



Texas Wedding Guide

Wedding Planner

Tips, timelines and essential
checklists for your perfect wedding

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Timeline Planner: road to the altar



Photo courtesy Legacy Travel - Celina Gomez

9-12 Months

- Set a date
- Create a budget and discuss sharing of expenses
- Decide on the overall tone of your wedding: formal, semi-formal, informal
- Discuss color themes, design and decoration ideas
- Select a wedding planner
- Reserve location of ceremony & reception
- Start guest list
- Talk with parents about their financial assistance
- Shop and select gown, veil and accessories
- Select wedding party

8 Months

- Interview and select a caterer
- Shop for wedding rings or begin to have rings designed
- Interview and select a floral designer
- Interview and select a photographer and videographer
- Schedule an engagement photo session date

- Register gift preferences with two or more bridal registries
- Select musicians and music for ceremony and reception
- Reserve location of rehearsal dinner

7 Months

- Book officiant
- Secure reservations for honeymoon and make travel arrangements
- Rent any necessary equipment for ceremony/reception
- Select wedding party's apparel
- Send Save-the-Dates with hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Order invitations, personal stationery and wedding programs

4-6 Months

- Reserve wedding day transportation
- Experiment with hairstyles and make-up with veil/headpiece
- Select make-up artist and hairstylist
- Sample and order wedding and groom's cake
- Arrange any documents you might need for travel or marriage license

Timeline Planner: road to the altar

3 Months

- Mail invitations
- Select reception menu
- Shop for wedding party gifts
- Print the wedding program
- Confirm delivery date of wedding dress

6-8 Weeks

- Final consultations with wedding planner, florist, musicians, photographer, videographer, decorators, rental company, etc.
- Select photos for your video slide show
- Final gown fitting date: _____
- Final wedding party's fitting date: _____
- Arrange name/address changes on bank account, credit cards, driver's license, social security and utilities
- Send local newspaper wedding announcement/photograph

2-4 Weeks

- Schedule appointments for manicure, pedicure, facial, massage
- Mail invitations for rehearsal dinner
- Take bridal portrait (remember make-up artist)
- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Record gifts as you receive them; write thank-you notes
- Confirm final appointments for hair stylist and make-up artist
- Review reception seating; order place cards/calligrapher
- Confirm wedding party transportation and arrival times
- Confirm lodging for out-of-town guests
- Arrange for professional gown and bouquet preservation
- Secure marriage license
- Prepare gift bags for out-of-town guests
- Send out wedding weekend schedule to wedding party, immediate family and necessary vendors
- Call guests who have not yet RSVP

1-2 Weeks

- Pick up wedding rings; check sizes and engravings
- Final confirmation with wedding planner, florist, musicians, photographer, videographer, decorators, rental company, etc.
- Final guest count to reception facility and caterer
- Remind men to pick up formal wear/shoes and check for fit
- Pack for your honeymoon



Photo courtesy Lilands Special Events

Timeline Planner: calendar

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January

1st - New Years Day
17th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February

14th - Valentine's Day

March

9th - Ash Wednesday

April

19th - Passover
24th - Easter

May

8th - Mother's Day
30th - Memorial Day

June

19th - Father's Day

July

4th - Independence Day

September

5th - Labor Day
29th - Rosh Hashanah

October

8th - Yom Kippur
10th - Columbus Day

November

24th - Thanksgiving

December

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25th - Christmas Day

2012

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Money Matters: who pays for what?

Bride

- + Wedding ring for groom
- + Wedding gift for groom
- + Gifts for the bridal attendants
- + Personal stationery
- + Gift for her parents
- + Gown preservation

Bride's Family

- + Entire cost of reception and ceremony
- + A wedding gift for the newlyweds
- + Engagement party
- + Bride's wedding attire
- + Wedding consultant (if hired)
- + The wedding invitations, thank-you notes, announcements and postage
- + Engagement and wedding photographs
- + Transportation for bridal party to ceremony and reception
- + Security and insurance for gifts
- + Bridesmaid's luncheon
- + Flowers: Bridal bouquet and wedding party bouquets
- + Accommodations for out-of-town bridesmaids and bride's wedding party

Groom

- + The bride's ring
- + Wedding gift for the bride
- + The marriage license
- + Gifts for best man, groomsmen and ushers
- + Wedding Flowers: bride's bouquet, corsages for mothers and boutonnieres for the men in the wedding party
- + Accommodations for out-of-town ushers, groomsmen or best man
- + Fee for officiant
- + Rehearsal dinner/party
- + The honeymoon
- + Transportation to airport
- + Gift for his parents



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Groom's Family

- + Their traveling and hotel expenses
- + Wedding gift for the newlyweds
- + Rehearsal dinner

Wedding Party

- + Wedding attire and formal wear
- + Travel expenses to the wedding
- + Bridal shower or bachelor party
- + Wedding gift for the couple

Money Matters: expense estimates

	AVERAGE COST				AVERAGE COST		
	from	to	percent of budget		from	to	percent of budget
Wedding/Engagement Rings	\$ 1,500	\$ 12,000	1%	Stationery	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	3%
Wedding Consultant	\$ 1,200	\$ 10,000	3%	Save-the-Date/Invitation	\$	\$	
Wedding Attire			8%	Calligraphy	\$	\$	
Bridal Gown	\$ 1,000	\$ 12,000		Thank-You Notes	\$	\$	
Shoes/Headpiece/Veil	\$ 200	\$ 900		Postage	\$	\$	
Lingerie	\$ 200	\$ 800		Place Cards/Menus	\$	\$	
Accessories/Jewelry	\$ 200	\$ 800		Programs/Place Cards	\$	\$	
Preservation/Alterations	\$ 300	\$ 700		Health & Beauty	\$ 900	\$ 2,400	1%
Tuxedos	\$ 300	\$ 500		Day of Beauty	\$ 175	\$ 1,000	
Bridesmaids' Luncheon	\$ 350	\$ 950		Hair/Make-up/Spa	\$ 300	\$ 1,200	
Rehearsal Dinner	\$ 2,000	\$ 15,000		Flowers	\$ 1,200	\$ 10,000	8%
Ceremony	\$ 500	\$ 1,500		Ceremony/Reception	\$	\$	
Officiant Fee	\$ 200	\$ 550	1%	Bridal Bouquet	\$	\$	
Marriage License	\$ 41	\$ 41		Attendants	\$	\$	
Reception	\$ 10,000	\$ 70,000	49%	Parents & Grandparents	\$	\$	
Site Location	\$	\$	9%	Honored Guests	\$	\$	
Caterer/Food	\$	\$	30%	Hotel Accommodations			2%
Beverages/Bar	\$	\$	8%	Wedding Night	\$ 250	\$ 650	
Decorations	\$	\$		Out-of-Town Guests	\$ 250	\$ 3,000	
Gratuities and Taxes	\$	\$		Honeymoon	\$ 1,800	\$ 6,500	
Bride & Groom Cakes	\$ 1,200	\$ 5,000	2%	Gifts/Favors/Extras	\$ 150	\$ 1,000	
Music and Entertainment				Transportation			
Ceremony Music	\$ 600	\$ 3,000	1%	Bride/Groom	\$ 350	\$ 1,500	2%
Cocktail Hour Music	\$ 400	\$ 1,000		Wedding Party	\$ 350	\$ 1,500	
Dance Band	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000	4%	Guest Valet	\$ 350	\$ 1,500	
Disc Jockey	\$ 800	\$ 3,000	3%	Miscellaneous	\$	\$	
Photography/Video	\$ 3,000	\$ 15,000	12%				
Engagement	\$	\$					
Bridal Portrait	\$	\$					
Wedding Day	\$	\$					
Wedding Albums	\$	\$					
TOTAL	\$	\$					

Money Matters: budget

	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>Balance</i>		<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Wedding/Engagement Rings	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Stationery	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Wedding Consultant	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Save-the-Date/Invitation	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Wedding Attire				Calligraphy	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Bridal Gown	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Thank-You Notes	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Shoes/Headpiece/Veil	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Postage	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Lingerie	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Place Cards/Menus	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Accessories/Jewelry	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Programs/Place Cards	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Preservation/Alterations	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Health & Beauty	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Tuxedos	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Day of Beauty	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Bridesmaids' Luncheon	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Hair/Make-up/Spa	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Rehearsal Dinner	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Flowers	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Ceremony	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Ceremony/Reception	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Officiant Fee	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Bridal Bouquet	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Marriage License	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Attendants	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Reception	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Parents & Grandparents	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Site Location	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Honored Guests	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Caterer/Food	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Hotel Accommodations			
Beverages/Bar	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Wedding Night	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Decorations	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Out-of-Town Guests	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gratuities and Taxes	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Honeymoon	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Bride & Groom Cakes	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Gifts/Favors/Extras	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Music and Entertainment				Transportation			
Ceremony Music	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Bride/Groom	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Dance Band	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Guest Valet	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disc Jockey	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	Miscellaneous	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Engagement	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	SUBTOTAL this column		\$ _____	
Bridal Portrait	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	SUBTOTAL left column		\$ _____	
Wedding Day	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____				
Wedding Albums	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	TOTAL		\$ _____	
SUBTOTAL	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____				

the *Savvy Bride's*



guide to smart savings

by **Rayven Williams**
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Every bride has a budget and making your dollars stretch in this economically turbulent time is crucial. Here are a handful of simple tricks to efficiently and resourcefully maximizing your wedding spending.

Whether your affection is for elegant simplicity or over-the-top opulence, there are plenty of smart ways to maximize your allocated budget, without skimping on the elements that are most important to you, and our noted industry experts are sounding off with savvy ideas for sensible savings. "There are lots of ways to maximize your budget with customized menus, looking at alternative wedding dates [Fridays and Sundays for example] and working with other brides to share floral and décor," says Linda Poole, Director of Catering at the Driskill Hotel in Austin.

Generally speaking, the largest portion of the wedding budget goes towards the reservation of the ceremony site and reception venue. With so much importance invested into this aspect, it's important to know exactly what you are getting for the price you are paying.

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— Rebecca Wright,
Special Events Coordinator for Truluck's

“One great tip is to rely on a service provider that you already have a great relationship with and use that person as a referral source for other vendors,” says Rebecca Wright, Special Events Coordinator for Truluck’s. “Ask your venue coordinator for help connecting you with a florist or rehearsal dinner location they know and trust. You’ll soon realize that booking business with competent coordinators will save you time and money,” she adds.

Choosing your rehearsal dinner or reception menu can be difficult – as the hosts, you want to entertain and please all of your guests. When you can’t seem to narrow down your choices or stick with one idea, consider having various food stations or even a buffet. “When dealing with large numbers, this makes it easy to appease everyone’s taste by offering a spread of options, while at the same time, lowering costs because it is less labor intensive and requires a smaller wait staff,” says Chef Andrew Ormsby of Andrew Ormsby Catering. Secondly, selecting in season and local market products for your menu will cut down on the catering expense, he adds.

Floral and décor also takes a bite out of the wedding budget. But Bryna Morrow with Dr Delphinium Designs has a couple of key pointers for adhering to your budget. “Stick to using one type of flower in your centerpieces. A mass of the same flowers will give you a big “wow factor” for less,” she advises. “Skip the floral transfer from ceremony to reception, you will end up paying your florist for their time. Designate a friend to make the move for you,” Morrow adds. And finally, “let your florist work with what’s naturally in season – this will save on expensive shipping costs.”

When it comes to shopping for your wedding gown and your bridesmaids’ dresses, the earlier the better, says Stella Sach of Bridal Collections by Stella. Many wedding parties recently include upwards of ten or more bridesmaids, which may initially sound expensive, but ordering your girls’ gowns in bulk actually saves money, as many manufacturers offer early order and quantity discounts. Another great way to save on bridal fashion is to shop sample sales, says Stella, for beautiful gowns at a fraction of the regular retail price.

Maximizing your wedding budget doesn’t have to be about cutting corners or eliminating traditional elements of importance, it simply means thinking clearly, asking the right questions and using your available resources to make your money last.

Quick Tips for Smart Savings

- + Cut your guest list
- + Opt for a dinner buffet at your reception
- + Shop for white shoes & accessories during the offseason
- + DIY floral & decorations
- + Shop sample sales for your gown
- + Share décor & accessories with other brides
- + Select local & seasonal florals and menu options
- + Choose a caterer/venue that provides table linens, flatware, etc
- + Order bridesmaid gowns in bulk
- + Get recommendations from your service providers
- + Arrange to have a friend help move items from ceremony to reception
- + Save on postage by asking guests to RSVP online or by phone
- + Set your date for October – April (the off months)
- + Plan a Friday or Sunday wedding
- + Stick with one to two types of flowers
- + Want a discount? Ask for one – it never hurts to ask

Vendors: contacts and checklists

Ceremony

Location: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Clergy: _____
Fees: _____
Rehearsal Date and Time: _____



Photo courtesy Stoneleigh Hotel

Don't Forget:

- Location
- Date availability
- Fees
- Number of guests for space, comfortably
- Postponement/cancellation policy
- Changing room for everyone
- Handicap access
- Availability of nursery/babysitter

Notes:

Reception

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Website: _____
Fees: _____
Rehearsal Date and Time: _____

Don't Forget:

- Proximity to the ceremony location
- Date availability
- Rental fees
- What is included in fees
- Capacity
- Postponement policy
- Cancellation policy
- Handicap access
- Overtime charges
- Escalation clause
- Gratuities and taxes
- Coat check
- Restroom facilities
- Wait staff

Notes:

Rentals:

- Tent
- Tables/chairs
- China
- Cutlery/utensils
- Glassware
- Linens/table skirts
- Chair covers
- Dance floor
- Bartenders
- Bar equipment
- Wait Staff
- Serving trays/ dishes
- Heaters/air conditioners
- Lighting/electrical outlets
- Valet arrangements
- Stage

Vendors: contacts and checklists

Caterer/ Venue

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Website: _____
Items Ordered: _____
Delivery Time: _____
Cost: _____
Deposit: _____
Balance Due Date: _____

Don't Forget:

- Standard or customized menu
- Special meals for restricted diets
- Price per guest
- Method of payment
- What does price include?
- Availability of nonalcoholic beverages
- Top-shelf vs. house brands
- Cost of "open bar" vs "service"
- Private label
- Bring your own? Corking fee
- Dessert table policy
- Cake cutting fee - per slice
- "Floating" servers
- Host's per-drink tab arrangement

Notes:

Cake/bakery

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Website: _____
Items Ordered: _____
Bridal cake flavor: _____
Bridal cake icing: _____
Bridal cake tiers: _____
Number of people will feed: _____
Groom's cake flavor: _____
Groom's cake icing: _____
Delivery Time: _____
Cost: _____
Deposit: _____
Balance Due Date: _____

Notes:

Vendors: contacts and checklists

Wedding Consultant/Planner

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Cell Number: _____
Email: _____
Website: _____
Fees: _____
Responsibilities: _____



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Transportation

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Arrival Time: _____
Cost: _____
Deposit: _____
Balance Due Date: _____

Notes:

Music

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Arrival Time: _____
Cost: _____
Deposit: _____
Balance Due Date: _____

Song List:

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Arrival Time: _____
Cost: _____
Deposit: _____
Balance Due Date: _____

Song List:

Vendors: contacts and checklists

Photographer

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Website: _____
Services Purchased: _____
Items Ordered: _____
Arrival Time: _____
Cost: _____
Deposit: _____
Balance Due Date: _____
Pick Up Date: _____

Videographer

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Website: _____
Services Purchased: _____
Items Ordered: _____
Arrival Time: _____
Cost: _____
Deposit: _____
Balance Due Date: _____
Pick Up Date: _____

Don't Forget:

- Bride dressing for ceremony
- Bride, full-length solo
- Bride with parents
- Bride with mother/father separately
- Bride with grandparents
- Bride with sisters/brothers
- Bride with maid of honor
- Bride with attendants
- Bride with groomsmen
- Bride with ring bearer
- Bride with flower girl
- Groom, full-length solo
- Groom with parents
- Groom with mother/father separately
- Groom with grandparents
- Groom with sisters/brothers
- Groom with best man
- Groom with groomsmen
- Groom with bridesmaids
- Bridesmaids and groomsmen
- Attendants getting ready
- Attendants outside church
- Parents being seated
- Bridesmaids walking down the aisle
- Flower girl/ring bearer walking down aisle
- Bride and father walking down the aisle
- Father giving bride's hand to groom
- Exchanging of vows
- Ring ceremony
- Exchanging kiss
- Recessional
- Formal bride and groom together
- Newlyweds and parents
- Newlyweds and bridal party
- Close-up of couple's clasped hands
- Receiving line – guests and bridal party
- Cake table
- Couple cutting cake
- Couple feeding cake to each other
- Best man toast
- Maid/Matron of honor toast
- Cake servers
- Musicians
- Newlyweds' first dance
- Guests dancing
- Candid photos during reception
- Bride tossing bouquet
- Groom removing garter
- Groom tossing garter
- Catching bouquet and garter
- Guests throwing seeds, bubbles
- Newlyweds getting into limo or car
- Newlyweds waving goodbye
- Post-reception party

Notes:

Vendors: contacts and checklists

Bride's Gown

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Website: _____
Fitting Dates: _____
Cost: _____
Alteration Fees: _____
Pick-Up Date: _____
Deposit: _____
Balance Due Date: _____

Maid/Matron of Honor's Attire

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Website: _____
Fitting Dates: _____
Cost: _____
Alteration Fees: _____
Pick-Up Date: _____
Deposit: _____
Balance Due Date: _____

Groom and Groomsmen's Attire

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Website: _____
Cost: _____
Alteration Fees: _____
Pick-Up Date: _____
Deposit: _____
Balance Due Date: _____

Bride's Accessories

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Website: _____
Shoes: _____
Jewelry: _____
Other: _____
Cost: _____
Deposit: _____
Balance Due Date: _____

Bridesmaids' Attire

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Website: _____
Fitting Dates: _____
Cost: _____
Alteration Fees: _____
Pick-Up Date: _____
Deposit: _____
Balance Due Date: _____

Notes:

Vendors: contacts and checklists

Florist/Event Designer

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Items Ordered: _____

Delivery Time: _____

Cost: _____

Deposit: _____

Balance Due Date: _____

Notes:

	No.	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Bride's Bouquet			
Maid (Matron) of Honor			
Bridesmaids' Bouquets			
Flower Girl			
Flower Girl Head Piece			
Mothers' Flowers			
Grandmothers' Flowers			
Wedding Party			
Groom's Boutonniere			
Best Man / Groomsmen			
Ushers / Ringbearer			
Fathers / Grandfathers			
Church Flowers			
Aisle Flowers / Ribbons			
Reception Buffet Table			
Head Table			
Guest Tables			
Miscellaneous			
ESTIMATED TOTAL			

No.	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Average Cost
			\$ 200 - \$ 650
			\$ 65 - \$ 275
			\$ 65 - \$ 275
			\$ 45 - \$ 175
			\$ 23 - \$ 125
			\$ 36 - \$ 80
			\$ 29 - \$ 72
			\$ 29 - \$ 54
			\$ 22 - \$ 38
			\$ 18 - \$ 24
			\$ 18 - \$ 24
			\$ 18 - \$ 24
			\$ 225 - \$ 850
			\$ 100 - \$ 225
			\$ 300 - \$ 1000
			\$ 150 - \$ 500
			\$ 50 - \$ 425
			\$ 432 - \$ 4609
			\$ 2000 - \$ 10,000

Vendors: contacts and checklists

Hair & Make-up

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Stylist Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Appointment Time: _____

Services: _____

Cost: _____

Notes:

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Stylist Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Appointment Time: _____

Services: _____

Cost: _____

Notes:

Accommodations

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Cost: _____

Check-in Time: _____

Check-out Time: _____

Dates Staying: _____

Notes:

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Cost: _____

Check-in Time: _____

Check-out Time: _____

Dates Staying: _____

Notes:

Registry-Ready: tips for a perfect registry

The art of mixing and matching

Build a contemporary tablescape with whiteware china, and mix and match modern shapes to create the perfect backdrop for any meal. Another fun idea is to register for half of your place settings in one color and pattern and the other half in a different, complementary color and pattern.

Why register for service for 12?

Services for 12 may seem like a lot, but they offer endless options when entertaining. Don't forget that fine china, stemware and flatware can certainly be enjoyed every day, keeping in mind that all pieces do not have to be used at once. Services for 12 are perfect for holiday gatherings and buffet-style dinner parties, plus they offer a dozen reasons to serve pizza in style to close friends on the weekend.

The versatility of today's stemware

Stemware is made to match today's versatile couple. Products range from multi-purpose wine glasses, to wine glasses made for specific varietals, to cordial glasses for all types of liqueurs. Even for the more casual couple, choosing two basic types of stemware, such as an all-purpose wine glass and an iced beverage glass, can have multiple uses and go a long way.

Lasting impressions

Be sure to add elements of personal style to your home in the form of vases, picture frames, barware and serving pieces. No matter what the price-point, inspired designs create a warm, inviting atmosphere that will outlast any trend for generations to come.

Crowd pleasers

Show your dinner guests what you're made of with expert tools of the trade. High-performance kitchenware collections will help you get your favorite meals to the table in no time. And with their sleek, innovative designs, they'll show off your aesthetic taste for excellence.

Simple pleasures

While culinary classics such as waffle makers and bakeware sets allow you to get your kitchen up and running in no time, more modern conveniences like the stand mixer and ball vacuum & iron/steamer help to simplify your life with their brilliant talent for multi-tasking.

Cookware and cutlery

You should register for at least one set of cookware and one set of knives to make sure the basics are covered. For specific needs or for the gourmet chef, you can always register for additional open-stock pieces of cookware and cutlery, such as an extra-large sauté pan, square griddle, boning knife, Santoku knife and more.

A need for gadgets

If you're looking for additional help in the kitchen, look to gadgets and electrics to get the job done. These tools perform certain tasks and speed up cooking prep time so you can enjoy more time relaxing with your significant other. Some couples may not think they need something like a meat tenderizer or a garlic press, but you will find such items come in handy when attempting many of today's recipes.

Pillow talk

Everyone loves snuggling up to fluffy fabrics, soft colors and, of course, someone special. But when it comes to choosing the perfect pillow, to each his own. That's because soft pillows are great for stomach sleepers, medium pillows support back sleepers and firm pillows are best for side sleepers. Select one that's just right for you and one that's just right for your significant other and leave the compromising for the decor!

Courtesy of Macy's

Registry-Ready: registry notes

Dinnerware:

Formal place setting: _____

Casual place setting: _____

Chargers: _____

Cereal bowls: _____

Salt and pepper shaker: _____

Serving platter: _____

Serving bowls: _____

Butter Dish: _____

Sugar: _____

Creamer: _____

Gravy boat: _____

Flatware:

Formal place setting: _____

Casual place setting: _____

Pierced tablespoon: _____

Butter knife: _____

Steak knives: _____

Ice tea spoon: _____

Glassware:

Formal place setting: _____

Casual place setting: _____

Water goblets: _____

Wine glasses: _____

Champagne flutes: _____

Iced beverages: _____

Cookware:

Omelet pan: _____

Skillet: _____

Dutch oven: _____

Stock pot: _____

Roasting pan: _____

Wok: _____

Double Boiler: _____

Sauce pan: _____

Registry-Ready: registry notes

Bakeware:

Baking stone: _____

Baking Sheet: _____

Casserole Dish: _____

Muffin pan: _____

Cake pan: _____

Mixing bowls: _____

Cooling rack: _____

Loaf pan: _____

Appliances and Utensils

Toaster: _____

Blender: _____

Coffee maker: _____

Hand/standing mixer: _____

Slow cooker: _____

Waffle maker: _____

Can opener: _____

Tongs: _____

Ice cream scoop: _____

Measuring spoons: _____

Knife block: _____

Oven mitts: _____

Cutting boards: _____



Photo courtesy Macy's Gift Registry

Bedroom:

Sheet set: _____

Comforter/duvet: _____

Pillow sham: _____

Mattress pad: _____

Blanket: _____

Bed skirt: _____

Decorative pillows: _____

Bathroom:

Bath towels: _____

Hand towels: _____

Washcloths: _____

Shower curtain: _____

Bath rugs: _____

Who's in Charge? delegate and contacts

Maid/Matron of Honor and Bridesmaids

- + Plan bridal shower and bachelorette party
- + Keep record of all gifts received at bridal showers and parties
- + Help the bride get dressed on wedding day
- + Keep groom's ring before ceremony
- + Help address wedding invitations
- + Arrange to have bubbles, sparklers, etc as bride and groom leave the reception (with groomsmen)
- + Help run last minute errands
- + Decorate getaway car (with groomsmen)

Best Man and Groomsmen

- + Plan bachelor party
- + Help the groom get dressed on wedding day
- + Keep up with the bride's wedding ring before the ceremony
- + Help transport gifts
- + Help seat guests prior to wedding and reception
- + Make sure the groom has marriage license the day of the ceremony
- + Arrange to have bubbles, sparklers, etc as bride and groom leave the reception (with groomsmen)
- + Decorate getaway car (with bridesmaids)

Name

Phone/e-mail

<input type="checkbox"/> Rings	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bride's Wedding Gown	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Groom's Tuxedo	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Makeup	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Gifts on Table (Gift Police)	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest Book Table	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Securing Gift Cards to Gifts	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Paying Officiant	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Aisle Runner	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Distributing Flowers to Relatives	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Delivering Bouquet to Floral Preservation	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Delivery/Placement of Bridal Portrait	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting Candles Prior to Ceremony	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation of Gifts from Reception and Ceremony	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Decorations on Cars	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Toast & Announcing the Couple	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cake Knife & Cutting	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cake Toast	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reception Decorations	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bringing Marriage License	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Send Off Toast to Bride & Groom	_____	_____

Who's in Charge? ceremony to reception

Ceremony Items	Who will bring?	Where will item be placed?	Where does it go after the ceremony
Guest Book and Pen			
Programs			
Flowers			
Bride's Bag			
Bridesmaids' Dresses			
Bridal Portrait and easel			
Gifts received			
Bride's Gown and accessories			
Ringbearer pillow			
Bible, unity candle, etc...			
Reception Items	Who will bring?	Where will item be placed?	Where does it go after the reception?
Guest Book and Pen			
Bridesmaid and Bride flowers			
Bride's Bag			
Bridal Portrait and easel			
Gifts received			
Extra Wedding Cake			

Wedding Day: schedule and emergency kit

Before Ceremony

Time

_____ : _____ Wake up
_____ : _____ Eat breakfast
_____ : _____ Bridesmaids arrive
_____ : _____ Photographer arrives
_____ : _____ Hairstyle appointment
_____ : _____ Make-up appointment
_____ : _____ Get dressed
_____ : _____ Flowers delivered
_____ : _____ Transportation arrives
_____ : _____ Leave for ceremony

Ceremony

Time

_____ : _____ Florist arrives
_____ : _____ Musicians arrive
_____ : _____ Photographer arrives
_____ : _____ Videographer arrives
_____ : _____ Begin seating guests
_____ : _____ Bridal party arrives
_____ : _____ Groom's party arrives
_____ : _____ Processional begins
_____ : _____ Ceremony begins
_____ : _____ Photo session at ceremony site
_____ : _____ Leave for reception

Reception

Time

_____ : _____ Florist arrives
_____ : _____ DJ/Band arrives
_____ : _____ Equipment/tables set up
_____ : _____ Guests arrive
_____ : _____ Refreshments/cocktail hour begins
_____ : _____ Wedding party arrives
_____ : _____ Receive line forms
_____ : _____ Food service begins
_____ : _____ Toasts
_____ : _____ First dance
_____ : _____ Cake cutting
_____ : _____ Bouquet and garter toss
_____ : _____ Transportation arrive
_____ : _____ Bride and Groom leave

Emergency Kit:

Murphy's Law states that if anything can go wrong, it will – at the worst possible moment. But you can break Murphy's Law on your wedding day by being prepared for unexpected emergencies. By putting together an emergency kit, you can save time, energy and most importantly, your sanity should something start to go wrong.

To create your wedding day emergency kit, decorate a box or basket in coordinating wedding colors. As you think of all the possible things that could solve your wedding day emergencies, collect the items and put them in your box or basket. Before you know it, you'll be more than prepared. Some of the items are available in travel sizes for convenience. This emergency kit also makes a creative gift.

Starter List of Supplies

- Nail polish – one bottle in your color and one bottle of clear
- Nail files and trimmers
- Anti-static cling spray
- Lint roller and spot remover
- Mirror, brush, comb, hairspray, bobby pins
- Oil absorbing sheets
- Wrinkle releaser
- Deodorant, perfume and body lotion
- Extra blush, waterproof mascara, eye shadow, lipstick, powder
- Cotton swabs, tissues, handy wipes, cotton balls

- Hair dryer, curling iron, flat iron
- Sanitary needs
- Band-Aids and first aid kit
- Telephone numbers of all members in the wedding party
- Telephone list of vendors including backups in case one cancels
- Antacids, aspirin, allergy medicine
- Sewing kit, matching thread, extra buttons, scissors, safety pins
- Hand soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, mouthwash
- Contact lens supplies
- Back-up shoes in case your strap/heel breaks
- Lite snacks and bottled water

Don't Forget: honeymoon travel tips



Photo courtesy LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort, Naples

Travel Essentials

- Tickets
- Passport
- Itinerary
- Reservations/Confirmation Numbers
- Wallet
- Credit cards & insurance cards
- Single bills for tips
- Cell phone and charger
- Important phone numbers
- Camera/batteries/video camera
- Clock
- Guidebook
- First Aid Kit
- Pepto, Zantac, Imodium, Aspirin
- Soap/sanitizer/insect repellent
- Prescriptions/medicine
- Cosmetic case
- Comb/brush/toothbrush
- Deodorant/sunscreen
- Sewing Kit
- Spot remover
- Umbrella
- Glasses/Sunglasses
- Travel locks and ID tags for luggage

Honeymoon Travel Tips from the Experts at Legacy Travel

If possible, don't depart the day after your wedding

Try to leave at least one day between your wedding and your honeymoon departure. This will allow for you to perhaps have brunch with your out of town guests the next day. At the very least, don't schedule an early morning flight the day after the ceremony.

Buy Travel Insurance

Many couples look at each other with a sheepish look when we ask if they want to purchase insurance. This is in case of any unforeseen incidents that can happen such as illness, injury or adverse weather conditions.

Remember to book under legal names

Even if the bride will take the groom's name, her documentation (passport, driver license) will still be under her pre-wedding name at the time of the honeymoon.

Book in advance

Don't leave your honeymoon planning at the bottom of the list of to-dos. You'll have better availability and better pricing the further in advance you book (9-10 months out is about perfect).

Be clear about who is doing the honeymoon planning

Traditionally, the groom plans and pays for the honeymoon. Many couples these days, though, plan the honeymoon together. Be clear with each other about who is planning the honeymoon so that everything is in order in time for your departure.

Don't Forget: marriage license

Marriage licenses may be obtained from the County Clerk of any county in the State. Persons applying for a license may appear together or separately before the County Clerk. Persons residing out-of-state may apply for a license using an affidavit which may be obtained from the Clerk's office. Each applicant must submit.

1. Proof of identity and age (generally a certified copy of birth certificate, driver's license, passport, military ID). Social Security numbers are required.
 2. Proof of parental consent if applicant is under the age of eighteen (must be given during the 30-day period to, or on, the date of application.
 3. Proof that any prior marriage has been dissolved.
 4. The State of Texas charges \$71.00 for a marriage license. (This \$71 fee is waived if couples attend a State of Texas four hour marriage counseling class.) Also, each county charges an additional fee; check with your local City Hall for exact costs. Typically, all only accept cash payments.
- Each applicant must complete the application, take the oath printed on the application and, sign it before the county clerk.
 - A person may not remarry in Texas within 30 days of the date he or she had been divorced by a decree of a court of the State of Texas unless the applicants are remarrying each other or the prohibition has been waived by a court order for a good cause.
 - No medical examination or blood test is required prior to the issuance of a marriage license in the State of Texas,
 - A marriage license expires 30 days following its issuance if the ceremony has not been performed during the period.
 - Any authorized person may perform a wedding ceremony.
 - A wedding ceremony may not take place within 72 hours of the issuance of a license unless an applicant obtains a court order waiting the period.
 - A duplicate marriage license may be obtained from the Clerk's office with proof of identity.

To find a list of counties, visit:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/field/localremotedistrict.shtm>

Dallas County

Dallas County Clerk
509 Main St.
Dallas, TX 75202
(214) 653-7099

<http://www.dallascounty.org/department/countyclerk/marriage-license.html>

Tarrant County

Tarrant County Clerk
200 Taylor Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102
(817) 884-1195

<https://ccanthem.co.tarrant.tx.us/Marriage/MarriageApplication.aspx>

Travis County

Travis County Clerk
5501 Airport Blvd.
Austin, TX 78751
(512) 854-9188

www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk/marriage_license.asp

Bexar County

Bexar County Clerk
100 Dolorosa, # 104
San Antonio, Texas 78205
(210) 335-2216

<https://gov.propertyinfo.com/TX-Bexar/Marriage.aspx>

Harris County

Harris County Clerk
201 Caroline
3rd Floor of Administration Building
Houston, Texas 77002
(713) 755-6411

http://www.cclerk.hctx.net/Personal_Rec/Marriage_License_Information.aspx