



YOUR STAR celebration

How to make your favorite celebrity wedding your own reality

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We all want our wedding to be unique and special, but there's nothing wrong with taking a bit of celebrity inspiration and making it our own. Wedding trends abound – groom's cakes, on-site after-parties featuring a last round of food at the end of the night, and snapping formal photos before ceremonies so couples can spend more time with their guests at cocktail hour – but here we've selected our four favorite celebrity weddings that have spurred trends in weddings that don't attract the paparazzi. We talked to the top wedding experts – in some cases, the ones who actually worked with the celebrity brides – to get you the best tips and advice on how to incorporate Hollywood details into your personal affair.

Niki Taylor & Burney Lamar Personalized Décor

Niki and Burney customized and decorated their West-coast wedding with monograms. A simple way to create a theme for a wedding, monograms visually signify a couple's union in marriage. "It's exciting for couples to join their names together for the first time," says Bryan Rafanelli of Rafanelli Events in Boston. He suggests including the monogram on invitations, save-the-dates cards, thank you notes, and even tote bags for the wedding party. During the wedding, your monogram can show up as a custom cake topper, on the menu card, or on cocktail napkins. To incorporate monograms taste-

fully, Bryan recommends that couples have the logo carried throughout a number of pieces, but not everything." A way to keep monogramming fresh is to avoid choosing a font from a book and instead have a calligrapher customize the logo, so it reflects your taste.

In the end, the key to putting together a beautiful wedding is planning, not celebrity status. Focus your attention, be it on simple details like stationery and monograms or bigger decisions like location. These tips should help make your wedding a dazzling, memorable affair. It's your day to shine, so treat yourself and your guests like stars. ■