

INVITE ONLY

We'd like to give a warm welcome to the newest kids on the wedding block, Zed & Bee (zedandbee.com.au). When it comes to creating the perfect stationery for your big day, these two sisters have more tricks up their sleeves than David Copperfield.



Dior Resort 2011 collection.



Chanel Resort 2011 collection.



FOOT JEWELLERY: \$385, LAYLA STARR (LAYLASTARR.COM.AU).

DRESS: \$219.95, MARTINI (02 9663 3311).

PROJECT RUNWAY

We've been happily, yet unexpectedly, inspired by the 2011 resortwear collections of Dior and Chanel. It really was love at first sight when our eyes met with this elegant approach to a shorter hemline and gorgeous beach-style foot jewellery.

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VENUE WE'RE LOVING ...

Can you imagine anything more romantic than setting sail on your wedding day aboard one of Australia's most beautiful and historic boats? The Southern Swan is a sophisticated floating venue that holds up to 100 guests, with packages including live entertainment, wine and canapés, island treasure hunts and twilight dinner cruises. For information on holding your wedding on board, head to sydneytallships.com.au.



Should I change my surname?

You're about to embark on an exciting new phase of life, yet you're faced with the question "Do I want to be Mrs [insert surname here]?" According to Vanessa Bernardo, managing director of I'm a Mrs name-change service (imamrs.com), there's a growing trend for women to keep their surname professionally, but adopt their husband's for official purposes like bank accounts and their driver's license. "Many women spend years establishing a career, and with their progression tracked online, changing names can mean losing this footprint," she explains. Want the best of both worlds? I'm a Mrs will do all the hard (paper)work for you.



Do me a favour

Whoever said you can't do favours for just a few dollars each obviously never met the Cosmo Bride team! In fact, most of these will give you change from a fiver ...

TOP TIER

1 COOKIES \$4 each, Polka Dot Cookies (polka.com.au). 2 JAR OF MUSK LOLLIES \$3.85, Sticky (sticky.com.au).

MIDDLE TIER

3 COOKIE CUTTER from \$2.50, from a range available at Pink Frosting (pinkfrosting.com.au). 4 MINI GRATER \$5.20, Prior Engagement (priorengagement.com.au). 5 OWL SOAP \$3.95, Pink Frosting (pinkfrosting.com.au). 6 PEAR CANDLES \$4.70 for 2, Wedding Star (weddingstar.com.au). 7 TIN PAIL \$1.35, Pink Frosting (pinkfrosting.com.au). CUSTOM-MADE CANDY \$1.85 for 50g, Sticky (sticky.com.au).

BOTTOM TIER

8 SPICE JAR from \$2.99, Ikea (ikea.com.au). JELLYBEANS \$1.10 for 100g, Goody Goody Gum Drops (goodygoodygumdrops.com.au). 9 WINE STOPPER \$3.95, Prior Engagement (priorengagement.com.au). 10 SEASHELL CANDLES \$4.50 for 4, Pink Frosting (pinkfrosting.com.au). 11 TIN PAIL OF CANDIED ALMONDS \$5, Coastal Chocolates (coastalchocolates.com.au). 12 CHOCOLATES \$1.50 each (or \$3.80 for 2 chocolates in treasure chest; ribbon extra), Kiama Cacao (kiamacacao.com.au). 13 TEA INFUSER \$4.50, Pink Frosting (pinkfrosting.com.au).

ON TABLE

14 STUBBY HOLDER \$4.80, Cooler Shop (coolershop.com.au). 15 TIN PAIL \$1.35, Pink Frosting (pinkfrosting.com.au). HEART CANDY \$1.75 for 50g, Sticky (sticky.com.au). 16 LOVE HEART LOLLIPOP \$3.60, Sticky (sticky.com.au).



Q WHAT'S THE NUMBER-ONE CITY WHERE BRIDES CHOOSE TO GET MARRIED?
A NO SURPRISES HERE - IT'S LAS VEGAS, BABY!*