

# TAKE ONE... Cake



Plain iced Romantic Pearl cake, £179 (serves 144), Marks & Spencer

*Transform this affordable white three-tier cake into the perfect creation to complement your big-day theme with these simple but creative ideas*



## CLASSIC CHIC

For a touch of timeless elegance, ask your florist to add statement flowers, like these striking calla lilies, to your cake. Add extra height by separating each tier with clear cake supports. Crystal pillars, £5.40 for four, Squires Kitchen. Calla lilies, Pollen Nation. Cake stand and tablecloth, stylist's own. Champagne glasses, £6.95 each, The Attic. Cake forks, 22p each to hire; side plates, £1.65 each to hire, both Rayners. Wallpaper, £12 a roll, Graham & Brown.



## COUNTRY VINTAGE

Try using edible spray paint to co-ordinate your cake with your colour scheme. Capture a touch of countryside charm by adding ready-made daisies and pretty ribbon. Food colour spray, £3.99 for 100ml; white sugar flowers, £11.99 for 100, both Cakes, Cookies & Crafts. Cake stand and tablecloth, stylist's own. For similar to hire, try Rayners. Cake forks, 22p each to hire; side plates, £1.65 each to hire, both Rayners. Daisies, Pollen Nation.

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'Coral flame' peony, Violets & Velvet

# Peony

*With clever styling, sweet-scented, blowsy peonies are versatile enough to suit any big-day theme*

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## CLASSIC CHIC

For an elegant look, contrast tall candelabra arrangements with single flower-head displays in silver-etched tea glasses. Candelabra, to hire, Violets & Velvet (decorated with 'Bowl of Beauty' peonies, pittosporum and eucalyptus). Votives, £2.95 each, [www.dotcomgiftshop.com](http://www.dotcomgiftshop.com). Table number, £4.99 for a set of 10; cake box, £7.99 for 10, both Confetti. Heart napkin rings, £27.50 for four, John Lewis. Champagne flutes, £6.95 each; silver doves, £4.50 each, both The Attic. Candlesticks, stylist's own. For similar, try Idyllic Days.



## RETRO FUN

For a quirky feel that won't cost the earth, source old milk bottles and jam jars, and display a single peony in each. Mini milk bottle drinking glasses, £8.99 for two, Firebox. Vintage milk bottles, £12.50 each, Pedlars (all containing stems of 'Coral Flame' and 'Bowl of Beauty' peonies). Gift tag, £1.99 for six, The Contemporary Home. Cath Kidston dessert plates, £20 for a set of four, John Lewis. Tablecloth, stylist's own. For similar, try Ikea.

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'Hortensia' hydrangea, Violets & Velvet

## Hydrangea

*Used sparingly or en masse, this bold and textural bloom can be used to create striking floral displays whatever your wedding look*



### RETRO FUN

Intersperse domes of hydrangeas with plenty of colourful props to create this retro-inspired look. Nigella cake stand, £21, Bliss Home. Glass cake stand, stylist's own. For similar, try House of Fraser. Painted crate, £30; glasses, from £9 for a set of six, both Berry Red. Rubik's cube salt and pepper mills, £12.99 each, Firebox. Vintage cake tin, £11.75, The Attic. Retro mug, £13.95, Pedlars. Revival radio, £160, Roberts Radio. Cutlery, £29.99 for a 16-piece set, The Contemporary Home.



### COUNTRY VINTAGE

For an English country garden-inspired look, fill galvanised watering cans and pastel-coloured jugs to the brim with huge hydrangea heads. Large galvanised watering can (also decorated with eucalyptus), to hire, Violets & Velvet. Cream watering can, £11.95; door number tile, £4.95, both [www.dotcomgiftshop.com](http://www.dotcomgiftshop.com). Pastel blue jug, £5.99, The Contemporary Home. White table linen, £16.90, Butlers. Gingham fabric, from a selection, Fabrics Galore.



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Simple yet stylish, vintage pressed-glass goblets make fabulous tablecentres when filled with frilly hydrangea blooms.

Table runner, stylist's own. For similar, try Great Hire. Luna dinner plate, £8; Arthur Price Grecian cutlery, from £4.50 per piece, both John Lewis. Name cards, £1.40 each; menu, £3 each, both Susie H Wedding Stationery. Vintage pressed-glass goblets, £30 each, RE. Vintage Champagne flutes, £6.95 each, The Attic.



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# Rose



'Avalanche' rose, Violets & Velvet

*Year-round roses are available in an abundance of shades and stay looking picture perfect all day long – the ideal bloom for any themed display*



## COUNTRY VINTAGE

If you're using classic white roses in your floral displays, you can inject pops of colour with their containers – this quirky, painted lantern will make a real talking point. Hand-painted lantern (filled with pittosporum), £32.50; glass vase, £8.50, both Berry Red. Luggage tag, 75p, The Contemporary Home. Books, £12.99 each; monogram mug, £8, both Anthropologie.

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An elegant tablecentre needn't be overly fussy. Simply fill a silver tray with Champagne flutes and small bud vases holding single rose stems. Zinc charger plate (decorated with pittosporum), £8.95, [www.dotcomgiftshop.com](http://www.dotcomgiftshop.com). Slate heart, £8.95; vintage Champagne flutes, £6.95 each, all The Attic. Mini glass vases, £29.99 for a set of five, The Contemporary Home.