

Fall in Love Wedding Invitation Challenge

Extended! Submissions Deadline: Monday, November 25, 2013 at 8am PT

Love is in the air! Your challenge is to re-invent the traditional wedding invitation with unique, fresh designs to wow both brides and grooms. We're looking for a full range of themes: from traditional to whimsical, from backyard to ballroom. Don't be shy to show us something we've never seen before! Our special guest judges are from the popular site Weddingbee.com, and will be featuring their favorite designs on their blog for a special vote with their huge community of brides -- don't miss your chance for some amazing press coverage.

We will be asking for suite items (see below for details) for all selected invitations as well as coordinating day-of pieces and reception decor for a select number of designs. This is a chance to launch an entire wedding collection, so don't miss out!

PRIZES:

The top-rated designs, as voted by the community, will receive the following prizes:

- **FIRST PRIZE: \$1,500**
- **SECOND PRIZE: \$750**
- **THIRD PRIZE: \$500**
- **FOURTH-THIRTIETH PRIZES: \$200**

GUEST JUDGES' AWARD:

Our special guest judges at Weddingbee.com will be awarding a \$500 prize and blog coverage to the design that receives the most votes from their huge community of brides and couples as part of a special voting challenge on their site!

EDITOR'S PICKS AWARDS:

Designs selected as an Editor's Pick will receive a \$200 prize. All top placeholders and Editor's Picks (including special prize winners) will earn a commission of 6% of net sales of the products sold, in addition to the cash prizes. Remember that wedding is one of only three categories that could qualify you for the highest levels of our [CMYK program!](#)

Creative Notes:

- We are accepting mostly non-photo cards and will consider a small selection of photo cards. Photos for you to use are provided in the Submission Kit.
- Please only submit a design for the front of your card. Winners will later be asked to submit 4-5 alternate colorways and matching accessories (a matching RSVP card, backer, envelope liner, Skinny-Wrap address label, reception card, directions/accommodations card, and thank you note) for their design.
- **DIMENSIONS:** A7 (5" x 7") or square (6" x 6") flat card, double-sided printing. Both landscape and portrait orientations are fine. Please allow for a .1" bleed.
- Designs should be able to accommodate average-length names (about 20 characters for a full name).
- Be clever with your design elements! Minted customers love that we offer unusual, customizable details on our invitations. Please also be sure to include enough text room to include important details such as couples' and host's names, date & time, location and attire.

Other things to consider:

- In submitting multiple designs, do not submit the same design in multiple colorways (or slight variations of the same design).
- Choose unique names for your designs. Be creative! Also, do not include the phrase 'Wedding Invitation' in your title. This will be added automatically.
- Please use only alpha-numeric characters in the design names (e.g., no commas, semi-colons, dollar signs, etc.). Be aware that adding spaces or other characters amidst the letters may, in the future, make a search for your design difficult.

What Happens Next?

- After you submit your design, you are able to **edit your design** as many times as you want before the launch of voting. Simply login to your Design Studio, click on "Manage Your Collection" and click "edit" underneath the design you want to edit.

SPECIAL PRIZES:

Among the top rated designs and Editor's Picks, Minted will award special prizes to these individual designs, decided by Minted's editorial team. These prizes are picked by our merchandising team to provide guidance on what they are looking for - so if you need some inspiration, start here!

- **Classic Award** for the best sophisticated and timeless design that pleases more traditional couples and their parents while still being a fresh take on a classic (Examples include "[Charming Go Lightly](#)" and "[Grand Lace](#)"): **\$1000**
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- **Not Overly Femme Award** for the best gender neutral design that will be sure to please men as well as women: **\$1000**
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- **Foil Pressed Award** for the design with elements that truly shine in foil-pressed metallics. Please note only non-customizable text and elements will be foil pressed - see our [holiday](#) or [baby announcement](#) foil for inspiration: **\$750**
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- **Rustic Love Award** for the best design for a rustic wedding: **\$250**
- **Trendsetter Award:** What's the next trend? This award is for the best design for our most trend-forward couples: **\$250**
- **Same-Sex Marriage Award** for the best design that specifically celebrates a same-sex wedding: **\$250**
- **Shapely Award** for the design that best uses one of our Minted's die-cut Silhouette shapes: **\$250**
- **Newbie Award** for the best design from a first-time entrant: **\$250**
- **Top Customer Pick:** **\$250**

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All submissions must be received by 8am PT, 11/25/2013

1 Create your designs

You will be designing wedding invitations (dimensions 5" x 7" or 6" x 6"). You may submit multiple designs, however, you cannot submit the same design in multiple colorways. We have provided templates in the submission kit.

- If your design is selected, final artwork will be required in Adobe® InDesign® or Illustrator® format only. Final artwork must be in CMYK mode, with bitmap elements at a minimum 300 ppi. Please no spot colors or RGB colors. You may use the Pantone® Color Bridge® CMYK/Uncoated guide, but be sure to always create your files using the CMYK build. All textual typesetting must be editable in Illustrator® or InDesign®, however, any font that is used as a graphic element (i.e. dingbats, flowers, etc.) must be converted to outlines. We no longer accept Photoshop® files in final artwork. Please include all linked files. Bitmap elements should be in TIFF format (NO JPEGs).

2 Create low-res submission files

Upload a JPEG or GIF of your design. Your file must be 200kb, with the larger side at 550px maximum.

3 Read and accept the Terms and Conditions

As part of the Entry Form, you will be asked to thoroughly read and agree to the Minted Terms and Conditions for Design Submissions. NOTE: Terms and Conditions are updated each challenge, and there is important information that you should know about. The Minted Terms and Conditions are included with this document.

4 Fill out Online Entry Form and submit designs

Submit your design at by clicking "submit a design" at www.minted.com/contest. You may be asked to log in or create an account. Please fill in the form completely, and upload your Submission Image. PLEASE CHOOSE A UNIQUE NAME for your design, using only alpha-numeric characters (e.g., no commas, semi-colons, dollar signs, etc.).

How to prepare your submissions for the Web:

- For submission, your file must be no larger than 550 x 550 pixels, under 200kb, and in JPEG or GIF format. Files that are too large will not be accepted. JPEGs must be in RGB color mode.

Designs Created in Illustrator

- From the File Menu in Illustrator, select 'Save for Web & Devices...'
- We recommend selecting the Preset 'JPEG High.' Quality 60 is usually fine, but it can be optimized as you see fit to get the best file size/quality ratio.
- Just below the presets menu, click on the 'Image Size' tab. Make sure the 'Constrain Proportions' box is checked.
- Set the larger side of your design to 550 pixels and click on the 'Apply' button, then save.

Designs Created in InDesign

- From the File Menu in InDesign, select 'Export.' Below the 'File name:' box you will see the 'Save as type:' drop down menu where you will select JPEG.
- Once you click on the 'Save' button an export JPEG menu will pop up. Select a resolution of '72' from the drop down menu.
- Once you've saved your image from InDesign, open the file in Photoshop to Save for Web. From the File Menu in Photoshop, select 'Save for Web & Devices...'
- We recommend selecting the Preset 'JPEG High.' Quality 60 is usually fine, but it can be optimized as you see fit to get the best file size/quality ratio.
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A Few Frequently Asked Questions.

See the the full FAQ at: <http://www.minted.com/designer-faq>

Who should I contact if I am having technical difficulties submitting?

Please read through the above FAQ first as your question may be answered there. If not, email us at designers@minted.com and someone will get back to you. We check this email regularly during the week, as well as the weekend before a submission deadline.

How can I submit artwork created in a physical medium?

You will need to scan in your artwork and create it at a high, for-print resolution. For large-scale artwork, we suggest taking a high-quality photograph of the work or finding a local print shop or architectural firm that has the ability to scan larger items.

Can I use clip art in my designs?

Royalty-free clip art is permitted, but only as long as the source licenses the art for reproduction in items for sale. Many clip art books only allow for reproduction for 'personal use only'. Anything that you have to purchase online is not permitted. The reason for this is that Minted would then have to re-purchase that design if your entry was selected, likely at a much higher premium because of the scale of our reproduction.

Fonts

Minted licenses all the fonts that we use for print and online. We are not able to distribute fonts, so each artist must purchase his or her own. Please use fonts from our approved list (www.minted.com/designer-font-list). Although you may submit with other fonts for consideration in the challenge, keep in mind that fonts used in winning submissions that are not on that list will very likely be substituted. If you have any questions about fonts or potential substitutions, drop us a note at designers@minted.com and our resident font expert will happily help you out.

Repurposed Designs

At times we may want designs to be reworked and placed in multiple categories to expand their opportunity to sell, which benefits both Minted and the designer. It is our policy to not to pay more than one prize payment on the same design, whether the repurposed design was submitted to a challenge or a request was sent outside the challenge process. You will, of course, receive commissions on ongoing net sales for all originals and repurposes.

Minted, LLC Terms and Conditions for Design Submissions

Minted, LLC (“Minted,” “we,” “our,” or “us”) appreciates your participation in our “Fall in Love Wedding Invitation Challenge” contest (“Contest”) via your submission of a design (hereinafter the “Design”). By submitting the Design to Minted, you agree to the following terms and conditions (“Terms and Conditions”):

You promise that each and every Design you submit to Minted (a) is your own original work, (b) has not been previously published, distributed, or reproduced anywhere by any means in any medium (including in any books or magazines or on any websites) other than in a single original work if the Design was first produced in a tangible medium (e.g., watercolor or other painting or photographic negative), (c) does not contain any trademarks, logos, or copyrighted material other than that which has been provided to you by Minted or that you solely own, and (d) does not contain any content subject to any right of publicity or privacy or any intellectual property belonging to any third party. You acknowledge that you will not use any content provided to you by Minted for any purpose other than to submit Designs incorporating such content to Minted in connection with this Contest.

You acknowledge that Minted may decline to select a Design for voting on Minted.com (our “Site”) or as the winner of a cash award as part of the Contest (a “Prize”) for any reason in its sole discretion.

If the Design is selected to be displayed by Minted for voting on our Site, then you grant us the right to upload, modify, reproduce, create derivative works of, and display the Design for the purposes of promoting Minted and this Contest on our Site and otherwise throughout the world, in Minted’s sole discretion, both during and after the Trial Period (as defined below).

You hereby license us the use of your name and identifying information and image (“Designer Name”) for purposes of promoting the Design both during and after the Trial Period.

If your Design is selected for a Prize by Minted, effective upon such selection, you hereby immediately and irrevocably assign to Minted the entire right, title, and interest in and to the copyright and all other intellectual property, “moral,” and other rights in your Design, including, if applicable, any original work (e.g., painting, photograph, or other work of art) on which the Design was based (collectively, the “Work”), including the right to sue for past infringement and the right to license the Work to third parties. For clarity, the assignment of your right, title, and interest relating to the Work does not take effect until and unless the Design is selected for a Prize by Minted.

Whether or not we select the Design for a Prize, you may not offer for sale, sell, or submit the Design to others or otherwise publish, distribute, or reproduce the Design or allow others to do so for any purpose until the date that is 90 days after the Contest’s submission deadline (the “Trial Period”). After the expiration of the Trial Period, if Minted has not notified you that it has selected the Design for a Prize, then you will be free to use the Design for any purpose. If the Design is selected for a Prize, (a) you may not reproduce, sell, or otherwise use or distribute the Design (or derivatives of the Design) in any manner whatsoever or allow others to do so, including making copies of the Design in any form for your personal

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During the Trial Period, we may display the Design in connection with use on products offered for sale to assess consumer interest, even if we have not yet selected your Design for a Prize. If a customer orders a product incorporating the Design, the Design will be deemed selected for a Prize and you will be compensated as if the Design were an Editor’s Pick.

If the Design is selected for a Prize, then we shall pay you a lump sum cash amount and a Sales Commission, as follows:

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In addition, Minted may select additional pieces for sale as Editor's Picks, with those artists receiving \$200 prizes, as part of this Contest. Products based on the top 30 designs (as voted by the community), Editor's Picks, and Special Prize winners will be made available for sale on our Site, with those designers receiving 6% of net sales of the products sold (as further

described below), in addition to the applicable cash Prize.

SALES COMMISSION: Designer will be paid a 6% commission on Net Sales of any Minted products sold by Minted that wholly incorporate the Design (the "Sales Commission"). "Net Sales" is defined as the retail price received by Minted from its customer, i.e., the price charged after any promotional discounts, shipping, and taxes, excluding chargebacks and returned and/or defective products. Minted may offer any products incorporating the Design at any price, for any amount of time in any market, in Minted's sole discretion. Sales Commissions shall be paid to you within 90 days from the end of each calendar quarter in which they were earned. Calculation of Sales Commissions shall be in Minted's reasonable discretion and shall not be subject to audit or other verification by you. If Minted believes that you have breached any provision of these Terms and Conditions, then Minted may cancel or suspend any payments of Sales Commissions to you without prejudice to any other rights Minted may have against you.

You alone shall be responsible for the payment of any tax that arises as a result of receiving payment from Minted, as we will not withhold any taxes from the Prize or Sales Commissions paid to you.

If your Design is selected for a Prize, the cash Prize will be sent to you within 90 days after Minted receives (a) high-resolution artwork of the Design and for four to five additional colorways, including a matching RSVP card, backer, envelope liner, Skinny-Wrap address label, reception card, directions/accommodations card, and thank you note, selected for sale, deemed suitable for print, and (b) a signed version of any documents reasonably requested by Minted that confirm the terms set forth in these Terms and Conditions, including the assignment of the intellectual property rights in the Design from you to Minted. If the high-resolution artwork is not deemed suitable for print, as determined by Minted in its sole discretion, then Minted will notify you of the reason(s) for its determination by email. If, after providing you with written notice to produce high-resolution artwork, Minted does not receive high-resolution artwork for the Design selected for sale within 14 days, then Minted reserves the right to withdraw your Prize and refuse you payment for use of the Design.

You may also be required to submit an Inspiration Board if your Design is selected for a Prize. "Inspiration Board" means an A7 portrait-sized design containing photos or images that relate to and led to the creation of the Design. You must provide credits for all photos and images used, including the name of and link to the source. Inspiration Boards shall be considered "Materials" (as further defined below) and are required for all Designs selected for a Prize, regardless of the category.

You may not submit any materials, including, without limitation, photographs or other images, text, graphics, videos, visuals, sounds, data, files, links, or other materials including the Design ("Materials") that could infringe any rights of privacy or publicity, copyrights, or other intellectual property rights, unless you have the permission of the owner of these rights and the persons (or their parents or legal guardians, where

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