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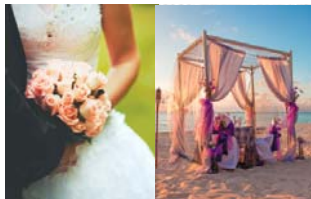
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## Four tips for a crowd-pleasing wedding meal

Putting together a wedding menu that aims to please everyone is no easy task. Here are a few tips to maximize your chances of success.

1. Avoid strong-tasting meat. Not everyone is a fan of lamb, game meat or fish. Poultry, on the other hand, is usually a sure bet. Provide more than one meal option if you can.

2. Mix it up. If you're serving beef as a main, consider vegetarian appetizers or seafood hors-d'oeuvres. Avoid

servicing the same protein in more than one course.

3. Trust the experts. Don't be afraid to ask your caterer for suggestions. If you've hired a chef, include his or her speciality dishes on the menu.

4. Have a plan B. If there are children, picky eaters or people with dietary restrictions among your guests, try to accommodate their preferences as much as you can. They'll definitely appreciate the thought.

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## A bouquet for every bride

The perfect bouquet is one that highlights the bride's attire without stealing the spotlight from her. Here are a few popular bridal bouquet styles to consider:

- **Round.** Ideal if you're on the petite side. Keep it simple, delicate and short. As a general rule, avoid dense foliage, cascading bouquets and long stems. That being said, longer stems can be flattering if you're quite curvy.
- **Cascading.** Perfect for tall, thin brides. Choose a bouquet with long stems and cascading foliage to highlight your waist.
- **White.** Great if your dress is colourful; not so great if it's white or off-white.
- **Colourful.** For energetic brides who aren't afraid to turn heads. If your dress is also colourful, make sure you show it to your florist to avoid unfortunate clashes.

Brides should choose their bouquet according to their body type, their personality and their dress.

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