

## WEDDING STYLE

# NATURAL TOUCH

Bolder than before, natural tones will set the scene for weddings of 2017, joined by touches of industrial chic and glamorous details for the most fashionable of reception theme fusions. **Rebecca Grainger** tells us more...

## Rustic barn chic



The popularity of rustic weddings shows no sign of waning, but this year expect to see a blend of the traditional with the contemporary; the natural with the urban and industrial.

Owner of wedding venue The Barn at Cott Farm, Somerset, Oliver Seyfried tells us that his couples are choosing “a rustic wedding venue with a bit more glamour for the year ahead.” Think country barn exteriors with original wooden doors that swing open to reveal bright, modern interiors, and the

juxtaposition of glistening chandeliers with trestle tables, log slices and cottage garden flowers.

In line with Tree of Hearts stationer Lisa Forde’s predictions that “pops of colour, contemporary ideas and texture will be key,” 2017’s rustic themed weddings will be decked with bolder statement blooms. Straw bales and bare wooden furniture will be upcycled with lace drapes, glimpses of glitter and bursts of bright co-ordinating fabrics. Jam jars will be merged with metallic

accents and potted plants to balance all things urban and rural while also introducing a little luxury.

The ethos of choosing local produce will continue to flavour rustic receptions, with guests sipping cider-based cocktails in the West Country and enjoying a dram of whiskey in Inverness. Ploughman’s, sharing platters and traditional comfort foods done well will be served to bare tables, with more relaxed table runners replacing the traditional cloths.