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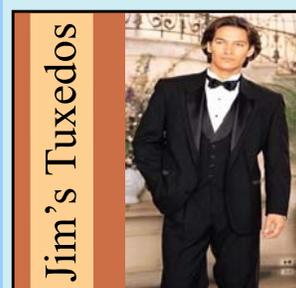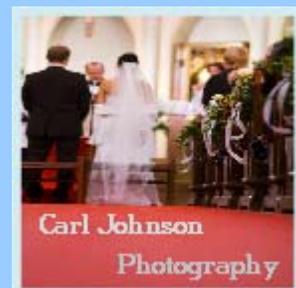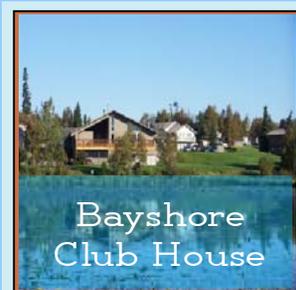
Pretty in Pink Centerpiece

Creating this Centerpiece is Easy! Here's How:

1. Start by selecting an attractive clear glass container for the centerpiece. Here, an elevated bowl on a glass pedestal was used, but feel free to use a more standard style of bowl for equally lovely effects.

2. Fill the container with fresh water.

3. Select your floating candles.

4. Place the floating candles in the water. To mimic the look in the photo, crowd the candles in the container - for this particular container, four candles was about all it could hold, and we crammed them in! If you prefer a different look, use fewer candles.

5. Now its time to add the *Pièce de Résistance* - the rose petals. It's the rose petals that really cap off the look in this particular centerpiece design and give it that super-romantic, super-soft visual effect. Just place the petals on water and around the candles, and *be sure* to also sprinkle them on the table, around the centerpiece to finish that wonderful setting!

Unity Candles

Figure A

Figure B

Figure C

Figure D

Materials:

Tall white pillar candle
Copy of wedding invitation
White decorative trim
Low-temp glue gun and glue
Straight pins with white ball tops
Scissors
Wire cutters
Cloth-covered wire
Three purchased white bows, or wire-edged white ribbon to make bows
White silk rose or white silk flower embellishments
Two tall glass taper candleholders
Two white taper candles

UNITY CANDLE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut out the written portion from the wedding invitation in a rectangle or square, depending on the layout. A copy is used rather than an original because invitations are usually printed on heavy card stock that won't readily curve around a candle.

2. Place the invitation copy around the candle, leaving room at the top for the candle to burn without burning the invitation and space at the bottom for embellishments (**figure A**).

3. Use wire cutters to cut the straight pins to a length of about 1/2" below the ball heads (**figure B**).

4. Starting in the upper left corner of the invitation, place the trim across the top edge of the paper, securing it by pushing pins through the trim and paper every 1/2". Go all the away around the invitation. Cut off the trim when it reaches the beginning point. There's no need to use glue: the pins will keep the paper and trim in place (**figure C**).

5. Hot-glue a white silk rose or white silk flower to the center of a purchased wire-edged bow, or make your own looped bow. Hot-glue the bow to the space between the invitation and the bottom edge of the candle. Low-temperature glue is recommended so it won't melt the candle. Hot-glue additional silk flowers around the invitation, if desired (**figure D**).

6. Tie cloth-covered wire around each of the other two bows (or make two more bows from ribbon). Wire a bow around the top of two clear-glass taper candleholders. Place a white taper in each holder (**figure E**). Place the pillar candle between the tapers.

Notes:

Balloon Centerpieces

The balloon bouquet is the most basic of all balloon centerpieces.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1 Inflate your balloons correctly. Use a sizer to make them all the same size and don't over inflate. A properly inflated balloon has a teardrop shape, an over inflated balloon looks like a light bulb. It's ok to under inflate if you are going for a round shape, but make sure you keep all the balloons the same size.

2 Use odd numbers. 3, 5, 7 etc.

3 Make sure all the bouquets are the same height by keeping the top balloons the same height. Make one centerpiece and then use it as a guide for all the others. When the top balloons are all the same height it will give the room a uniform look.

4 Don't just use a mylar weight. Dress things up a little. Take 4 smaller balloons and make a weight cover or dress the weight up with some fabric. Party store mylar weights are ok for some things, but you don't want to use them for your tables.

5 Curl the ribbon tails. Easy, just like when you wrap a present and add curling ribbon. It's a step that is too often overlooked, but one that makes a difference.

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