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# great lengths

Long banquet tables dressed in colorful linens and fresh floral groupings are bringing reception guests closer together. Here's how couples across the country are personalizing the trend.

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## Purple pizzazz

Eggplant and amethyst were the colors of the night, with a dozen large lanterns dangling above rows of lucky bamboo, fuchsia calla lilies and punchy lime-yellow blooms. **Planner:** Colin Cowie Lifestyle. **Photo:** Eliot Holtzman, eliotholtzman.com.



## Rich earth tones

Wooden boxes filled with rose hips, snowberries, Vanda orchids, James Story orchids and terra-cotta roses complement the bride's taupe gown and the champagne hues in the bridesmaid ensembles. **Floral/event designer:** David Mitchell, Still Life Fine Event Design, Morristown, N.J. **Photo:** Berit Bizjak, imagesbyberit.com.



## Simple lines

White gerbera daisies, roses and spider mums contrast with tall calla lilies, which the bride chose for their architectural quality. **Floral designer:** Rick Thompson, Flower Gallery of Chantilly, Chantilly, Va. **Photo:** Rodney Bailey, rodneybailey.com.

## Sun and surf

River stones, sand and white orchids tied with orange ribbon reflect the beauty of Nantucket beaches, and recall the site of the groom's proposal. **Floral designer:** Distinctive Floral Design, Great Falls, Va. **Event designer:** apherea inc, Brooklyn, N.Y. **Wedding coordinator:** Engaging Affairs, Inc., Alexandria, Va. **Photo:** Kent Smith.



## East meets West

Towering sections of fresh bamboo support an eruption of James Story orchids to transform a room into a lush Balinese courtyard. Fresh wheatgrass and orchids planted at the base evoke a vibrant Indonesian esthetic. **Floral designer:** R. Jack Balthazar, South Pasadena, Calif. **Wedding planner:** Mary Sushinski, Occasions Bridal Consulting and Event Design, Los Angeles. **Photo:** Niki Delacueva.



## Tuscan garden

No less than 8,000 sunflowers were used to decorate the bride's family tennis court—as dramatic as the flower's tragically romantic mythology. **Floral designer:** R. Jack Balthazar, South Pasadena, Calif. **Wedding coordinator:** La Soirée Events, Los Angeles. **Photo:** Niki Delacueva.

## Rustic chic

Among a sea of white candles, rust-colored linens and vases covered with moss and gold and copper wire accentuate a fall-inspired sunset wedding. **Floral designer:** Orna Maymon, Ornamento Fine Flowers and Events, San Francisco. **Wedding coordinator:** Angela Nelson, The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay, Calif. **Photo:** Anna Kilbridge Photography, kilbridgephotography.com.

