Fabulous reception and venue chairs

Adapt your choice of chair detail to the chairs that the venue provides and to your personal style and budget.

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Most venues supply chairs with white chair covers, although some have wrought iron or Tiffany chairs available for you to hire.

A wide satin or organza ribbon, with a single perfect bloom tucked into the bow, tied onto your alternate guest chairs, is very effective, yet simple.

If you are not in favour of bows, the ribbons tied in a knot, with the flower and trailing ribbon tails creates a modern and stylish effect. As Organza Chair Sashes are wider than ribbon, the effect the bow creates will be soft and gentle.

Feather Boas or Tulle creates a whimisical, romantic style. The ribbons or sashes, with flowers can also be tied on the pew ends at the Church.

If your wedding ceremony takes place at a venue, they will often move the chairs and place them around the guest tables after your service. Tiffany chairs are elegant and do not require much, if any further embellishment. A small heart or cross, with ribbon, can be tied onto the side of the chair.

The chair details concepts below can be simplified to suit your personality, décor and budget. Your final choice will depend on which chairs you decide to use.

VIBRANT

A combination of colour and texture using red & purple fabrics, with bold proteas, creates a dramatic statement. A simpler option would be to use 2 ribbons, in different widths and colours, with a single perfect bloom.

BOLD & BRIGHT

A mini posy or statement flower tucked into tulle, or tied with ribbons adds interest to the chair.

VINTAGE

Ecru crocheted lace, an air plant and a concrete rose heart combine to give a vintage feel.Simplify the effect by using lace, with either a rose or a small twig heart.

AVANT GARDE

Provide the 'wow 'factor with a combination of colours and textures by using feathers, ribbons and bold flowers. To simplify, tuck one feather into the flowers, and tie with ribbons.

PEACEFUL

Beautiful white lilies encircled by a blue organza sash is simple and effective.

ROMANTIC

The white tulle and feather boa, with pearl detail add a romantic touch to the day. The decorated chairs would look lovely positioned along either side of the aisle.

GENTLE & GRACIOUS

Rose petals enveloped by white tulle, which is tied over the chair back, with a small bird and twig heart add a gentle touch.

FAITH & LOVE

The greenery cross and natural heart proclaim your faith and love. To simplify, use small twig crosses or a heart.