

7 steps to... Welcoming & Whimsical

For those who want their day to be filled with a good dose of fun! Harness some joie de vivre for an inviting atmosphere filled with giggles and gorgeously good times. Think playful humour, quirky charm, off-the-wall ideas and a little sparkle and colour for a lively day that all will remember with a smile

1 THE CHARMING VENUE

A 16th Century coaching inn turned luxuriously quirky pub, The Bell in Ticehurst is as delightful a venue as they come. This Sussex wonderland will enchant you and your guests no end. Their Big Room for fancy dos accommodates 90 guests sitting down or up to 120 for evening parties. They have sumptuous and beautiful dining options, the stable's 'red carpet walk over tables' is a great opportunity for your guests to shower you in confetti, and you get a Dedicated Wedding Coordinator, Floor Manager and full team to bring your dreams to life. There is also a fire pit, a snug, fabulous accommodation and even an actual bell to ring! thebellinticehurst.com

2 THE FUN STATIONERY

Imogen Partridge is a Kentish watercolour artist who can create all the elegantly personal illustrations you need – from invites and menus to signage and portraits. Find her at imogenpartridge.com

3 THE ONE-OF-A-KIND RING

This pink tourmaline and diamond ring is filled with playful charm, a real one-of-a-kind for a bride looking for something individual and breathtaking. Crafted in Royal

Tunbridge Wells, it is £3,800 from KATA katajewellery.com

4 THE VIBRANT FLOWERS

The perfect place to add a burst of colour! The Flower Studio in Sevenoaks made this sweet summery bouquet last year and can make you your own design with a personal touch. theflowerstudiosevenoaks.co.uk

5 THE FLOWING DRESS

Brides going for this theme will likely want to be able to dance the night away so go for something with lots of movement and comfort. This Donnia floral brocade A-line by Adriana Alier is £1,500 at May & Grace. mayandgracebridal.com

6 THE QUIRKY CENTRE PIECES

There is something irresistible about the cheeky wink of a genteel touch amidst revelry and silliness. A top hat is just the thing, which is why we love this centre piece by Solavia Glasswear. solavia.co.uk

7 THE BESPOKE SOUVENIR

Send some pics of your venue to Bethany Duffy Embroidery to get a personalised hand-embroidered depiction to frame and remember your big day. £65-£80 bethanyduffyembroidery.com

