



## A WINTER ROMANCE

Crystal, snowflakes and icy blue... the Winter Wonderland wedding theme isn't for the faint-hearted. But when done right, this theme has it all; the fantasy, the drama, and a powerful ambience that can sweep your guests off their feet.

LOCATION: HOLIDAY INN SINGAPORE ORCHARD CITY CENTRE



1. Majestic centerpieces help recreate the grandeur of a fantasy winter wonderland. When the stringed crystal beads draped over the branches catch the light from the ballroom spotlights, the centerpieces look like they're glimmering. Contact Sing See Soon ([singseesoon.com](http://singseesoon.com)) to see how they can recreate this look for you.

2. Exchange your vows amidst the flickering flames of votives. Use a mix of crystal tealight holders and taller frosted glasses for texture and carelessly scatter acrylic crystal beads around the table for the icy effect. Crystal beads from [Iwannagohome.com.sg](http://Iwannagohome.com.sg), French Lace ring pillow from [www.madevlove.com](http://www.madevlove.com)

There's no doubt about it: this Winter Romance wedding is one of those that require a lot of planning. However, the visual effect is undeniable, and for an unforgettable wedding, there is no better reason to go all out.

White, blue and silver and more than a little sparkle can go a very long way. A grand chandelier in the hotel ballroom, like this one in HOLIDAY INN SINGAPORE ORCHARD CITY CENTRE will be very helpful with achieving this look, while you can approach a décor expert to create the look for you. While you can't have a snow-filled ballroom with tree-lined avenues, get them to provide bare-branch topiaries topped with crystal embellishment.

The timeless look of luxe crystal candelabra and silver candles and tealights are crucial for setting the mood. Keep the house lights dim and use plenty of candlelight to dramatise the look. For flowers, go for the everlasting crystal bouquet with white flowers. Opt for bare-branch potted plants with crystal and beaded drapes for your centerpieces.

3. Customise your wedding cake according to your theme. This blue-tiered cake with snowflakes was created by Cheryl of [www.cherylshuen.com](http://www.cherylshuen.com) for the shoot.



To make your wedding extra memorable, let your guests bring home a little special something from your fantasy wedding. Instead of napkin rings, tie the napkins with a crystal gift and a ribbon, and invite them to keep the crystal as a memento. For a wedding too grand to personalise, this is the best way to let your guests know they are treasured. bb

4. Show your guests how much you treasure their attendance by giving each of them a thoughtful gift to bring home. This crystal snowflake is a Christmas Ornament Annual Edition 2009 from Swarovski, perfectly suited for the theme. Glitter silver serving plate from Iwannagohome! (iwannagohome.com.sg) Printed menu from The Card Room (thecardroom.com.sg).

5. Instead of regular wedding favours, we're sure your guests would love some of these! From left, snowflake bookmark from [www.weddingkaren.com](http://www.weddingkaren.com), snowflake and Victorian filigree favour boxes from [www.madevlove.com](http://www.madevlove.com), crystal compact mirror, crystal heart ornament and organic mints in box from [dreamweavers.com.sg](http://dreamweavers.com.sg).

6. For your lovely bridesmaids, why not express your gratitude with these ornate crystal gifts? From left, crystal picture frame, crystal wedding cake and present, and crystal treasure box, and large crystal photo frame from Swarovski.

7. Don't leave the men out! These crystal salt and pepper shakers and bottle stoppers are not only beautiful as ornaments, but also extremely functional. Give them to your groomsmen and they'd be delighted. Elegancia photo frame from Iwannagohome! (iwannagohome.com.sg) Table number from The Card Room (thecardroom.com.sg), crystal bottle stopper from Wedding Karen (weddingkaren.com), crystal salt and pepper shakers, and wine bottle ornaments from Dreamweavers (dreamweavers.com.sg).

8. Don't forget to match your wedding stationery to your theme. It may seem unnecessary at first, but your efforts will not go unnoticed. Take your pick from *The Card Room* ([thecardroom.com.sg](http://thecardroom.com.sg)), where there are many templates and designs to choose from.



9. Add some sparkle and glow at your solemnisation table with these crystal candleholders and tealight holders. These holders look great at candlelit dinner tables or even on their own as ornaments. Holders of various sizes from Swarovski.



10. Instead of harsh ballroom lights, request for the spotlights to be dimmed throughout the dinner, and use candles to create that soft, dreamy look. The soft glow also encourages conversation, which is great if your guests have to wait in between service. Floral arrangements by Sing See Soon ([singseesoon.com](http://singseesoon.com))



11. Serve welcome drinks with table escort numbers at the reception desk as guests mingle amongst themselves so they won't forget their table numbers. Add a tiny drop of Blue Curacao liqueur to any clear alcohol or fizzy drink for a wonderful blue cooler. Drinks and handmade table escort numbers from *Wedding Concierge*.



12. To add extra glamour to your toasting ceremony, use personal crystal toasting flutes that you can keep as wedding keepsakes. Crystal champagne flutes from Swarovski. Edible miniature wedding cake from [www.cherylshuen.com](http://www.cherylshuen.com)



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