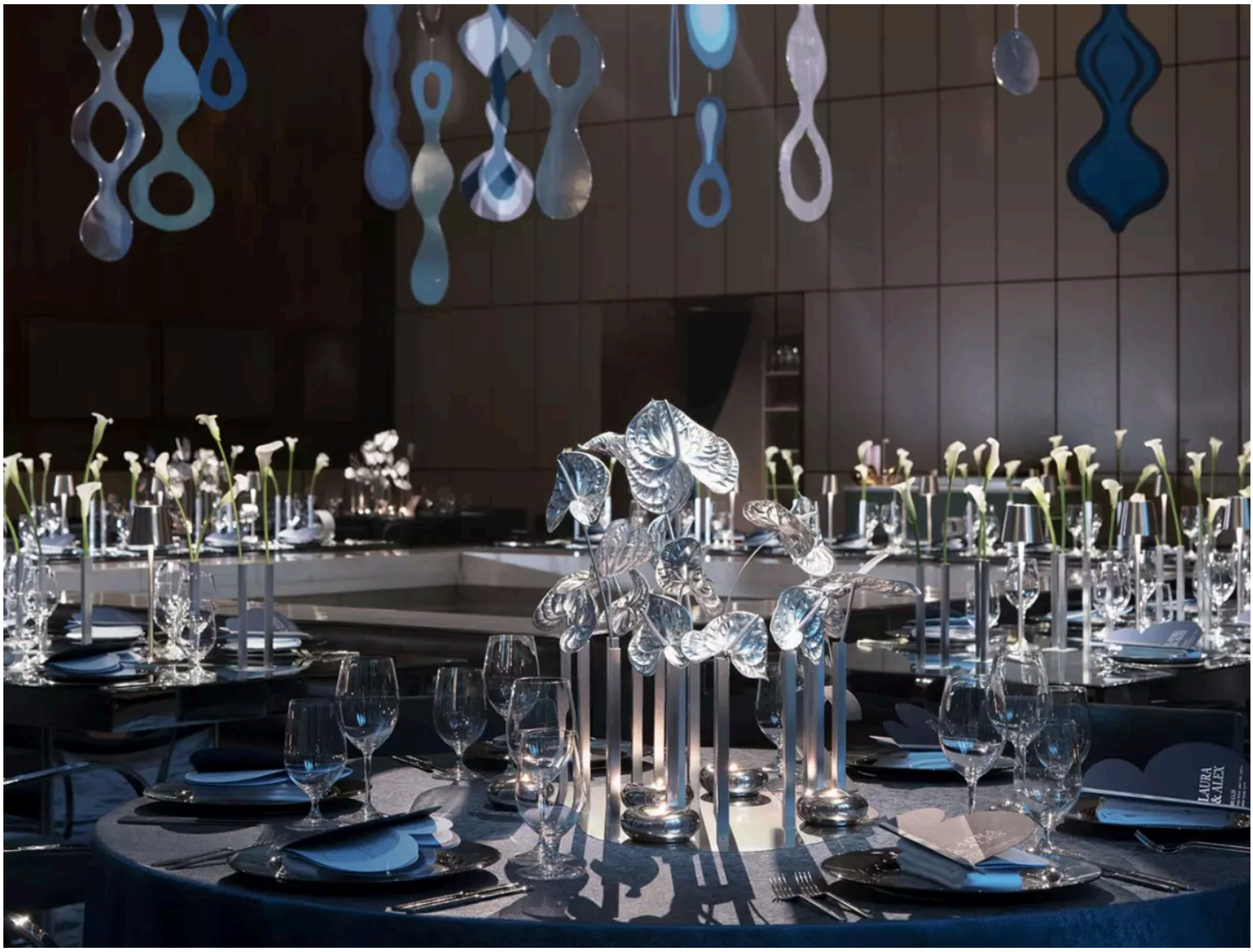
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The New Wedding Neutral: Silver and Stainless Steel Are Redefining Wedding Reception Style



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- Silver and stainless steel are the new wedding reception standard, replacing gold and brass as couples embrace a futuristic aesthetic.
- Spray-painted florals, disco balls, metallic furniture and sequined gowns offer versatile ways to incorporate the shimmering trend throughout celebrations.
- From statement jewelry to architectural details, silver metallics deliver a sleek, contemporary vibe that still feels elegant and timeless.

As a wedding writer, when I attend weddings I'm not just a regular guest. My eyes are always peeled for the latest trends in wedding decor.

Recently I attended a wedding reception that felt straight out of the future. It had a fun disco theme, so I expected the decor would be nostalgic. Instead, it boasted a plethora of futuristic stainless steel and silver metallics, covering everything from the sleek, modern table settings and sculptural flowers to the bride and groom's high-fashion outfits —even their bespoke jewellery.

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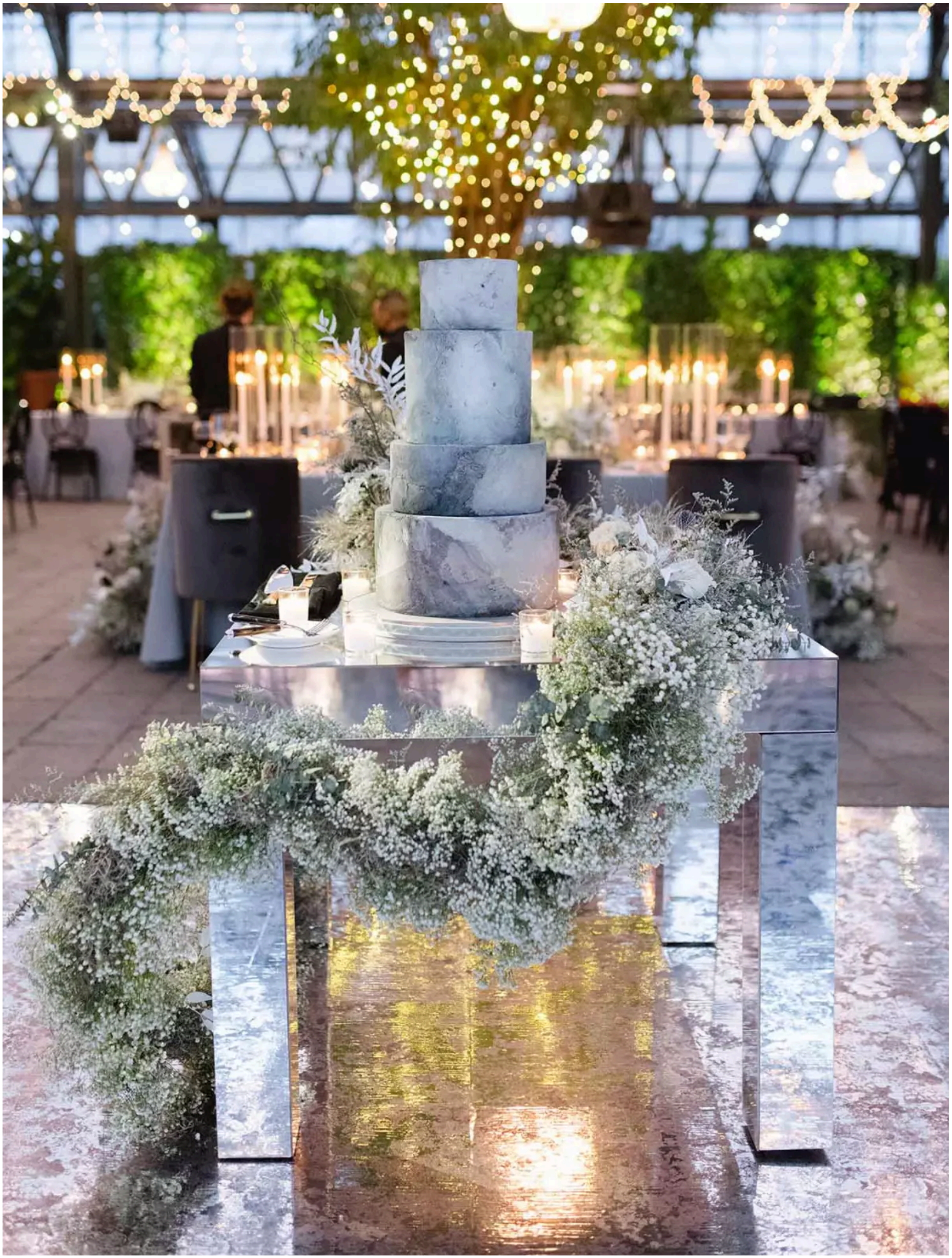
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That got me wondering if silver is the new gold and brass at weddings. And, if so, what are some easy ways to incorporate this trend at your wedding? Naturally, I turned to my

wedding industry friends to learn more about this ‘stainless steel renaissance.’ Here’s what they had to say.





(Niki Marie Photography)

Spray-Painted Sculptural Floral Arrangements Are as Arresting as They Are Easy to Make

While there aren't really any silver-hued flowers in nature, you could always spray paint them. Silver-toned, spray-painted floral arrangements instantly add a contemporary and unique vibe to the wedding decor.

"One striking way for couples to bring silver metallics into their celebration is by incorporating spray-painted elements directly into the florals and centerpieces", states Amos Gott, chief event architect at AmosEvents. "Most greenery takes spray paint beautifully, especially Italian ruscus, which becomes instantly sculptural when finished in a cool silver tone," he adds.

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Silver-Toned Tablescapes For A Chic Wedding Reception

Experts suggest incorporating bold silver metals for the wedding reception tablescapes to craft the perfect layered yet sophisticated ambiance for a fashion-forward, black-tie affair. A silver-adorned tablescape ensures your reception feels chic and elevated.

“A rising trend in wedding design is the refined use of metallics to create a contemporary, dramatic, and effortlessly chic ambiance,” says Brooke Bates, senior catering sales and events manager at Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia. “Metals and mirrored finishes introduce a bold, sculptural edge to tablescapes, particularly when softened with delicate linens and warm candlelight.”


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Metallic Furniture Pieces And Dramatic Architectural Elements

While thinking of elegant ways to adorn reception tablescapes with silver, don't miss the actual furniture pieces. Incorporating silver chairs or tables could add an awe-inspiring touch to your wedding reception or even the ceremony.

"One stunning way to incorporate stainless steel or silver metallics into your wedding day visuals is through your guest table settings," says Sarah Blessinger, lead planner and designer at Kindred Weddings and Events. "Don't forget to think outside of the box by upgrading your guest chairs or the tables themselves to bring in a modern silver sheen."





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Moreover, experts recommend using stainless steel and silver metallic tones for other architectural elements as well. According to them, silver decor pieces bring in a polished, contemporary aesthetic to the decor. For example, a beautiful silver-tone ceremony arch could help create a dreamy, almost ethereal ambiance.

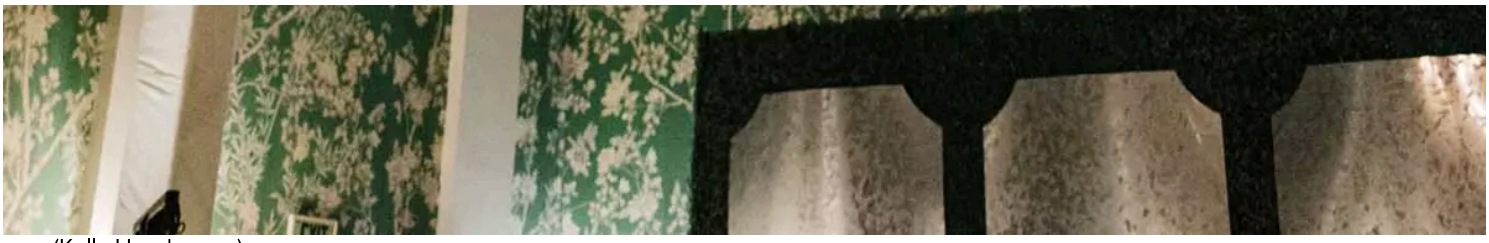
Annie Kantor, founder and director of design at Modern Metal says: “Opt for a sculptural metallic ceremony arch paired with flowers (balancing the cool tones of metal with the warmth of fresh florals), antique silver lanterns strung from trees for an outdoor wedding, or my personal favorite—a custom, laser cut patterned metal piece with a glass covering for a stunning, one-of-a-kind tabletop.”

Embrace A Fun And Futuristic Disco Theme

Like the wedding reception I attended, choosing a disco theme for your wedding reception could add an element of fun and whimsy to the event.

“I love the use of silver as the shine layer on the table: mirrored runners, chrome candelabras, and disco-style details, then keeping everything else pretty clean and simple,” says Craig Peterman, photographer at Craig Peterman Photography. “It ends up looking like a modern vinyl-listening party instead of a stiff formal dinner, which is a fun mix for a wedding.”





(Kelly Hornberger)

If you don't want to opt all in with a disco theme, you could add disco balls for a playful way to include metallics.

"Disco balls have been a fun addition to receptions over the last year- and a whimsical way to incorporate metallics into your design," adds Kevin Dennis, owner at Fantasy Sound Event Services. "And surprisingly, disco balls are actually really versatile. We've seen smaller disco balls woven into tabletop designs as well as larger-scale installations paired with jaw-dropping florals."

Striking Sequins and Silver-hued Outfits For The Bride And Groom

In addition to the wedding decor, your attire is a great place to opt for silver and metallic tones. Wedding experts recommend choosing outfits with sequins so that you can literally sparkle on your special day.

"I love suggesting sequins when a couple wants to incorporate metallics into their wedding day design," declares Thomas Waters, owner and event planner at The Renaissance. "The great thing about sequins is that you can incorporate as much or as little as you want. More brides are changing into a second outfit for the reception, which is the perfect time to add a bit of metallic sparkle to the festivities."

Why should brides have all the fun? Grooms can also embrace this shimmering hue by opting for silver-toned suits to make an eye-catching statement.

Wedding planner Jove Meyer, states: "Think sleek, chic, and unapologetically modern: reflective slip dresses, and tailored suiting that glows with that stainless-steel edge. It's a

vibe that feels fresh, fearless, and fabulously now, a perfect match for marriers who want to walk into their celebration looking like the future, including me, as I wore a silver Dries suit to my welcome party!"

Silver Accessories And Jewellery Pieces Reminiscent Of Eye-Catching Artworks

If you only want a touch of sparkle in your wedding ensemble, experts suggest choosing metallic and silver accessories.

"Incorporating stainless steel or silver metallic elements into your wedding, particularly in your bridal accessories, can create a sleek and modern aesthetic while still maintaining an elegant, romantic vibe," says Heather McReynolds, senior vice president of merchandising, planning, and product development at David's Bridal. "For instance, choose a cathedral-length veil embellished with flowing pearl and crystal details that shimmer with every movement," she adds.



(Courtesy David’s Bridal)

Lastly, choosing stainless steel jewellery is an easy route to embrace the futuristic aesthetic of silver without going all out.

“What makes stainless steel particularly exciting for bridal jewelry is its ability to deliver a sleek, architectural, almost futuristic quality,” adds Mehul Jain, founder of Everbrite Jewellery & Diamonds. “Stainless steel offers a crisp, reflective surface that pairs beautifully with modern silhouettes manifesting as fluid sculptural cuffs, linear earrings, and statement chokers that feel almost like wearable art.”

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