

## Miscellaneous Tips For Your Wedding, Honeymoon and More

The three best tips for a successful wedding are to plan, plan and plan! Put it in writing so you will not forget any details.

Arrange for a blocks of rooms with local hotels or motels. Ask for a special group rate and be sure to communicate it to your relatives and friends.

Remember, this is "your" wedding,

It is considered inappropriate to include in your invitations where you are registered.

Consider including children from a previous marriage in your wedding either in the actual ceremony or in a special way.

To avoid feeling overwhelmed, send out thank you notes as you receive gifts. And be prompt sending thank you notes after the wedding.

It's tradition to raise your glass and toast the newlyweds at the reception. Remember your non-drinkers with soft drinks.

Create a CD with pictures and music for your guests

Instead, of a traditional guest book at your wedding, consider enlarging a special photo and setting it in a wide mat. There should be pens for guest to use to sign the mat

If you are sentimental about your bouquet, have a second throw-away bouquet made for tossing.

When ordering services for your wedding and reception, make sure you get all the details "in writing!" No matter how small the detail, make sure it is in your contract. There is nothing worse then expecting something to be a certain way and finding out at the last minute that you have to pay extra for it or that it is unavailable on your special day.

There is a last minute bag of items needed it should include; needles, thread, scissors ,lipstick, safety pins, floss, chap stick, nail polish, comb, deodorant, perfume, bobby pins, water, crazy glue, drinking straw. (think about items) also bring a copy of all phone numbers and contract for the event.

Arrange tables in alphabetical order, rather than by numbers. Here are a few words of love to consider Affection, adore, appealing, appreciate, attraction, Amour, Believe, Bliss, Charm, charisma, Cherish, Delight, Desire, devoted,

Dreams, Enchantment, enjoyment, enticing, Eternity, Forever, Fortune, Genuine, Happiness, Harmony, Heavenly, Inspiration, irresistible, Joyful, love, Lovely, Memories, Passion, Pleasure, Priceless, Romance, Serenity, Tranquility, treasure, Unity, worship,

Holding your wedding on a day other than a Friday or Saturday can often save you money.

Have a hair session a month before the ceremony, and the final cut no less than two weeks before the wedding. Bring your wedding veil so you will have a true idea of the final effect.

Have your ceremony in an unusual place like an art museum, public park or movie theater, mall, favorite restaurant, or store. Many of the venues will not charge due to the excitement of having a wedding.

Having a reception in a place other than where the wedding is taking place? Put a map in the invitations. It's also a good idea to put a map to the reception in the ceremony program

Be sure to mail invitations eight weeks before the big day; be sure to include a deadline (of three weeks before the wedding) on your reply cards!

Test your wedding day shoes by wearing them around the house for several days before the wedding

Before you leave on your honeymoon, be sure to have your passport and driver's license and necessary paperwork with you as you travel.

Create a wedding day memory box with notes of thoughts to you written by those attending. Have the people place the notes into a beautiful box to be opened on your first anniversary. You can read the notes and reminisce about your wedding day.

Create your own Wedding Website, and then pass the word to the wedding party and your friends.

Do your part to keep your guests safe. Consider partnering with a hotel with a shuttle service between the wedding reception site and the hotel.

To reduce costs use flowers which are in season on your wedding day.

Create a budget be realistic about costs seeing the numbers written down will help keep spending out of control.

Invite people to participate in your wedding party because they care about you,

To keep track of gifts, place the name, address and phone number of each guest on an index card. Store the cards alphabetically. As you open your wedding gifts, list the gift information on the appropriate card.