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THEY SAY EVERY GREAT WEDDING planner is a jack-of-all-trades. Party pro Kate Edmonds figured out her career destiny while working in her native England...as a nurse. "I found myself organizing tea parties for my elderly patients," she says. "Next thing you know, I was arranging hospital toga parties, fund-raisers, and staff celebrations." Eventually, Kate left medicine and the U.K. and moved to the U.S. to launch a career in special events-which now includes planning some of New York's swankiest weddings. But no matter how large the budget or guest list, Kate's goal is to create an intimate affair: "I try to put together an event that represents the couple as a family for the very first time. That gives me enormous satisfaction."-Hillary Quinn



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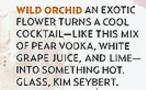


VERY INVITING A LUXE INVITATION SETS THE TONE FOR A GRAND PARTY. HERE, SUE COE DESIGNS' BOOKLET-STYLE INVITE EMBRACES

AN ASIAN LOOK.

FOOT NOTE HER FAVE FOR GROOMS: VELVET DRESS SLIPPERS. "THEY ARE COMFORTABLE EVEN AFTER A FULL NIGHT OF DANCING," SLIPPERS, STUBBS AND WOOTTON.





. KATE'S TAKEAWAY TIPS _

"If you're having favors, choose something that won't just gather dust. It can be as simple as a decorated cookie or as extravagant as an embroidered pashmina shawl."

"Make a basic cake seem more elaborate by serving each piece on an oversize plate, accompanied by sliced fruits and crème fraîche. It makes for a grander presentation."

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