

winter wonderland

Celebrate your nuptials in snowy whites, glittery silvers, and rich golds.

winter wonderland menu:

demitasse of creamy carrot ginger soup
argula and endive salad with apples, pecans,
and roquefort cheese
his and hers beef wellingtons
lemon-butter broccolini
truffled mashed potatoes
winter wonderland wedding cake



menu countdown



2 weeks before:

- Shop for non-perishables.
- Buy beverages.
- Prepare soup and freeze.

4 days before:

- Shop for duxelles and filets.

3 days before:

- Shop for perishables.

2 days before:

- Sear filets for Wellingtons.
- Shop for remaining perishables.

1 day before:

- Assemble Wellingtons.
- Make vinaigrette for salad.
- Combine lemon-butter for broccolini.
- Thaw soup.

3 hours ahead:

- Slice apples and toss with lemon juice.

2 hours ahead:

- Warm soup.
- Assemble salad and keep chilled.
- Assemble mashed potatoes and keep warm.

30 minutes ahead:

- Bake the Beef Wellingtons.

At the last minute:

- Sauté broccolini and toss with lemon-butter.
- Pour soup into cups and garnish.
- Plate Beef Wellington, broccolini, and mashed potatoes.

winter wonderland decorating ideas:

COLORS: Whites, silvers, and frost blue colors with gold and silver sparkling accents create an elegant winter feel. For a more festive theme, you can add an accent color of Christmas red, forest green, or vibrant plaid.

INVITATIONS: Choose a metallic colored paper or ink for your invitations. Whether or not you do it yourself, the metallic and shimmery colors are a little more expensive but create the “frosty” winter wonderland effect. Consider white embossed seasonal designs embellished with silver or gold accents for your invitations such as Christmas trees, ornaments, holly, or snowflakes to create a wonderland look.

SAVE THE DATE CARDS: Cut out invitations from metallic cardstock in the shape of winter designs and print your save the date message on them in black ink. If done in a postcard style, make sure that your card is at least 5 inches long and 3.5 inches high so that it will go through the mail. Silver ball ornaments for Christmas trees make adorable save the date reminders. Just handwrite your message and date on the ornament. Your guests will love this keepsake Christmas reminder. For a more fun and lighthearted idea, take some “wintery” engagement pictures and insert them into a photo snow globe. Write your save the date information on a small white card in silver metallic ink and send these items together.

FLOWERS: In keeping with the white and silver theme, use dusty miller, silver-dollar eucalyptus, and baby blue eucalyptus, mixed with white flowers such as roses, crocus, or lilies. Insert splashes of color with arrangements using brilliant Christmas poinsettias, holly, and ivy.

CENTERPIECES: Fill tall glass vases with silver coated apples, pinecones, and snowflakes. Mix in an occasional gold accent piece and place in the center of the table atop a sheer

or gossamer fabric like netting. Tie the base of each vase with wide, sparkly gold ribbon. Fill wide glass bowls with various shaped silver ornaments and place silver or gold tinsel strands throughout to contrast. Surround the base of the bowl with an assortment of wide strips of icy white, silver, and gold ribbon. For a tall, more festive effect, cover an assortment of different sized cones with silver paper, sparkly silver fabric, or even shiny silver wrapping paper trimmed with edging shears. Additional embellishment like sequins or ribbon can be added to the covered cones. Placing one or two of these cones on a large silver charger plate can be a lovely centerpiece when placed among several smaller, crystalline trees or gold-tinged ornaments at its base.

FAVORS: Chocolate truffles or other candies look especially winter-like when wrapped in beautiful small silver boxes. Add white and gold curled ribbon and tiny jingle bells to the outside to finish the decorative box. Christmas sugar cookies make excellent favors when delicately frosted and bagged in silver or white gift bags topped with sparkly tissue paper. Tie silver bows to the outside of frosted-glass tea light holders and then fill them with a white or silver candle. If you find a tea light with a winter or holiday smell this makes the small gift even more charming. Pair these tea light holders with mini-decorated Christmas wreaths for a true holiday favor. Give your bridesmaids the gift of pretty winter wraps that they can wear on the wedding day and throughout the season.

DRESS SUGGESTIONS: Let the bride truly evoke the winter season by pairing her beautiful wedding dress with a lovely faux fur white wrap. Have the bridesmaids wear dresses of either dark silver or deep crimson. Pair each dress with a white organza wrap. Groomsmen can wear crimson boutonnieres and vests . . .