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Jacinta Martin at New Place



Tell me a bit about yourself and your hotel....

I'm Jacinta and I am 22 years old. I am the Wedding and Events Coordinator at New Place Hotel in Hampshire. I am such a girly girl and I love dogs – I am trying to convince my manager to get an office dog.

At New Place, we are set on 32 acres which has a grand manor house, a management centre and a variety of bedrooms. Every

morning when I drive in and see our iron gates I feel so lucky to be working at such a beautiful venue doing the job I love.

How long have you worked at your hotel for?

I started in December 2017



How did you get into planning weddings?

I've always wanted to be an event planner so I studied at university and graduated with a First Class Honours in the summer of 2017. I worked for an company dealing with events in Chichester during the

summer and now I have made my way to New Place

How many weddings have you coordinated at your hotel?

Our weddings really kick off in March and then I will be assisting my colleague Kay with around 100 for the rest of the year, and lots for next year too.

What is your favourite part of planning a wedding?

Meeting all the couples as each one is wanting something different from their wedding day so it's very exciting and its unique experience which I am lucky to be a part of.

Are there any trends that you love or any that you want to leave behind?

I love flowers and I have jumped straight on the flower wall band wagon. i love everything about a flower wall especially the fact that you can change the colours to match a colour scheme.

I prefer trends which are quite neutral and modern so anything that is a neon colour or very bright I would prefer to leave behind preferably in the 80's.

What's your favourite colour combo for a wedding?

I am obsessed with rose gold and silver because they add a touch of glamour but nudes colour schemes are a strong contender for my favourite colours combinations.



What traditions have you seen disappear whilst being a wedding planner?

I think the only traditional I have seen disappear is having a top table – I've seen a few weddings where the couple move tables on each course, so they can talk with some of their guests - I think that's a lovely idea.

Which celebrity wedding would you like to co-ordinate?

When I was younger I always said 'I want to be a celebrity wedding planner' so I would organise any wedding. But I think if I had to choose a specific one it would have been Kim Kardashian and

Kanye West's, I am obsessed with neutral colours and fresh flowers and that is exactly the theme they went for. Plus, imagine who would be on the guest list!

What quirky things have you seen some of your bride and grooms have at their weddings?

Over the Christmas period we had a wedding where each guest's place card was a bauble with their name on it. I thought that was so fun and quirky but such a sentimental gesture as well. A 'cheese' cake is also becoming more and more popular. So, the couples have their traditional cake as well as another tiered cake made up of cheese wheels.



Some quick-fire tips for brides and grooms planning their wedding.

- Ask for advice on anything and everything.
- Take your time and explore every option.
- Don't compromise on what you want, it's your day so have everything your way.
- But I think the biggest tip is to have fun and enjoy the process, remember the day is all about you!