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ALL THE RIGHT ANGLES

Wedding planners, especially seasoned ones like Simply Wed's Kirstie Warren, who has been planning events for 12 years, jump at the opportunity to produce something new and fresh. Which is exactly what Warren did with "Geometric Dreams," the décor theme for her booth at Columbia Winery during Weddings in Woodinville, an annual bridal event that's hosted by local wineries every January. "Geometric shapes had been all over the fashion scene in the previous seasons, so I wanted to translate that into an awesome event design that was stunning yet approachable," says Warren. She had The People's Cake make three different cakes in a puzzle pattern reminiscent of Rubik's Cubes; strung geometric paper shapes in garlands—geometric boxes can also be used as favor boxes, says Warren—and stacked square, round and diamond-shaped chargers and plates for a layered look. Anne Bradfield of Floessence used blooms in hues of fuchsia, orange, plum and lime green—some with geometric-shaped leaves—in patterned vases for a bit of extravagance. The key is using small touches to avoid a geometric explosion, says Warren. "I love a design that reveals itself as you travel through it. It's the ideal way to engage guests and show off your personality, which is essentially what a wedding design should be all about." *Ali Brownrigg*



PLACE CARDS

WILD KINGDOM

Some couples just have the DIY spirit. For the 11 months between their engagement and aboard a sailboat to their wedding at Bonney Lake's Kelley Farm, Julia and Jeffrey Dull built their own marquee letters to spell out the word "Bar", scoured thrift stores for bud vases for centerpieces and hand-painted 200 plastic farm animals with gold spray paint to use as place cards. "My husband loves animals, so I wanted to include them in a chic way," says Julia, who got the idea off of Pinterest. The two used a vintage typewriter to label the tags, which were attached to the animals with twine, and offered them to their guests as favors at the end of the event. "They were my favorite part of the décor details," says Julia. And it made for a thrifty favor: Julia found plastic farm animals on Amazon for \$84 (for 144), and spent \$42 for six cans of gold spray paint. Total cost per animal: \$1. *A.B.*

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FLOWERS

Fresh Breath

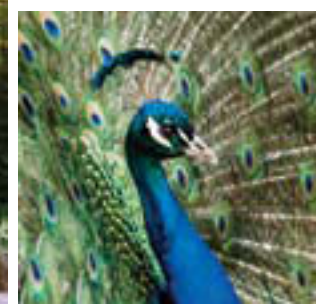
Sometimes, it's the smallest things that have the biggest impact. Such was the case during Shannon and Robert McAndrews' September nuptials at Sodo Park, where huge arrangements of baby's breath—created by florist, Kendra Yaple of Wallingford's Loves Me Flowers—greeted guests as they walked into the venue. Long relegated to filler status in bouquets, the tiny blooms are making a strong showing in 2014. "The baby's breath was my vision from the very beginning," says Shannon, who had the arrangements moved to the buffet tables as centerpieces after the ceremony. "They offered the perfect mix of free spirit and whimsy," she adds, and they're very affordable. Yaple estimates that an arrangement of baby's breath is roughly half the cost of an arrangement filled with more standard wedding flowers—which makes designing with this little bloom both pretty and practical. *A.B.*

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:
A geometric dream;
Delicate baby's breath;
DIY gilded animals



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