE DID YOU SPEND THAT YOU WERE GLAD YOU DID?

Two things come to mind: one is definitely Josh's tux. He had a bespoke tuxedo made by Blair Shapera; it was worth every penny. I find that weddings are so much about the dress and the bride that the groom often gets left behind. So I am so happy he not only felt great but had such a fun experience having it made. He also had the chance to wear it again, and will for many years to come. The other thing is the wine we had for the wedding. We toured a number of wineries in the Okanagan and ended up falling in love with a small family run winery – Arrowleaf Cellars. It was important to us to have great wine but also local wine.

### HOW WAS THE EXPERIENCE OVERALL?

It truly was the best day ever! I can't imagine a more special experience. ❖



### 1. THE LITTLE THINGS

On the day of the wedding, Adela woke up with a romantic gift from Josh, which turned out to be one of her more memorable moments.

### 2. THE DRINKS

The party featured cocktails, along with wine from Arrowleaf Cellars, which the couple sourced during a tour of Okanagan wineries.

### 3. THE PARTY FAVOURS

Sweet, take-home jam was a darling wedding party favour that guests could enjoy at home.



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*The bride and groom exude old-world  
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### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 oz. fresh lime juice
- ½ oz. ginger syrup (equal parts sugar water, bring to a boil, add ginger, let sit for 20 minutes, strain out ginger, then place in fridge to cool)
- 1 oz. tequila
- ½ oz. Grand Marnier
- Salt
- Ginger
- Lime garnish

*Place all above ingredients into shaker glass and shake vigorously.*

*Salt half the rim of the glass, pour in ingredients, top off with finely grinded ginger and lime wedge for garnish.*

**Rocks or margarita glass**

### GARDEN PARTY WEDDING

## LEMON MANGO TANGO

Every garden party wedding should have this one on the menu. It's tangy with hints of fruity notes, which come from the tea-infused gin. Served in a collins glass, it's very tall and elegant.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 oz. lemon mango tea infused gin (let sit for three days in gin; fruit-based tisane tea of your choice)
- 3 oz. sprite
- ½ orange
- Orange bitters

*Build ingredients in collins glass filled with ice, lightly stir, garnish with orange peel and add two dashes of orange bitters*

**Collins glass**

### WINTER WEDDING

## SMOKY SOUR

This smoky-flavoured cocktail is perfect for the cold weather and will illicit that feeling of being in the woods with a crackling fire going. It's bold and it carries a punch. It also happens to be Andrew's top pick.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 ½ oz. laphroig single malt
- ¾ oz. fresh lemon juice
- ¾ oz. lapsang souchong tea syrup (equal parts sugar water, bring to just before boil, add tea, let sit for 10 minutes, strain out tea then place liquid in fridge to cool)
- Angostura bitters

*Shake all ingredients and strain into chilled coupe glass, add two dashes of bitters.*

**Coupe glass**





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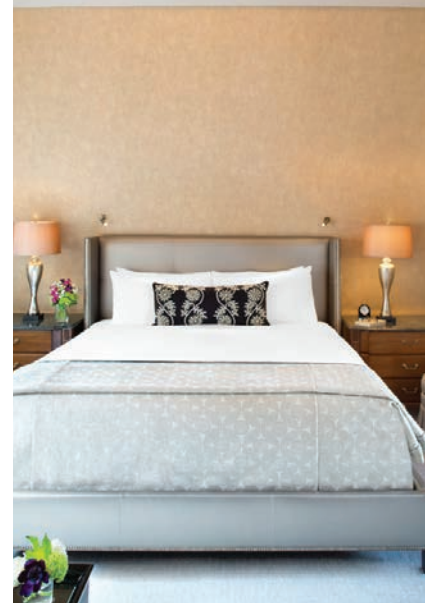
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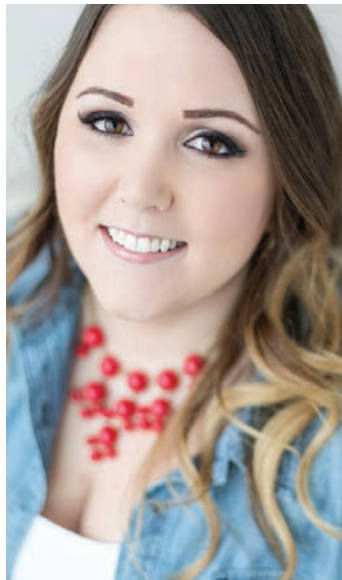
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Carla Hawksworth

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Hawksworth recommends brides avoid makeup trends and take a classic approach for the big day. It's the safe bet, Hawksworth says, adding, "You're never going to look at that picture in 20 years and go, 'Oh my God, what was I thinking?'"

When Hawksworth, who is based in Port Coquitlam, works with a bride she considers every element of the wedding: the dress, themes, cultural traditions, the bride's overall style.

The makeup artist does a dry run with her brides, telling them to bring in pictures of hair and makeup they like. She suggests they choose an image of a model who has the same hair and eye colour.

"I've always been fascinated by how makeup can make people feel and transform — and gives them that little bit of confidence and makes them feel better about themselves," says Hawksworth, whose favourite part of her job is the big reveal.

Check out some of Hawksworth's greatest hits, and remember, these are real brides, not models, though Hawksworth helps them look like they are.

See [carlahawksworth.ca](http://carlahawksworth.ca), for more.

## Makeup artist says avoid trends for weddings



### CLASSIC BEAUTY

Many of her brides request this timeless look, a favourite on Hawksworth's website. "She looks pretty, but she is also natural," Hawksworth says about the bride's soft makeup. "She's wearing makeup without hiding behind it."

*Jamie Delaine Photography*



### SIMPLE ELEGANCE

This lovely bride wanted a clean look, as she is someone who rarely wears makeup in her everyday life.

*Joshes Photography*





## BOLD GLAMOUR

Hawksworth considers wedding colours when creating a look for the big day, as she did with this stunning bride.

*Natalia Reardon Photography*



## BOHO BEAUTY

“We were going for a bohemian look ... but definitely a bit more dramatic,” says Hawksworth, who also styled the hair of every bride in the pics, including this bride’s charming braid.

*Owl and Lily Photography*



## OLD HOLLYWOOD

This bright-eyed look includes grey shadow, which brings out the blue in her eyes, and soft pink on her lips, a hue Hawksworth says is a favourite among her brides.

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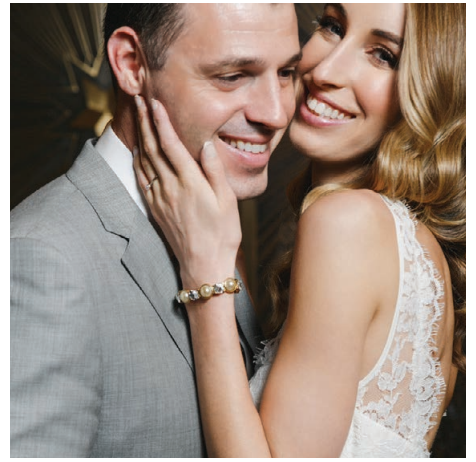
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