



# CONFETTI PLANNING GUIDE

THE SIGNATURE CONFETTI PLANNING GUIDE

Your complete guide to creating a joyful, colourful,  
unforgettable confetti moment

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# INTRODUCTION

Your confetti moment is one of the most joyful parts of a wedding day.

It's loud, colourful, emotional, energetic — and iconic.

This guide gives you everything you need to create a confetti throw that feels effortless and photographs beautifully. Built from real weddings across West Sussex, from windy coastal celebrations to woodland aisles and elegant manor houses, it's full of practical advice and lived experience.

By the time you've read through, you'll know exactly how to create a confetti moment that feels like you — fun, relaxed, authentic, and bursting with joy.



## CHOOSING THE PERFECT CONFETTI

Confetti looks best when it floats, catches the light, and hangs in the air long enough to fill the frame.

### *Biodegradable petals*

The best option. Delphinium, hydrangea and rose petals create a soft, fluttery effect and are venue friendly.

### *Mixed sizes*

A combination of small and medium petals adds texture and movement.

### *Colour choices*

Think about your surroundings:

Bright colours pop against stone buildings and greenery

Soft pastels look elegant in woodland or shaded areas

Whites and neutrals glow beautifully in sunlight

### *Quantity*

You need more than you think.

A large handful per guest creates full, cinematic photos.

Under ordering leads to sparse, flat images.



## WHERE TO CREATE YOUR CONFETTI MOMENT

The location shapes the atmosphere and determines how the light falls.

**Church or ceremony exits**

Classic, emotional, high energy moments.

**Garden pathways**

Great for space and guest flow.

**Woodland aisles**

Soft, diffused light and natural depth.

**Beach front pathways**

Bright skies, open views, dramatic motion — incredible for unique weddings

**Choose a location with:**

Enough space for guests to stand comfortably

Clean backgrounds

Even lighting wherever possible



## WHERE TO CREATE YOUR CONFETTI MOMENT

At one wedding, the couple's dog happily walked back down the aisle beside them, adding personality and joy to the moment and creating some unforgettable images.

### Light, Weather & Timing

Light makes or breaks a confetti moment — but you don't need perfect weather.

**Soft, even light**

Open shade or lightly overcast skies are ideal.

**Backlight**

With the sun behind you, confetti glows and creates a halo effect.

**Harsh sun**

A slight angle adjustment keeps faces bright and avoids squinting.

**Wind**

A gift — wind makes confetti dance, swirl and fill the air.



# REAL WEDDING

HIGHLIGHT: SELSEY SEASIDE WIND

Selsey is famous for windy days, and at one wedding the confetti took flight in every direction — sweeping, spinning and filling the sky.

Wind added movement and emotion that simply couldn't have been planned.

It became one of the most atmospheric confetti sequences I've ever photographed.



## GUEST BRIEFING: THE SECRET TO BIG CONFETTI PHOTOS

A quick 10 second briefing transforms the whole moment.

Ask someone to say:

“Throw up and over, not directly at them.”

“Wait until they’re right in the middle.”

“Use big handfuls — don’t be shy!”

“Cheer as they walk through!”

It’s simple, quick, and unbelievably effective.



## WALKING THE CONFETTI AISLE

The number one mistake couples make?  
Walking too fast.

**Walk slowly**

You only get this moment once — savour it.

**Hold hands**

It keeps you connected and natural.

**Look around**

Your guests are celebrating you — soak it in.

**Pause once**

A small pause creates a beautiful, emotional frame.



## THINKING ABOUT YOUR VEIL

Veils + confetti = stunning movement.

But:

- Secure your veil well
- Be prepared for petals to catch in the fabric
- If the wind is strong, consider removing the veil for the throw

A well timed swoosh of the veil can become the highlight of the entire sequence.



## HOLDING YOUR BOUQUET

For the best photos:

- Hold your bouquet low
- Avoid covering your torso
- Keep your elbow relaxed
- Turn slightly towards your partner

Small adjustments make the images feel open and effortless.



## CREATING YOUR CONFETTI TUNNEL

A good tunnel is:

- Two rows of guests, two people deep
- Arms raised so confetti falls from above
- Wide enough for both of you to walk comfortably
- Long enough to create movement and storytelling

A rushed, short tunnel limits the moment.  
A well planned one creates magic.

## CONFETTI AFTER THE CEREMONY

Immediate after throw ideas:

- Hugs with family
- A few relaxed “just married” portraits
- Transition into canapés
- Group photos while everyone is still energised

Confetti builds momentum — keep that energy rolling.



## SEASONAL CONFETTI TIPS

### Spring

Pastels, dried floral, fresh greens.

### Summer

Bright colours to match the sunshine.

### Autumn

Warm tones — reds, oranges, golds.

### Winter

White or metallic petals for a frosted effect.

## CREATIVE ALTERNATIVES

NOT EVERY COUPLE CHOOSES PETALS —  
ALTERNATIVES CAN BE JUST AS STUNNING:

- BUBBLES
- DRIED FLORALS
- LAVENDER OR HERBS
- RIBBON WANDS
- PAPER SHAPES
- FEATHERS (INDOOR ONLY)

CHOOSE WHAT SUITS YOUR PERSONALITY AND  
VENUE.



## COMMON CONFETTI MISTAKES

- Not ordering enough confetti
- Guests throwing too early
- Confetti thrown at faces instead of above
- Walking too fast
- Choosing a space that's too narrow
- Not considering the wind direction

All easily avoided with this guide.



## CONFETTI CHECKLIST (PRINTABLE)

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- Choose biodegradable confetti
- Order at least a handful per guest
- Confirm venue rules
- Pick the best location
- Check the light at that time of day
- Plan your tunnel layout
- Choose someone to brief guests
- Secure veil and bouquet
- Walk slow, enjoy the moment
- Plan what happens next



## FINAL THOUGHTS

- Your confetti moment isn't just a tradition — it's a celebration of everything that brought you to this point.
- It's loud, joyful, emotional, colourful and unforgettable.
- Plan it well, keep it relaxed, and lean into the moment.
- The images will speak for themselves.

Thank you for reading this guide.

If you're planning a wedding and love natural, relaxed photography, I'd love to hear your story.

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