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Kevin Costner & Christine Baumgartner Plan Their Aspen Wedding

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"We wanted the bouquets to look as if they had just been picked from the garden," says Olabarrieta, who varied their heights to give them an informal feel.

## ■ purple & brown ■



Looking for a "wow" reaction? Skip white and go for drama. Choose a rental company with an inventory that includes chic shades like the purples shown here. Select a variety of hues within one family and use an accent color (in this case, brown). "Lavender is sweet," says Emilio Olabarrieta, co-owner of Arquetipo, an event design company in Puerto Rico, "but with chocolate-brown, it makes a strong statement."

For this garden-wedding tabletop Olabarrieta, whose clients include Donatella Versace, used the idea of a bridal bouquet as a starting point. He created arrangements of lilacs, lisianthus, bupleurum and chocolate cosmos tied together with a satin ribbon and skipped vases, placing the bouquets directly on the table. "Because it's so uncommon," he says, "it becomes a conversation piece."

Square tables with cushioned benches lend themselves to a cozier, more casual setting. Stick with the same shape in accessories such as chargers, plates, bowls, candles and wood trays (all rentals) to unify your look.

1. Mahogany chargers (\$8 each), square plates (\$3 each) and bowls (\$2 each), and satin tablecloth (\$25 each); rented from Arquetipo, 787-721-2479. Wine glasses (\$2.35 each) and water glasses (\$5.50 for 10); Triserve Party Rental, 212-752-7661. Wood-handle silverware (\$2.40 per setting); Broadway Famous Party Rentals, 718-821-4000.
2. With the table number on the front and menu inside, this trifold card (\$1,100 for 100; Silver Lining Graphics, 212-631-7565) does double duty.
3. Bouquets are cut straight and reinforced with wire so they stand without vases. For additional sources see page 476.