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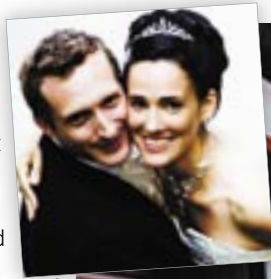
Be inspired by YouTube's best-known newlyweds with a first dance your guests will remember for all the right reasons

For most couples, strutting onto the dance floor as their guests whoop and laugh would be enough to put them off a first dance altogether. But for Julia Boggio and James Derbyshire, it was exactly the reaction they wanted. The film-mad couple themed their entire day around their favourite movies but it was the finale – a re-enactment of the legendary scene from classic chick-flick *Dirty Dancing* – that turned them into veritable celebrities after the video of their routine was posted on YouTube.

“You can hear our friends cheering on the video,” says Julia. “They only realised what we were about to do when James ran his hand down my arm. At the end of the day, we just wanted to make everyone laugh.”

They also wanted to get it right, so they roped in choreographer friend Stuart Burrows to break the dance down into baby steps (pun intended!).

“James wasn’t that keen in the beginning,” admits Julia. “He thought I was kidding when I first suggested the idea but when he saw how much it meant to me, he threw himself into it. We practised on and off for about six months, starting off in Stuart’s living room, then graduating to his garden



when we got to the more complicated stuff. In between, we’d practise in the kitchen as we were waiting for dinner to cook. On a trip to France to buy Champagne, we even practised in a field near a ruined abbey!”

Although it was originally just posted on YouTube for friends in the USA, the video has now reached the top 50 most watched clips with more than one million viewers. “We’re thrilled about the response it’s had,” says Julia. “Not just because it’s putting a smile on people’s faces,

but also because it seems to be inspiring people to do something fun and different.”

Log on to www.youtube.com now for a host of hilarious wedding performances. And if you’re still having trouble convincing your groom, make like Liz Hurley and get the girls in on the act. At one of her many wedding celebrations in India, Liz was joined by Janet Street-Porter, Trinny Woodhall and Tamara Beckwith in a saucy belly dancing routine. Now who wouldn’t have killed to have seen that? 📺

WIN! THE PERFECT HEN WEEKEND WITH DIRTY DANCING



We’ve teamed up with *Dirty Dancing*, the classic story on stage, to offer one lucky bride-to-be the perfect hen weekend. The prize includes six tickets for the sell-out show at the Aldwych Theatre in London’s West End (www.dirtydancingonstage.com), two nights in a Radisson Hotel and a meal for six to the value of £250 in Chez Gérard Covent Garden. In addition, 20 runners-up will receive a DVD of the movie starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey, along with the World Premiere Collector’s Edition CD of songs from the

stage show. To enter, call the Wedding competition line on 0904 160 0167* and leave your answer to the question (below), plus your name, address and postcode. Alternatively, you can text WEDDING7 followed by a space and your answer, then your name, house number and postcode to 86611*. If you wish to receive additional information from Wedding or carefully chosen suppliers please add the word YES to your entry.

QUESTION: WHICH ACTOR STARRED IN THE FILM VERSION OF DIRTY DANCING?
a) Patrick Swayze b) Tom Cruise c) Brad Pitt

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