

Whether aglow under the stars, or with crisp white peaks brilliant against a summer sky, tents have a fairytale quality. Perhaps this is why more and more brides are choosing tented weddings. Combine the romance of these canvas creations with the numerous ways to customize your special day, and a tented wedding can be the perfect choice.

"People want their weddings to be more personal," says Nicole Mower, owner of Nicole Mower Weddings and Events of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. "They want to tell their individual stories, and tents are a blank canvas. You can explore your own theme, vision and style and create a wedding unlike anyone else's."

Jennifer Matthews of Memorable Events in Westmoreland, New Hampshire agrees. "Tented weddings are definitely a trend. Part of the appeal is that the couple can have their special day at a place that really means something to them, whether it is a family home, a summer place, or a gorgeous location that they find inspiring. A tented wedding can be created almost anywhere."

Tent Talk

Today's tents are not only visually breathtaking, they also come in a wide range of sizes and styles and with a host of amenities available. "We offer three main tent styles," says Bob Soucy of Special Events of New England of Manchester, New Hampshire. "We have the Century tent, which is characterized by high peaks and a dramatic profile. It is bright white vinyl and is a strong, rigid tent. It is our most popular tent with brides. We also offer framed tents. These have lower roof profiles and metal pipework frames. They are not as romantic as the other styles, but are well suited to a wide range of uses, and the lack of a center pole can be a plus. Gaining in popularity is the sail cloth tent. It has a vintage look, like an eighteenth century tent, with banners flying from the peaks. It has wooden poles and comes in off-white."

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A Canvas for Your Dreams

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