

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Star-crossed lovers, soaring hearts—there's hardly a metaphor for love that doesn't invoke celestial bodies. So why not bring the clouds, moon, and stars to your wedding day? For inspiration, just look up.

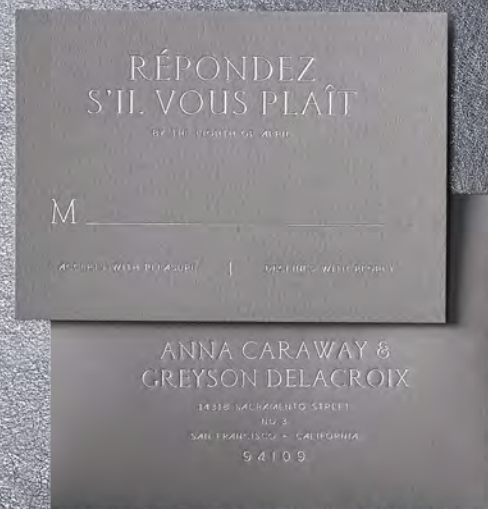
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SKY HIGH

If you've ever looked out the window of a plane and wished you could float among the cumuli, this easy idea should have you on cloud nine.

Paper lanterns are quickly transformed into pretty puffs of white with spritzes of adhesive spray and handfuls of fiberfill. Hang them with barely there monofilament. Arrange them for guests to walk through at your reception entrance, or use them to create a photo station—stocked with props like superhero capes, cardboard lightning bolts, and paper birds—and watch your guests' imaginations take flight.

THE DETAILS: White paper lanterns, 10", \$9.50 for 10, paperlanternstore.com. Loops & Threads "Supreme" fiberfill, \$5.50 for 8 oz., michaels.com. Leanne Marshall "McKenna" gown, \$1,250, and "Zion" overlay, \$1,415, leannemarshall.com.



SILVER LININGS

Juliet famously advised Romeo to “swear not by the moon...” but we *swear* nothing’s more romantic than Earth’s nearest celestial body in all its forms. In this stationery suite, the moon motif first appears on the save-the-date, representing the passage of time as it moves through its cycles. A deep-gray invitation pressed with silver foil bears a crescent (perhaps a nod to the moon’s phase on the evening of the wedding?), while a response card the color of dusk waits to carry news of who will arrive that night. Last, an envelope marked with an apropos lyric from John Lennon holds an invitation to the after-party, a pink sliver of a moon set against shimmering silver foretelling late-night revelry.

THE DETAILS: Custom Invitation by the Aerialist Press, price upon request, theaerialistpress.com.

CRESCENT COCKTAILS

Toast the sun as it fades into the horizon with a drink that’s as pretty as the pink sky: the “Sunset Fizz” (for the recipe, see marthastewartweddings.com/sunset-fizz). It’s best served in clear glasses that show off the ombré effect of layering a shaken mix of lemon juice, gin, and egg white (that would be the fizz) atop ruby-red-grapefruit syrup and club soda. Garnish with grapefruit peels trimmed to the shape of crescent moons, and serve atop napkins speckled with silver glitter spray.

THE DETAILS: Gray Line Linen “Judy” napkins, in color #29, \$10 per yd, mcssl.com. Krylon “Glitter Blast” paint, in Silver Flash, \$5.75, amazon.com.



SOME ENCHANTED EVENING

Table settings inspired by the twinkle of constellations set the scene for a heavenly celebration. A deep-blue cloth hand-dotted with silver paint mimics the look of a starry night sky, as do mercury glass votives wrapped in navy paper punched to allow the glow of candlelight to come through. At each place, a mini crescent moon in its own cloud hovers above a favor box. (The moons are cut from silver paper and perched on wires with puffs of fiberfill around them.)

THE DETAILS: Cru by Darbie Angell "Monaco Platinum" dishes, \$170 for 5-piece place setting, bedbathandbeyond.com. Crate & Barrel "Edge" white-wine glasses, \$13 each, crateandbarrel.com. Matte cover paper, 11" by 17", in Navy, \$13 for 50 sheets, paperpresentation.com. Martha Stewart Crafts screw punch, \$24, dickblick.com. Martha Stewart Crafts multisurface metallic acrylic craft paint, in Sterling, \$3, michaels.com. Nashville Wraps "Black Matte Kraft" jewelry boxes, \$45 for 100, nashvillewraps.com. Silver-glitter grosgrain ribbon, ¼", \$15 for 25 yd., dhgate.com.



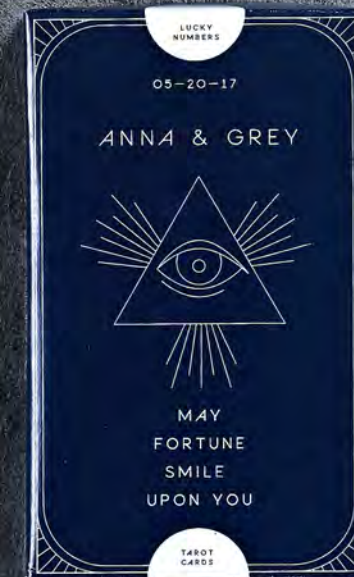
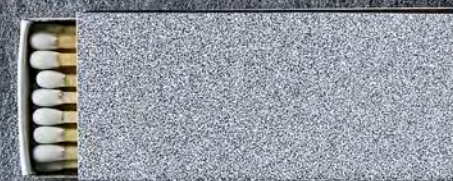
WRITTEN IN THE STARS

For an escort-card arrangement with universal appeal, display a star chart with guests' names pinned on constellations that double as table names. This idea can be translated to other charts, too, like a graphic of the solar system with tables named for planets, or a map of the moon with tables labeled with lunar landmarks like "Sea of Tranquility" or "Ocean of Storms."

CLOUD COVER

This gravity-defying confection is bound to elicit oohs and ahhs (and *mmms*). A puff-pastry base is topped with hazelnut and chocolate custard and sprinkled with pieces of hazelnut praline. For the dramatic garnishes, a hazelnut dipped in caramel that has hardened mid-drip is anchored in vanilla ice cream, and a wisp of cotton candy is balanced on top (visit marthastewartweddings.com/cloud-cake for the recipe).

THE DETAILS: Haviland "Infini Gold" bread and butter plate, \$103, haviland.fr.



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CELESTIAL PRESENTS

Guests at an out-of-this-world wedding should receive favors that are positively cosmic. A custom-wrapped pack of tarot cards is a unique icebreaker and would be fun in welcome bags—add a kaleidoscope dressed up with sky-colored paper for little ones on your list. At the end of the evening, send guests home with cleverly labeled astronaut ice cream and moonshine. (Download the labels at marthastewart.com/celestial-favors.) And for a brilliant send-off, pass out sparklers for guests to light as you make your own getaway into the night.

THE DETAILS (clockwise from top): Astronaut Neopolitan ice cream, \$27 for 10 packs, amazon.com. Silver Mylar food bags, 4" by 6", \$125 for 1,000, uline.com. Rider-Waite tarot deck, \$12, amazon.com. Kaleidoscope "Magic Teleidoscope," in Silver, \$4.50 each, kaleidoscopestoyou.com. Euro Box "Stardream" galvanized silver matchbox, from \$50 for 50, foryourparty.com. #20 wedding sparklers, \$60 for 24 packages of 8, wholesalesparklers.com. Kings County moonshine, \$25 for 200 ml flask, mouth.com.