



African Roots

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We live in such an exciting country with so much cultural diversity and it is a great privilege for us to be a part of so many beautiful weddings none of which are the same.

It is obvious that the African Heritage is showcased through wedding décor. This is an alluring option for international guests who want to have an African style wedding in Africa. The colours used are earthy and natural with a leaning towards dry wild flowers and natural grasses displayed in beautiful, hand painted African pots.

Draping is used but is called MAMZI, which refers to the soft and gentle nature bestowed on women. This helps give the venue a soft and romantic feel.

Typically the décor is simple, natural and not too busy with the focus on people and the African heritage. Much of the décor is in daily use and includes the hand woven plaited grass under plates. This is hand work at which Africans excel and makes for effective table de-



cor. Amaxcantsi hand woven grass mats, which are used for sitting and sometimes sleeping on, work extremely well as runners on the tables. The African décor would not be complete without the traditional Calabash which is traditionally used to store water and beer.

South Africa boasts some of the most beautiful venues, many of which are in Game Reserves and Bushveld Lodges. These lovely venues are the essence of Africa and are best dressed accordingly. Either way the rich and earthy feel of African décor will give the venue a unique look that is not only beautiful but also authentic.

Sarah Plank is an entrepreneur who recently bought out a hiring and décor company that specialises in functions of all types. To this collection she has added an exciting broad range of African décor to give your function a truly authentic African feel. Sarah has been in business for 15 years and has a wealth of knowledge and experience. See advert on page 47.