

Wedding Central

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The Ultimate Wedding Tips



Steve Kemble, host of WE tv's "Married by the In-Laws," gives you tips for the ultimate wedding.

Tips for Making Your Wedding Memorable

- Treat your in-laws with respect
- Learn to compromise
- Put aside any pre-wedding conflict
- Remember, you can't make everyone happy
- Don't get too wedding obsessed
- Embrace the changes ahead

Special Considerations for a Theme Wedding

A theme wedding is a great way to personalize your wedding, yet don't let the theme overshadow the wedding itself. The theme should allow the invited guests to discover what is unique about the wedding couple. Once you have decided upon your theme, make sure the following special elements are themed:

- Color
- Invitation
- Decoration
- Music
- Flowers
- Food
- Beverage
- Favors

Hot Trends for Weddings

- Couples customizing their own vows
- Signature drinks at the reception
- Bridal gowns that look more like evening gowns versus the traditional, fussy, ceremonial gown
- Cool boutonnieres - a stylish spray of greenery, white lilac, Bouvardis and more
- Invitations in brilliant colors!
- Individual wedding cakes

Tips for Finding a Qualified Wedding Planner

The best way to find a qualified planner is to talk to relatives, friends or business associates who have used the services of a professional planner. Additionally, it is important to remember planners can be brought in at any stage of the planning, so if you don't start with a planner and all of a sudden feel overwhelmed, don't hesitate to start looking for the perfect planner for your needs.

When interviewing planners, ask these questions:

- How long have they been in the business?
- How do they charge? (It's usually 10 - 20% of the total cost of the wedding or a flat fee.)
- How many people are on staff?
- Can they supply you with photos and videos of weddings they have done in the past?
- Can they supply you with references and phone numbers?
- Do they have insurance?
- Will your wedding be the only wedding they do on the date you select?
- What venues and vendors do they have established relationships with?

Cost-Cutting Tips!

- Set a budget and prioritize
- When looking for a wedding gown, consider sample sales
- Consider a civic site (parks and gardens) for your ceremony and reception
- Go with themographed instead of engraved invitations
- Consider getting married on any day other than Saturday (especially a Saturday in June!)
- Use the expertise of wedding professionals