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Be Seated

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If you're planning a wedding ceremony outside a church or synagogue -- where guests are traditionally seated in pews -- you probably have far more options than you realize when it comes to seating.

Not only do you have choices regarding the style of seating, you also have choices regarding the arrangement. You could do all white folding chairs in a square formation or a mixture of benches and ottomans in a more random design.

Or, you could skip seating altogether and ask the guests to stand. In addition, you can vary the way the aisle is designed. No one said it has to be a straight line! Flip through these photos to see 13 of the most innovative seating designs imaginable.



Maria Phillips of Brian Phillips Photography

No Chairs

Planner Bryan Rafanelli, who has offices in Boston, Palm Beach and Washington, D.C., had the unique challenge of coordinating a ceremony on the steps inside the Boston Public Library.

"The bride wanted to be walked down the aisle by her father," explains Emily Lalone of Rafanelli Events, "but at the same time wanted the ceremony to be informal and in the moment. Guests arrived, got comfortable, had a drink, and then we caught their attention as the bride's father walked her down the grand staircase. The couple was married amid hundreds of candles in a 20-minute ceremony while 80 guests surrounded them, drinks in hand.

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