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Jazz Up Your Dance Floor

Entice dancers at your reception with an inviting design.

While a power buffer and a splash of polish will brighten up a dull dance floor, why not inject some personal style to really make things sparkle?

All you need is a little inspiration to take your dance floor from ho-hum to va-va-voom.

According to decor specialists at Miami's M.E. Productions, who worked events for numerous Fortune 500 companies, giving a dance floor style just requires some creative vision and the knowledge of four simple principles.

1. Avoid obstructing traffic or the view of the dance floor. "Whatever the decor, we always have to be mindful of blocking the guests' view of the action, which is usually taking place on the dance floor," says Linda Reeder, M.E.'s director of social sales.
2. Any surface decorations must be thin and made virtually flush by taping the edges down.
3. For obvious reasons, do not put anything slippery on the floor like rose petals or plastic streamers.



Linda Reeder
Dir. of Social Sales



4. Keep the tables at a good distance from the dance out of range of any overly enthusiastic dancers.

Here are a few ideas suggested by M.E.'s design team: Topiary trees or floral arrangements at the corners of the dance floor can add much needed dimension. Pillars, available from theatrical rental outlets, are a simple way to add elegance.

A lighting professional can project colored lights or "go stencils" of your names, initials or your wedding date on the floor.

Flower arrangements echoing the theme of the reception suspended over the floor, make an expansive room feel more intimate.

Themed decorations can be painted on the unfinished or inexpensive linoleum or vinyl flooring. Adhere it firmly to the dance floor with two-sided tape underneath and color-coordinated gaffer's tape along the edges. Balloons—floating, arched or suspended over the floor waiting to be released—are festive.

Sheer fabric panels draped across the ceiling, or hung from columns at the corners of the floor, help define the space.