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## Be Seated

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If you're planning a wedding ceremony outside a church or synagogue -- where guests are traditionally seated in pews -- you probably have far more options than you realize when it comes to seating. Not only do you have choices regarding the style of seating, you also have choices regarding the arrangement. You could do all white folding chairs in a square formation or a mixture of benches and ottomans in a more random design. Or, you could skip seating altogether and ask the guests to stand. In addition, you can vary the way the aisle is designed. No one said it has to be a straight line! Flip through these photos to see 13 of the most innovative seating designs imaginable.

### Creative Ceremony Seating



1 of 13  
 Kim and Niki

Menu

### No Chairs

For this wedding on the stairs inside the former San Francisco Public Library, local planner Pamela Fishman Cianci arranged the guests on the sides, looking down. The venue does not allow guests to stand on the stairs, so only the couple and their wedding party did so. "The bride and groom's parents met in the middle and stood in the loge, which was transformed into a cocktail area afterward," says Cianci.

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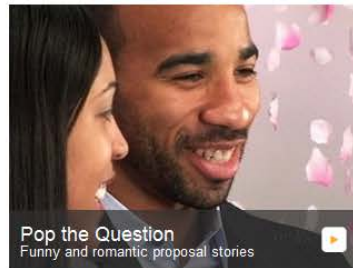
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