

TREND ALERT

## The New Black

What's hot in the world of destination weddings right now? We asked four top planners to share their favorite wedding trends.

**MIX-AND-MATCH** "Gone are the days when your bridal party donned identical, unflattering frocks," says Tracy French of The French Connection Events in San Antonio, Texas. Her advice: Pick one overarching theme, and let the girls have at it. "Giving your party this freedom ensures they'll adore their dresses, and you'll wind up with awesome photos."

**RENAISSANCE MAN** Julie Arroyo, a wedding specialist at Paradise Point Resort & Spa in San Diego, California, says she's seeing more men involved with the details of both the ceremony and reception. "Grooms are making sure cigars, microbrews and guys' lounge areas are all incorporated into the celebration." >>



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