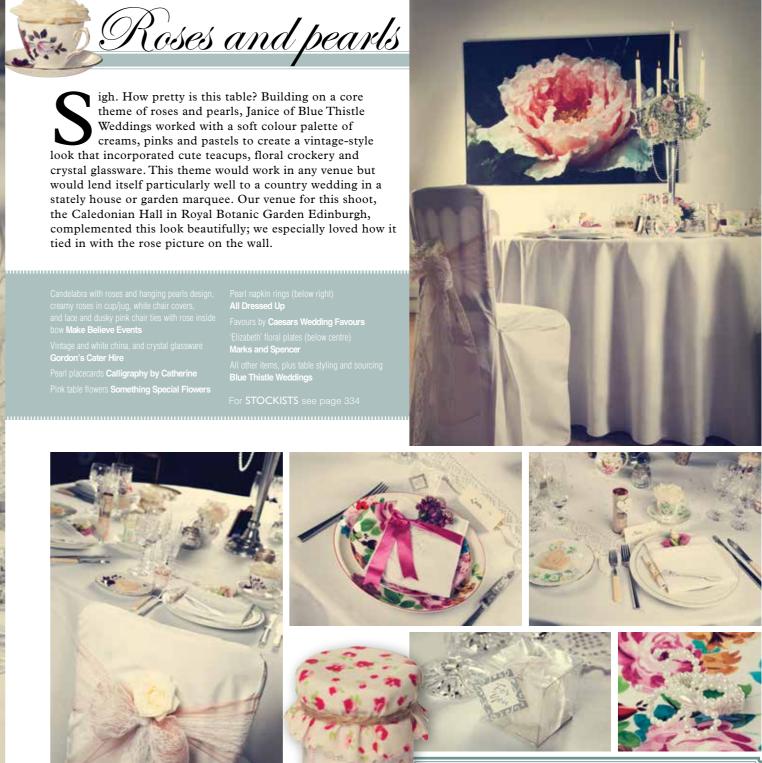
# Dressed to impress These stylish reception themes will ensure

your guests are talking about your wedding long after the confetti's settled!



Photography EMMA CROSSAN



WEWERE DELIGHTED to have the lovely Janice Grimley-Evans of Blue Thistle Weddings (bluethistleweddings. **co.uk)** on hand to style our roses and pearls look, as well as offer styling tips for the other themes in this shoot. Janice is a wedding planner with over 20 years' experience and as well as being able to assist couples in planning their day, she has the creative flair to help bring a wedding theme to life. Fancy picking up some

valuable tips from her? She'll be running two Wedding Academy workshops in September and October alongside other wedding professionals, offering lots of advice on how to plan the perfect wedding no matter what your budget is.You'll get a complimentary glass of prosecco, afternoon tea, goody bag and lots of helpful notes to take away with you too. Email bluethistleperth@aol.com or call 01738 710360 to find out more

## Moroccan magic

r nspired by the warmth and rich, vibrant colours of the Moroccan souks, this theme is one for couples who fancy doing something a little bit different. We kept the linen dark so that we could really go to town with brightly coloured glasses in reds, oranges and pinks and dazzling gold tableware. Tassels, tea glasses, plenty of candles and lanterns in all shapes and sizes added an Eastern feel, and placing cushions on the chairs was a sumptuous finishing touch. You could even carry the theme through to your food with a lamb tagine, spicy couscous and fresh mint tea!

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candles and coloured beads Make Believe Events Gold sequined table runner Etiquette Event Styling Gold charger plates and tasseled napkins Blue Thistle Weddings

Orange and purple cushions Ragged Rose 'Good luck' elephant bookmark favour A Wedding Less Ordinary

Multi-coloured tealight holders dotcomgiftshop Tea glasses All Dressed Up

### glassware with orange stems Maxwell & Williams

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Deep purple tablecloth All Dressed Up Purple chair ties Etiquette Event Styling Clear glassware Venue's own Blue glassware Blue Thistle Weddings Silver Moroccan lantern All Dressed Up repieces) dotcomgiftshop

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hoy, there! We might not always be blessed with beach-perfect weather in Scotland, but you can always bring the coastal feel indoors with a nautical theme. Shades of blue juxtaposed with white look fresh and clean, and splashes of red inject a pop of colour. We loved our lantern centrepiece, which was filled with beach pebbles and shells, and the shell and boat-shaped placecard holders added a cute touch guaranteed to bring a smile to your guests' faces. Ice cream scoop favours complete the look, making dessert a bit of a no-brainer; why not hire an ice cream

'By the sea' lighthouse tealight holder, 'Shining Sails' mini placecard holders and 'Scoop of Love' heart-

shaped ice cream scoop

Caesars Wedding Favours

Shell placecard favour boxes A Wedding Less Ordinary

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cart for the ultimate treat!

Navy blue tablecloth and hessian chair ties All Dressed Up

White chair covers, blue chair ties and tall chrome lantern centrepiece with mixture of shells, pebbles

and church candle inside Make Believe Events

Crockery and clear glassware Venue's own Blue glassware Blue Thistle Weddings







The location of this photoshoot was The **Royal Botanic Garden** in Edinburgh; an idyllic setting for weddings of any kind, from the simplest of ceremonies to a lavish banquet and celebration. The staff are incredibly friendly and helpful, and the menus have been composed using the finest Scottish products and seasonal ingredients some of which are grown in the gardens. Our photos were taken in the Caledonian Hall, a beautifully fresh space with many classical period features

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The Groom

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and beautiful views overlooking the famous rock garden and waterfalls. It has a capacity of 100 for a wedding breakfast, with drinks receptions held in the adjacent pavillion. Alternatively, you can enjoy the additional space at the John Hope Gateway. As you can see, the venue can be styled to suit any theme you like!

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