



## How to plan a theme wedding

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## Introduction

Planning for a theme wedding is one of the most important things that you will do in your lifetime. If you are not interested in planning a traditional wedding, you should consider a theme Wedding. Theme Weddings are a great way to take you away from the norm and into something a lot more fun. Here you will learn about Theme Weddings.

A good theme wedding package can be made available in every shape, budget and size. You can look for all-inclusive theme wedding packages, which cover everything from your flight reservations to hotel rooms to outfits for the entire wedding party should your wedding take place out of town. Or you might be interested in a smaller package, which includes the chapel service, flowers, and a cake for your special day.

If you've ever been to a theme before, your best bet is to do some of the legwork yourself. Pick out your favorite hotel and make a reservation for yourself and anyone else who might be coming with you. You might also want to arrange a limo from the airport (you can get help from the hotel with this) so that transportation and carrying your luggage won't be a worry. Everything else for your wedding, you can leave up to the wedding people.

Picking the right theme can save you a lot of time and hassle. Most of the good theme weddings offer several different types of packages for the guests. The cheapest them weddings available usually include the chapel fee, flowers, and photographs of the ceremony. The more expensive ones can include a lot of details you may not have even thought of.

If you're interested in more all-inclusive theme wedding packages, they're available, but they are a bit more expensive when you hire a planner to do the work for you. You can get a professional video of your wedding ceremony, custom-made photo albums, and even a wedding garter and all of them can be included in a single package. This will be your comprehensive guide to planning a them wedding!

## USING THEMES TO CUT WEDDING COSTS

There's nothing like a well thought out theme to make your wedding celebration completely unique and memorable for a fraction of the cost. A wedding theme should tell your guests something about the two of you as a couple and as individuals because that's what makes it unique. If you share a love for sports, maybe a sports themed wedding would be right for you. Or maybe you met on the beach, where you would likely want to choose a beach themed wedding. . Once you've decided on your wedding theme, you are going to want to make sure all elements of your wedding celebration reflect that singular theme, and that is including the wedding favors and gifts.

If you can't think of a theme wedding favor idea, one good way for you to start is to think about things that are included in or that reflect the theme. For instance, if you are having an Asian theme wedding, there are great Asian wedding favors available all over the place including the internet that all have Asian designs. Some of these samples include fortune cookies, chopsticks and take-out boxes and there are a lot of beautifully designed favors with these designs at even dollar stores these days. Some of my favorites are a Fortune cookie place-card holder, a silver take-out box that has the names of the couple engraved on it. Here are few other cheap ideas for your different wedding themes:

### **Winter wonderland:**

- Use Christmas icicle decorations for your wedding
- Make centerpieces with silver toned glitter and faux flowers like lilies
- Use cotton baton to create a look of snow wherever you like
- You can use plastic ice sculptures should you choose

These are just some examples. The good news is that no matter what your theme is, you can find wedding favors to match it as long as you think of things that make you think of that theme. If you are having a beach theme wedding, you may want to consider favors with items like shells, fish, sand, and water. Look out for designs with motifs like beach umbrellas, flip-flops because they are easy to add to your theme and they are cheap.

For a really elegant and yet useful beach theme favor, nothing really beats a beautiful silver dolphin-shaped bottle-opener or a shell shaped candle accent when you add it to the festivities. But if that's beyond your budget, there are some cool and cheap wedding favors that you can use like a shell card holder, a mini beach pail filled with candies etc.

Here are some more great theme wedding favor ideas that you can use: if you're having a particular flower as your wedding theme, be on the watch for candy-holders, place-card holders, candles, tea-lights and candy that are shaped in that particular flower and so on. If you're having a wedding during the winter holidays, you may want to check out favors that have bells and holly wreaths or maybe even some birds.

When it comes to themed wedding party favors, the trick to making sure that you guests love their favors is to pick those that are elegant and in keeping with your overall theme and yet can still be useful after the wedding. Themed weddings can always be bought without spending an arm and a leg. All you really need is a big imagination and a few good ideas and you are off and running. Just have a big mind mapping session and see what pops out.

Choosing the theme is the easy bit of having a themed wedding. You can make it special to you, for example, a Scottish or Irish theme if one of you has Celtic heritage, or just something you both enjoy, such as country and western or mediaeval fantasies, which is my favorite.

Putting it into practice is the hard part though, as there are many factors to consider in the process such whether the venues you have chosen are happy with a themed wedding taking place.

Not only will the reception area have to be notified if you want special decorations or food, but the minister or city official may not appreciate you turning up for the ceremony dressed as aliens from Star Trek.

In addition to that, you need to find out what extras you are allowed while you are exchanging vows. A Scottish piper might be a romantic touch during the signing of the marriage license, but a full-scale civil war re-enactment outside the church may not go down too well.

The next thing that you have to consider is how far you want to take the theme. Much of this will depend on how much it will cost, but spare a thought for your guests as well. You and your partner may think it's fun to have all the guests dressing up, but will your they be able to afford the costumes and if your grandma like the idea of parading round in a bikini or hula skirt?

But if you're sure you don't want to restrict fancy dress costumes to just the bride and groom, make sure you let others know your plans clearly on the wedding invitations well in advance of the day itself.

Depending on your budget, you could really go to town on your chosen theme. For example, if you fancy a Mediaeval or Tudor wedding, you can find castles and country houses where you can hold the reception or even the ceremony.

You might also want to organize some different traveling venues other than cars or limos. A popular choice is a horse and cart, but how about arriving to the ceremony on a motorcycle, tractor or an open top bus? Whatever you choose, make sure you have alternative options if it rains.

If you're worried about your budget, just simple table decorations or a special cake may be enough to accentuate your theme. And you can easily follow the tips mentioned above for lowering the cost of other things.

If you are considering having an outlandish wedding cake, shop around and ask to see previous examples of the baker's work and find out how much it will eat into your budget. Not many chefs can knock up a miniature cake for you so look for a sample that is realistic.

As for the reception, the color of the balloons, the seating cards, menus, flowers and food can all be incorporated into your theme. You might even want to add some unusual centre pieces for the tables, such as an arrangement of shells or some origami figures, or you can even have napkin rings in your favorite football team's colors.

If you are having a themed menu for your wedding such as fish and chips, curry or a full mediaeval banquet you will have to bear in mind that it's unlikely to be to the taste of all your guests, and suitable alternatives will have to be provided. And make sure you have informed the caterers of all your plans well in advance. Oh yeah and don't forget to add a vegetarian section for guests that do not like meat.

The reception is the easiest way to incorporate a theme. You could organize a Celtic ceillidh or a barn dance if you want. The sky is the limit with themes. If music is not your thing, then you could even turn the reception area into a casino or have unusual rides such as a bucking bronco or a bouncy castle.

## Types of wedding themes

As you can imagine there are hundreds of themed wedding ideas that you can choose from these days. The truly creative themes will help you to best show both who you are and offer a lot of fun for the guests. Below is a list of excellent wedding theme ideas that are truly unique in case you are not sure what choose.

- Cinderella theme wedding
- fall wedding theme
- beach theme wedding favor
- butterfly wedding theme

- summer wedding theme
- western wedding theme
- beach theme wedding cake
- black and white wedding theme
- wedding reception theme
- Hawaiian theme wedding
- winter wedding theme
- tropical theme wedding
- Asian wedding theme
- fairy tale wedding theme
- spring wedding theme
- theme wedding questions
- theme wedding favor
- daisy theme wedding
- Elizabethan wedding theme
- wedding color theme
- tiffany blue wedding theme
- Las Vegas theme wedding
- beach theme wedding idea
- wedding theme and colors
- garden theme wedding
- fall wedding theme idea
- calla lily wedding theme
- angel theme wedding
- precious moment wedding theme
- country theme wedding
- Greek wedding theme
- Halloween theme wedding
- pink wedding theme
- prom wedding theme
- Italian wedding theme
- nautical theme wedding

- outdoor wedding theme
- movie wedding theme
- Victorian theme wedding
- Disney wedding theme
- ocean theme wedding
- beach theme wedding accessory
- Christmas wedding theme
- Irish theme wedding
- beach theme wedding decoration
- Spanish theme wedding
- medieval wedding theme
- TV show wedding theme

The list is endless. I hope this helps to get you started.

## **Choosing theme wedding destinations**

The best places for you to host theme weddings don't have to be the fanciest or more expensive. For example, you don't have to go to Hawaii to host a Hawaiian theme wedding.

Some of the best places for theme weddings I've seen were completely free for example: outside on a farm, or by the side of a river for a ranch or cowboy theme. As long as you and your loved one are there (and you haven't forgotten the rings), it doesn't matter where you are. A wedding can make any place romantic

Knowing that you can have a great wedding anywhere, you definitely have a lot of choices when searching for the place for your wedding. You could get married in a church, or at home. You could get married at a favorite restaurant, or maybe even on a beach. Or if you're truly adventurous, you could get married while jumping out of an airplane or under water.

The best places for weddings are places that amplify the romance and love that brought you to the decision to get married. You and your loved one share something special, and you want to say I do, in a place that's going to reflect the love that you feel for each other as well as the theme that you chose. You want a place that you'll never forget, a place that will be your own little chapel of love for that beautiful day. That is how the day becomes a reminder of how you feel about each other.

Two of the best resources that I have found for finding the best places for weddings are totally free: and these are your friends, and the internet. Talk to your friends about the weddings they have attended or watched on a movie. Which ones did they like the most? Where were they located? Once you have some ideas, start surfing the internet to gather some information on these places, and see if they fit your budget. It is really that simple.

If you want to find a great place to have a wedding, just think about how you want to reflect your love with your partner and what they like as well. From there, the destination is really easy to find. Here are some tips on destinations for different themes:

- **Hawaiian:** Local beach (get permits), backyard, a nearby recreation park, and even at a lake or river
- **Beach:** backyard, beach, and hall that allows for themed weddings
- **Winter Wonderland:** decorated hall or banquet room, backyard, or your local outdoor skating rink
- **Asian:** backyard, banquet hall, restaurant, and anywhere else
- **Cowboy:** local ranch or farm, backyard, parks, local hiking trails

## Top Theme Wedding planning Tips

Organizing a wedding is a mixture of fun, frustration and planning. Organizing a theme wedding is twice as interesting. There are some things which, if you should happen to forget them, can easily be fixed, but here are some that can't be fixed should they go horribly wrong.

Here is a list of what you need to do in order to plan a successful theme wedding:

1. Always get a sample of your wedding invitations from the stationer or printer before giving the go-ahead to have them printed up. Of course, if you are going with a theme or a cheaper, you can always make your own. Check through the proof very carefully to ensure there are no printing errors and that the time and venues are correct.
2. Make sure you have more items on your wedding present list than you have wedding guests coming. It can be awkward if you get the same present from two or more people. It also allows for gifts from people who cannot come to our themed wedding.
3. Always keep a constantly updated list of who's coming to your wedding in case any changes are made. Make sure the lists have several contact numbers for each person like home AND work numbers so that you can make quick and easy re-arrangements. Should they be necessary. If you have a computer, try keeping all the wedding details on file so it can be quickly updated and printed off without a hassle or extra expense.
4. A good map is always necessary. We've all been to enough weddings to know that some destination zones are impossible to find. A good map with well thought out and clear instructions is an absolute must to ensure that everyone arrives on time.
5. Order of Service sheets need to be handy at church weddings. These can be easily overlooked and often become part of the last minute rush. This is a shame because it

can often serve as a permanent memento of your day. Make sure you have one for every guest plus a few extra to hand.

6. Thank You cards. After wedding rush occurs, it may escape your mind to send these out. If you want them done in the same style as your invitations, they should be ordered at the same time.

7. Double check all of the details with your photographer. Once you have gone through the business of booking a photographer, ensure that you send them your requirements in writing and get a confirmation slip from them. Again, make sure the details are right. Remember: Never make assumptions about the service provided. Ask, to be sure.

8. If you are having a video made, check with whomever is performing to make sure that the service can be filmed. Most of them will be agreeable, but some object to having a video of such an important ceremony. Don't leave it until the day itself.

9. Ask to see the car you will be going to the ceremony in. Being told that it is a vintage car, however impressive that seems, is not enough. You should check to see how the car has been maintained, make sure there is enough room in the back for the bride and her dress and make sure it is in a color you like.

10. Ensure that the church, register office or hotel didn't mind handfuls of confetti or whatever you opt for being thrown around their entrances. Some might prefer you to use rice or sugar paper. A simple check will avoid any problems on that end.

11. Don't forget your luggage. If you are going straight off on honeymoon then don't forget to pack your luggage properly. This takes not much effort, but when you are also getting married things can be overlooked. Double check those three essentials: passport, money, tickets.

12. Make sure that your hotel or restaurant has a good and sturdy cake stand and cake knife available. If not bring your own. After all you wouldn't want to be photographed posing with a steak knife over the cake!

13. Before booking a reception at a hotel or restaurant, try the food out for yourself. A nicely laid out menu does not guarantee good food and it's a good excuse for the bride and groom to go out for a few romantic dinners together with friends.

14. Parking is almost as important as the quality of the food at your reception. Don't forget to check the car parking facilities before you book and make sure that, at the time of your reception, the car park won't be full of cars attending another event.

15. And finally, don't forget to have loads and loads of fun! If little things go wrong, don't worry as some things tend to go wrong sometimes for big events like this. Relax, have a good time and enjoy the start to your married life.

## **SAMPLE WEDDING THEM AND COSTS**

I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't give you a few themes that are complete with information, pricing and instructions. Here are a few themed wedding that should help you to plan an excellent themed wedding.

### **The Ice Princess Theme**

The Ice Princess Wedding is a perfect theme for your winter celebration. They are the most beautiful of all the weddings with a seasoned theme. It offers beautiful blue hues and different shades of white and silver, giving the illusion of grandeur.

This theme will give your guests many memories that will last a lifetime and will be incomparable to any other for the happy couple. Any wedding planner will be most excited for the opportunity to work with this theme.

The following instructions are simple and plain to understand, everything that is needed for a spectacular event.

When planning this wedding the first thing you have to consider is the budget. Most people have considered the budget before choosing a theme, as The Ice Princess theme can become quite extravagant if there are no set limits. For this example we will stick to a budget of 7,500 dollars all inclusive for 150 guests.

This itemized budget should take most of the guess work out of planning and keep the bride and groom calm and collected. Most of these prices should be right on, but may vary slightly from state to state. These are basic prices and can be added to depending on cash flow.

Invitations are traditionally paid for by the parents of the bride and should be sent to the printer well in advance (about 1 month) in order for the guests to receive them and R.S.V.P. Menu items should be listed to provide the caterers with the idea of how much of each entrée to serve and name cards that have to be made to seat the guests.

Other things to include on the invitations are: the theme, place and time of the ceremony and places of registry for wedding gifts.

#### **- Marriage License**

\$25.00 To obtain a marriage license the couple must bring their identification and proof of termination from any other past marriages to the nearest City Hall. There may be a short wait as blood tests may be required. This process usually takes approximately 3 days. Not all states require a blood test.

#### **- Donation to Minister**

\$100.00. A donation to the person performing the ceremony is usually given an envelope for their services some couples will give more or less depending on the allotted budget for the service. The individual is generally invited to attend the reception as most will come until the alcohol is served and then politely make an exit.

## **- Hall Rental**

\$300.00 Most halls have to be booked well in advance and will require a deposit the rental will usually include table cloths of your color choice and for the Ice Princess theme we will choose white with white napkins. As some places have multiple rooms to choose from.

Try to choose a room with a pale or white backdrop for decorating purposes. The hall may add services such as waiters and may provide the catering for you at an added price. They will also offer other different services for you , for instance alcohol servers and entertainment. If you can locate a package deal for everything with the budget allotted you have definitely scored big.

## **- Brides Dress**

\$150.00 The brides dress or gown is the most beautiful part of the ceremony and should reflect her personality as best as possible. In choosing this theme we want to add as many pieces of glitter as we can in the way of rhinestones, pearls and sequences.

The stones will glitter under the lights and add to the fantasy. Some hints of pale blue wear ever possible will also add to the illusion of ice. To keep within the budget shopping at David's Bridle is suggested as they have fabulous gowns starting at \$99.00 and go up from there.

They also have a wonderful assortment of dresses for the bridesmaids and mother of the bride ensembles, including purses, shoes and other needed items. These items can also be dyed to fit the theme. Suggested colors for Ice Princess are Ivory, Pale Blue, Silver, and Pale Gray tones.

## **- Hair and Nails**

\$100.00 The brides hair and nails should also reflect the personality of the bride as she is the main attraction. This appointment should be made well in advance at two

separate shops to be sure of no setbacks or emergencies. Artificial flowers in colors of white and pale blue are a nice added touch for her and the bridesmaids. Flowers in the hair should match the flowers in the bouquets. When the veil is added it should match the wedding gown. Some brides have veils handed down from their mothers or grandmothers as a tradition. This will be part of something old, something new something borrowed and something blue.

#### - Grooms Tuxedo Rental

\$125.00 The grooms tux is as equally important as it is his day also. The groom and the other gentlemen in the wedding party should make the appointment for these suits in advance to be sure there is enough time for alterations if need be. The places for tuxedo rentals are very helpful and they provide all items needed for the occasion such as shoes, socks and in some cases cufflinks and cologne.

Now normally winter is not the season for white tuxes, but to follow the Ice Princess theme it is totally acceptable and recommended. The cumber buns and choice of ties should be matching the bridesmaids dresses in either Pale Gray or Pale Blue. there are nice patterned vests available in shades of silver and grey that would really set off the theme.

#### - Gratuities for Bridesmaids and Ushers (Optional)

This is Based on 6 people.

\$100.00 The gifts for the wedding party can be something as simple as the cufflinks for the men and small silver necklaces for the ladies.

#### - Caterer

\$1,200.00 Here's where we start to run into the major expenses. To feed 150 people at this budget there is an allotted amount of \$8.00 per person. We want to give the guests a choice of say chicken or beef.

We can cut costs by serving buffet style where there is a line to get the entrée and the rest of the meal is served to you at the table. Each table will take turns being served the entree of their choice at the serving table.

In the case that servers do it , they will follow this procedure, appetizer which is usually penne and wine, then salad and rolls, entrée then tea, coffee. Desserts will be served buffet style as cake will be served later in the evening with the champagne.

#### - Cake

\$300.00 The cake also reflects the personalities of the bride and groom and if there are any accented colors they should be in conjunction with the other theme colors. The cake is usually served with champagne toward the later part of the evening before the bride and groom make their exit into the new beginnings of their married life. The happy couple may want to have individually wrapped dream slices for the guests to take home as they are traditionally put under the pillow to dream of your potential upcoming nuptials.

#### - Flowers and Centre Pieces

\$1,000.00 Flowers must be ordered in advance to insure they are ready for the date specified. Boutonnieres, the bridal bouquet and bridesmaids flowers should all be color coordinated in shades of Pale Blues, Pale Grey and Silver tones for that added effect. Flowers for centre pieces must also be in the theme colors and the flowers that will adorn the church or the place that the ceremony will take place. The Ice Princess wedding is extraordinarily beautiful at night as the lights from candles and other decorations add to the fantasy.

#### - Photographer

\$ 800.00 If at all possible the pictures should start in the outdoors with as much clean snow as the backdrop, white fur if at all possible will also add luxury. The photographer may have a few props of his / her own to add to the scene. You will have to look around and find the best deal for your money.

## - Decorations

\$400.00 The Ice Princess wedding depends a great deal on the decorations. Lots of white netting and lights will make this theme come together. A lighted trellis for the bride and groom, with attached flowers and netting is great here. White candles lit everywhere during the ceremony and the reception hall with candles at each guest table.

Netting on the wedding party table with lights inside them are giving a softer illusion these are also on the table that will house the wedding cake and the desserts. Netting with lights are also draped throughout the hall for the look of an ice cave. Sprinkles of sequins, rhinestones and confetti on all the tables with ribbons tied on the champagne flutes.

The lights are clear type Christmas lights with white cords for easier hiding. They are economical and available almost everywhere. The stage for the entertainment is needed to be decorated in the same manner. If at all possible plastic icicles would set this theme off, hanging them wherever there is space. Of course you will need a volunteer or two to pull this off and to return the hall to its former state.

## -Entertainment

\$500.00 This part of the reception is the most fun the bride and groom will choose the music they like whether it is classical, rock, oldies or hip hop sometimes there is a volunteer in the family who will provide this service, but book a backup if you are not certain.

## - Champagne

\$300.00 The toast to the new bride and groom is of most importance and is traditionally started by the best man. Ribbons on the flutes are a nice touch, servers are usually included in the hall rental.

- Alcohol until 9 P.M. then open bar

\$800.00 most people will provide drinks for there guests until a certain time then it is open bar around 9:00 P.M. is sufficient and should be stated on the invitations.

-Limo

\$250.00 the limo should be booked in advance, shop around to get the best deal and make sure the car is white and decorated in theme colors.

After all of that, we came under budget at a total of \$6,175.00 and this leaves us \$ 325.00 for last minute extras should they be needed! Below are some great wedding favors for your ice princess theme.



Snowflake Shaped Wine  
Stopper

\$2.05

Flared Shot Glass - Set  
of 6

\$10.00

Classic Round Place  
Card Holders - Set of 12

\$23.95 (You Save: 4%)



Snowflake Candles  
Party Favors

As low as: \$2.49



Snowflake  
Candleholders

As low as: \$1.65



Crystal Snowflake Glass  
Coasters

As low as: \$2.60

## Beach theme

As you can see there are many places and destination that you can choose no matter what the theme of your wedding is going to be. You just have to be a little bit creative in your decorations ideas.

Being married on the beach at sunset may be your idea of a wonderfully romantic way to begin your new life together and it very well could be. However, beach weddings present some unique challenges that are not faced in other locations. Some beaches are public and you can have both a ceremony and a reception there, while others are not. This article will help you plan your perfect beach wedding. Mind you these will be tips as the sample above gave you a good idea for tips on detailed planning.

Like I said before some beaches are not public, but are privately owned by hotels, restaurants, resorts, and private individuals and you can only use the beach if you are

using the services of the owner. You might choose to have only the ceremony on the beach and then adjourn to the hotel or resort for the reception, perhaps on a patio or deck overlooking the beach. Here are some more tips about planning your dream beach wedding:

- Before choosing which beach to use, find out about the general weather patterns in that area at various times of the year. You don't want to schedule your wedding for hurricane season or on a beach that is prone to other bad storms like typhoons.
- You may need a permit to have your wedding on a public beach, particularly if it is part of a city or state park so because of this, you should check with the city or county in which the beach is located and apply for any needed permits several weeks or months in advance if you have to.
- Visit the location a day or two before the wedding at the same time of day that you will hold your ceremony so that you can see where the sun sets, the direction from which the wind may blow, and how level the area is. These things will make your job a lot easier.
- You should also know that chairs and sand don't mix well together. Chairs with conventional legs will slowly sink into the sand (usually from the back). Because of this, your guests will either need to stand during the ceremony or you will need to rent flooring on which to place the chairs otherwise, they will fall down.

### **Favors and Accents**

Beach themed wedding offer cheap and in some cases free favors for your themed wedding which is why it is a favorite. We all like to offer romance at our wedding, but we can also do so on a budget. Here are some great accents for a beach themed wedding that can be used as party gifts, decorations and even centerpieces.

- Sea shells, sand are a must. You can use the sand as fillers for candle stand etc.
- Beach balls, flip flops and umbrellas

- Sea blue and green candles and accent colors for decorations
- Dolphins for any purpose can be found everywhere and for any price that you want to spend
- Floating candles that are shaped like water lilies are always a beautiful addition



Mini Beach Bags - Set of 6

Retail \$9.98 **\$8.95**



Resin Sailboat  
Placecard Frame

**\$0.99**



Flip Flop Keychain in  
Deluxe Box

**\$1.39**



Sailboat Placecard Holder - Set of 12

As low as: \$13.95



Beach Theme Cork Coaster Sets

As low as: \$1.10



Hawaiian Shirt Place Card Holder Favors

As low as: \$1.49



Nautical Theme Placecard Holders - Set of 4

As low as: \$7.95



Beachcombers Flip Flop Placecard Holders - 2 pairs

As low as: \$4.00



Garden Party Flip Flop Placecard Holders - 2 pairs

As low as: \$4.00



Plumeria Floating  
Flowers (20 pcs Set)

\$21.95



Calla Lily Mini-Pails (Set  
of 12)

As low as: \$17.30



"Spread the Love" Set  
of 2 Sand & Shell  
Spreaders

As low as: \$3.50



Adirondack Chairs  
Personalized Chocolate  
Favors



Shell Design Magnet  
Frame

Flip Flop Candle Favors  
- Set of 2

\$2.25

As low as: \$1.49

As low as: \$0.89



Seaside Tea Light  
Candle Favor Set

As low as: \$1.75



"Anchored In Love" Mini-  
Candle Favors

As low as: \$1.50



"The Love Boat" Candle  
Wedding Favors

As low as: \$1.69

No matter how hard you hope, there's always the chance that it will rain on your big day. There are two ways to avoid spending your wedding day making panicked phone calls in an attempt to locate an alternate wedding site while the rain comes down in buckets. Either you can rent a tent, or you can book an indoor backup site.

Renting a tent gives you the chance to maintain an airy outdoor feeling, allowing ocean breezes in, but keeping rain out and of your guests. However, renting a tent adds an extra expense to your wedding. Tents can run anywhere from \$150 for a tiny canopy to \$4,000 for a 6,000 square foot pole tent. An alternative to a tent is to hold your wedding at a location that offers you both beachfront and indoor capabilities, or reserving a church fellowship hall.

Depending on the size of your guest list and how formal you want your beach wedding to be, you may want to rent flooring as well. If you have a small group, having guests gather round while you and your partner speak your vows can be intimate and beautiful.

However, with a larger group, seating is usually necessary. Beach seating can be tricky thanks to the unsure footing that sand provides. Flooring is not very expensive to rent, and can come in many materials, from parquet to carpeted. Flooring is an absolute need for a reception that is going to be on the sand. You'll need to rent a dance floor, and tables and chairs need a sturdy base. Most tent companies also rent flooring.

The summer sun can be hard on some of your guests as well, even during an evening wedding. For this reason you should consider having an usher hand out iced non-alcoholic drinks to guests as they arrive at your ceremony. Keep bottled water in ice-filled buckets at the end of each row of chairs.

Give personalized paper fans to guests as a favor that will be handed out before the ceremony. You will also want to rent large electric fans for your reception. Set up a few beach umbrellas at the back of the guest area for older relatives and fair-skinned guests to retreat to when the sun becomes too hot. For a daytime wedding, leave small tubes of sunscreen in a basket near the entrance to your ceremony area.

**Bug control** - Consider making bug spray available to guests or using citronella candles around your reception area so that your guests are thinking of your service and not getting bitten. You don't want people to remember your wedding because they were eaten alive by mosquitoes.

**Sound system** - you may also want to consider renting a sound system for your ceremony. Those same ocean breezes that refresh your guests can blow music and words in the wrong direction, leaving your guests with nothing to hear but the sound of the beach itself.

**Tides** - you have to take tides into consideration when you set up your ceremony and reception areas.

**Toilets** - If there are no acceptable toilets near your wedding site, you'll have to rent portables. Rental companies recommend 1 toilet per every 50 guests.

**Rules and Regulations** - If you are renting a public beach for your wedding, there may very well be some restrictions on the number of guests. Are you allowed to use candles? Are electrical outlets available for your sound system? How late or loud can you play music at your reception? Read the fine print on your contract, and ask plenty of questions because these things can get you into trouble if not followed correctly.

## Cheap Theme Wedding and Reception Tips

If you are getting married; want a theme wedding and need to do so on a tight budget, there are many tips that you can follow to make sure that your wedding and reception doesn't break the banks and a theme wedding is a great place to start. Here are some tips that will save you money when you are planning your wedding ceremony and reception.

- Lower the guest list to include only friends and family that are close to you. This is difficult to do but sometimes it is necessary if the cost per guest is going to break your theme budget. Think about it like this; you can simply cross off the names on the list of guests who might feel obligated to come to the wedding if they are invited, but would not be upset in the least if they are not asked to attend. Invite only the people who are important to you and your parents, rather than every person that you have ever met.
- Have your wedding ceremony and/or reception held at a hotel area, and ask for discounts when your family and friends are staying at same hotel which they will likely give. Reserve a section of rooms for your guests several months beforehand just to be sure that all goes smoothly on the day. Speak with the appropriate manager when asking for discounts and reserving rooms.
- Stick to the schedule that you set for yourself for your ceremony and reception. Musicians will charge you a lot more if they are asked asked to perform beyond the time stated in their contract.

- Have your ceremony and reception in the same place which will make things a great deal simpler.
- Ask friends to help instead of buying a gift such as DJ's, flowers, centerpieces etc.
- Have your wedding on a non-weekend day. Choose a weekday evening for your wedding. Schedule the wedding to allow guests time to arrive at the ceremony after the work day has ended. Many guests enjoy weekday weddings more because this frees up their weekends other things. Choose a date between November and April to avoid higher seasonal rates.
- Supply disposable cameras all over the place for people to take pictures at your wedding it will save a lot on fancy photographers. You can also ask a friend who you know is good at taking pictures to help. You can also get your friends with digital cameras to email you all the photos they take.
- Get someone from a nearby college to help out with making a video of the ceremony. It will save you piles of money and still giving you the professional look that you may be hoping for.
- Offer a buffet instead of fancy dinners. Get your family members to each cook and bring something to add to the festivities.
- Serve beer and wine instead of expensive champagnes. Let people know that they can bring their own liquor if they prefer something else.

### Cheap Audio/Video for your Wedding

You definitely don't want to skimp on something as important as the pictures and music that you have at your theme wedding, however, you also don't to break the

bank on it either. Here is where you will learn how you can save money on your audio and video etc. for your theme wedding. Not everyone can afford a professional to take pictures and play music for their wedding. Many would rather get married in city hall rather than pay all of that extra money.

Below are some great tips to saving money on your audio/video at your wedding:

1. Place an ad in a college for students who are majoring in audio/video to come and do your wedding. When you do this, you can find people who have professional equipment and training at bargain basement prices. Let them know that you are hosting a bidding war for the project and watch them fight for the honor.
2. Get student photographers and amateurs to take some pictures for you by using the same means as above
3. Hand out disposable cameras at your reception so that your guests can share their experience at your wedding for you.
4. get a friend or family member to videotape the ceremony for you as well instead of a wedding gift
5. Hire students and hobbyists to play the music at your reception
6. Use an MP3 player that is hooked up to good speakers to play the music so that you don't have to hire anyone at all. Just place CDs into it that automatically play the songs that you want in the order that you want. Use burned CDs rather than buying a bunch of different ones

You do not have to hire a professional to do this stuff for you, but if you want to, here are some tips for getting a good deal: Choose a photography package instead of purchasing all of the services separately. If there is something you want that isn't included, ask the photographer if you can make an exchange that won't make the price higher.

Be careful about choosing the smallest or cheapest package. You may end up spending a lot more money after the wedding for all the extra prints alter. Check out any extras you are offered. Do not be fooled by the words “deluxe, premium or Ultimate”.

### **Saving money on Food at the wedding**

When it comes to a wedding whether it is themed or not one of the most expensive parts of it is the food. This is particularly true if you are hiring a caterer. When you sit down to create a wedding budget, you will be spending most of it on the food per person. This money can quickly add up beyond your wildest dreams. Of course, it doesn't have to. It seems as if weddings are just a cause for much feasting and merriment and that requires a great deal of food.

There are many things that you can do to help cut the cost of your wedding food. Let's look at some of them:

1. Pay attention to how many hors d'oeuvres you order if ordering from a caterer. You don't need eight different types. If you must serve appetizers offer cheese and crackers or mini items.
2. When you are choosing your menu, only get what is really needed. Do not binge on a five course meal if you can't afford to. Know what your per person budget is and stick to it no matter what.
3. Have your friends and family prepare appetizers, side dishes, bread, and meals and salad.
4. If you're trying to keep costs low, stay away from certain foods that are very expensive such as shrimp, salmon, lobster and beef tenderloin. If you have your heart set on one of these dishes only serve them as appetizers and not the main course.

5. Instead of a full meal, serve only hors d'oeuvres. It is easier to dish out and cheaper
6. Food stations can offer your guests variety and save you money. These can include stations from around the world like pastas (Italy), Mexican foods, etc. depending on your theme
7. Offer a buffet style meal rather than a sit down dinner.
8. Offer lunch instead of dinner because it is much cheaper.
9. You can have barbecue if you are throwing an outside wedding ceremony and reception.
10. Stay reliable to your theme by choosing a specific theme for your food as well, because this will make it easier to select your food items.

## **Should you use a Wedding Planner?**

It seems like you can't read a book, magazine or even watch a wedding film without a wedding planner being involved in some way. In fact 26% brides now hire a planner for their wedding rather than doing it themselves. But why are they so popular? Years ago couples were happy for a small simple wedding organized by their Mothers. Now we all seem to need to have planners do the work for us.

Weddings are becoming increasingly difficult with an average number of 15 suppliers to source, negotiate and book beforehand. Brides can spend weeks agonizing over all of the plans and details; trying to ensure their wedding day is wonderful. Films such as 'The Wedding Planner' with Jennifer Lopez have raised the profile of wedding planners, which is why I think has increased the number of planners now being hired.

A professional wedding planner is not as expensive as you may think they are and many offer various packages to suit every wedding budget. In most cases your planner can get discounts from suppliers which will help to make sure that you are getting the best possible price. And don't forget that every supplier will have been thoroughly checked out ensuring they are professional.

Here are some key questions that you should consider before hiring a wedding planner of your own:

- Do you and your partner work long hours?
- Is your job stressful and overly demanding?
- Do you have to travel very often with your job?
- Are you living outside the area where you plan to marry?
- Do you want your wedding to be handled to perfection with little effort by you?
- Are you worried about putting pressure on your parent for help?
- Do you want a professional touch?

If you answer yes to any of the questions below you may want to seriously consider hiring a planner. But, how can you ensure the wedding planner you hire is professional and experienced? One method that really works is that you can check online for a list of members all of which have been vetted and comply with a code of ethics.

Look at some of the sites and instantly dismiss those with badly designed websites and/or spelling mistakes, if they cannot get their own material correct what hope is there for your wedding? You can also check through people who have used planners to see how their weddings went.

Arrange to meet 2 of the planners for a consultation to see if you and the planner get along well because personality is a huge part of being a wedding planner. They will be privy to personal and confidential issues so they have to be someone you trust. Prepare a list of questions to ask them before the meeting so that you can check their experience and suitability.

#### Facts to find out about the planner:

- How long they have been in business?
- How many weddings they have organized. Can they provide references?
- How do they charge, hourly, fixed fee or a percentage of your wedding budget? Can you work with this?
- Do they accept commission from suppliers and is it passed on to the client?
- Do they operate on a full time basis or do they have another job?
- ARE they licensed and insured?
- Do they have a video portfolio for you to look at?

What exactly can a planner help with? Most planners have a mix of packages and tailor made services to choose from so it varies by planner. It really is up to the client what the planner can do for them, every wedding is different. Some of the things that your wedding planner can do and should do are:

- Recommending suitable destinations
- Recommending suitable suppliers
- Producing your budget & ensuring you stick to it

- Arranging payments to all suppliers
- Creating a wedding theme and design
- Sending invitations
- Managing the wedding day itself

In the end, the wedding planner idea is all a matter of taste and preference.

## **Step by step planning and checklist**

No matter what type of wedding you are planning to have, it always helps to have a detailed timeline checklist to follow. This will help you to stay on your toes and it will also give you a planning guide. Just cross them off as you complete each task. **Please note that this checklist was adapted from an online resource, <http://www.fivestarssoftware.com/timeline.htm>**

### *Nine to Twelve Months Before*

- Decide who will officiate at the ceremony.
- Select a wedding date and time.
- Announce your engagement.
- Determine how many guests may attend.
- Determine the type of wedding you want and theme.

- Select and order the bridesmaids' dresses.
- Establish a starting budget.
- Select and hire a photographer.
- Select a caterer if not already provided by the reception.
- Select and secure your reception location.
- Select and secure your ceremony location.
- Begin choosing your wedding cake baker, videographer, musicians, and florist. Sign necessary contracts.

#### *Six to Nine Months Before*

- Start making the guest list
- Select the attendants for your wedding party.
- Shop for the wedding dress, headpiece, veil, etc.
- Start planning for honeymoon.
- Register with a gift bridal registry.

#### *Four to Six Months Before*

- Make appointments for a physical exam with your doctor/dentist.

- Check requirements for blood test and marriage license in your state.
- Shop for wedding rings.
- Select and order or print the invitations and stationery.
- Make sure all the men's attire has been ordered.
- Decide where to live after the wedding.
- Complete the guest lists.
- Begin shopping for trousseau.
- Send your engagement announcement to the newspaper.
- Inform mothers to select their dresses.
- Select and order the men's attire.
- Finish honeymoon details and make the necessary reservations.

### *Two to Four Months Before*

- Confirm the menu and catering details with the caterer.
- Prepare all maps and directions for the ceremony and reception.
- Select your wedding rings.
- Buy a wedding guest book.
- Set the dates and times with the officiate for the rehearsal.

- Plan the bridesmaids' luncheon and any other parties.
- Determine your resources for designing and printing the program for the ceremony.
- Finalize the florist details, photographer, videographer, musicians, etc.
- Arrange the necessary accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- Plan a rehearsal dinner, time and place.
- Confirm the wedding cake details with the baker.

#### *Six to Eight Weeks Before*

- Mail invitations and announcements.
- Prepare a portrait for the newspaper. Check your local newspaper for details and timing.
- Set appointment with photographer for your formal bridal portrait.
- Select gifts for all your attendants.
- Set appointments with any hairdressers and/or makeup artists.
- Hire the limousine or other forms of transportation for the wedding.

#### *Four to Six Weeks Before*

- Decide what your menu is going to be for the reception. Estimate the expected number of guests.
- Buy a gift for the groom.

- Schedule a final fitting for your gown so it can be ready for your formal bridal portrait.
- Purchase a going away outfit.
- Pick up your wedding rings.
- Purchase (borrow) all wedding accessories such as the ring pillow, goblets, garter belt, candles, etc.
- Confirm florist details and delivery times.
- Plan the seating for the reception as well as other details for the ceremony and reception. Start writing placement cards.
- Make sure all bridesmaids' attire has been fitted.
- Buy a gift for the bride.

### *Two Weeks Before*

- Make arrangements to have your wedding gifts moved to your new home.
- Handle business and legal details such as name changes, address changes, etc.
- Prepare the wedding announcement for the newspaper.
- Reconfirm your guests' accommodations
- Make sure all clothing and accessories for you and the bridal party are ready.
- Get your marriage license and any blood tests which are needed.

### *One Week Before*

- Review any seating details with the ushers.
- Make sure all wedding attire fits.
- Finalize the seating arrangements.
- Reconfirm your honeymoon reservations. Ensure you have any necessary plane tickets.
- Start packing for your honeymoon.
- Call any guests who have not responded yet.
- Finish all the place cards for the reception.
- Review all the final details with your photographer, videographer, etc.
- Give a final head count to the caterer.
- Confirm the availability of the musicians and vocalists.
- Delegate responsibilities to reliable individuals on your wedding day
- Wrap and present the wedding party gifts.
- Finalize your rehearsal dinner arrangements or other plans.

### *One Day Before*

- Get a manicure or massage to relax yourself.
- Stay with your family the night before and sleep early.

- Review and rehearse all the details of your participants.

### *The Big Day*

- Make sure the best man and maid of honor sign the wedding certificate.
- Allow yourself plenty of time to get dressed.
- Enjoy your wonderful wedding and cherish each and every moment!!!
- Be sure to eat properly.
- Rest and relax with a good bath.
- Prepare for your hairdresser and makeup appointments.

## Wedding Planning Software

Your wedding is going to be one of the most special days in your life. But the time leading up to it can be one of the most stressful, especially if you are planning on doing it yourself. You can go into a panic if everything doesn't work out and keeping all of your information can be impossible. That is when wedding planning software comes in handy.

There's literally a hundred and one things to do to get ready for your perfect wedding day and the wedding planning software can really make things easier. Smart Wedding Planning begins with staying organized and focused. Wedding planning software can

keeps track of all the details for you. It doesn't forget. It doesn't get nervous like you do. It's always there when you need it.

With the right software, you will be able to professionally manage your wedding from beginning the day of your wedding quickly, easily and most of all calmly. No more panicky moments where you can't remember if you missed an important item or not because your wedding planning software can really help.

Here's what a good wedding planning software program can do for you:

- takes care of guest list, Invitations and RSVP's!
- Seating arrangements aren't a problem as you can create a Reception Seating Plan for all your guests - even last minute responders.
- print your own Inner and Outer Envelopes, Labels, Seating Assignment Cards and individual Seating Place Cards!
- Remembering your appointments by getting reminders of them with the built in Scheduler!
- Keep track of relatives accommodations and transportation requirements.
- print both beautifully and professionally on the Inner and Outer envelopes.
- Set a budget.

Your wedding planning software can handle everything for you so that you can worry about the day itself and spend more time with your partner! You can find excellent resources online by searching around.

## Planning the wedding shower

Bridal showers are one of many pre-wedding parties that are usually for the bride and are great fun. They are known as parties with a purpose. The purpose of a wedding shower is to assist the couple in equipping their new home or for the bride. Not only that, but they are a good excuse for the bride to get together with her friends and family to play hilarious games and to enjoy the food and wine. She can also use the wedding shower as a way to prepare her guests for the themed wedding idea.

Did you know that a trend has started for 'couples showers' which is really cool and even more fun. This is sometimes termed as the 'Jack' and 'Jill' shower where you shower both the bride and groom with gifts and have fun. Either way, if you are having a traditional shower party for just the bride, or decide to have a couples shower, then the planning and the checklist will invariably be the same.

Here is an outline of a wedding shower checklist which will help make planning your wedding shower much easier:

- Traditionally the maid of honor tends to plan the shower festivities. But today, anything goes and it is perfectly acceptable for both family and friends to work together to organize, host and share the cost of the wedding shower. It doesn't really matter who actually hosts the party anyway.
- If the shower is planned to be in someone's home, then it's always a good idea to choose the person with the largest home or garden so that it can easily accommodate all of the guests.
- Because of the busy schedule the bride and her family will have during the days before a wedding, it is best to hold the shower about four to six weeks before the wedding.
- Many people are aware that wedding showers are no longer a surprise, therefore it is necessary to include the bride in the planning when it comes to setting a date and time.

- A traditional 'girl-only' party could be a Sunday brunch, a lunch or an afternoon tea garden party.
- Couples wedding showers are best held on a weekend all people involved will likely not have to work. If you are having a shower party with work colleagues, then the ideal time would be in your lunch hour or straight after work.
- Aside from inviting your family members, the host should invite people you know well whether it be friends, relatives or work colleagues.
- Don't invite too many people, as a large group tends to split off in small separate groups and the focus moves away from the couple. You want everyone to interact with each other and be a manageable size for everybody to play the hilarious shower games and not feel left out.
- A comfortable shower should involve about 10-20 people.
- You don't need to buy expensive shower invitations. You can print some online. These invitations are customized with your own wording and design, and are printed directly from your own printer.
- As with the actual wedding, it is wise to choose a theme before sending out the invitations. The theme can then be used throughout the shower and incorporated in with the invitations, decorations, favors and refreshments.
- The most popular shower theme is the 'kitchen' theme as there are endless pieces of equipment and accessories you can buy for the kitchen.
- One good idea for a couples shower is a wine tasting theme. This is ideal for a Saturday night party.
- Food: It depends on the theme of the shower and location for which type of food to prepare. For example, if you are holding a 'wine tasting theme', then a

finger buffet with crackers, nuts, cheeses and other nibbles goes down well with wine.

- If you are holding a garden shower party, consider light finger food - cheeses, crackers, fresh fruit, mini-quiches, blueberry cream puffs, crab dip and a bacon, egg and cheese casserole and salads.
- Some people choose not to give shower favors anymore. It really depends on where you live and if it is a tradition in your area or not.
- Give something small and useful like a scented candle for shower favors. Most people like scented candles and they are practical. A potpourri satchel is another welcome and practical idea.
- Everyone should be included in the shower games. Shower party games are a great ice-breaker for people to get to know each other. Games can include bridal shower bingo as this is always a big hit as is 'what's in the bag. Trivia questions about the bride and groom or making a wedding dress with toilet paper are all fun games to be had.
- A personal note is the only way to make sure that sincere appreciation is expressed.

## **Wedding planning mistakes**

It is very easy to make many mistakes when you are planning your wedding. We all make them, but this section is designed to help you to avoid the most common wedding planning mistakes that are made, which include the following:

1. Going over your budget.

It costs a lot of money to throw a wedding no matter who you are. Excited brides start booking vendors and making purchases sometimes without thinking of the total spending costs. When this happens we are suddenly panicked because out of the blue

you realize that you spend all of your money and don't yet have half the things they need.

If you bounce checks or don't have the money to pay your deposits, your wedding will not happen. Planning a wedding is serious business. Make a budget and keep track of your spending as you go so that you won't be left with a half wedding service.

## 2. Messing up the marriage license

There are so many rules that vary by state in regards to marriage licenses that many couples regularly mess up this one. For instance, if you get your license 61 days before your wedding in Pennsylvania, you won't be able to legally marry on your wedding day because a license is valid there for only 60 days.

Go to get your license the day before your wedding, and you may not get it in time because some states have a three-day waiting period. The theory here is to check the laws about your license and try to be at least 30 days ahead of that.

## 3. Ordering your wedding gown too late.

If your heart is set on a couture gown, you had best be sure to order by the six-month mark since your dress will be custom-made. In addition, most off-the-rack dresses will require alterations by your wedding day, so make certain that you have enough time to get the gown fitted properly at least a week beforehand. You'll want to leave plenty of time for shipping and for your fittings. The same goes for the bridesmaid dresses.

## 4. Booking hotel rooms too late.

If you are getting married during a busy time and you don't investigate hotel availability in advance, you can end up with nowhere for your guests to stay. Reserve rooms as early as possible.

## 5. Inviting too many guests.

Make sure your guest list and your reception site match. You can't invite 400 people on the assumption that only 250 will accept, because if you end up with 300 acceptances, you may have to turn 50 guests away at the door.

#### 6. Partaking in last-minute beauty treatments and crash diets.

Many people think that scheduling a facial the day before the wedding will help them to look more radiant but you may end up with blisters instead of sun-kissed skin. Last-minute beauty treatments can lead to breakouts, mistakes or, even worse, serious infections.

#### 7. Underpaying invitation postage

You'd be surprised how many brides just stick a regular stamp on their invites and drop the whole batch into a mailbox. All but a few wedding invitations require additional postage so just check the postage rates for your invitations before sending them out.

#### 8. Ignoring religious guidelines.

Inappropriate attire for the church or temple, or skipping the pre-canae, may keep your officiate from marrying you on your wedding day. Take your religious restrictions seriously. Meet with your officiate within one month of getting engaged.

#### 9. Assuming that your guests know what you expected of them.

This can be a costly mistake; especially if you are having a church wedding in one church and your guests are of different religions. You should always meet with your wedding attendees to discuss what they should expect during the ceremony. Its just polite.

## **A backyard wedding**

Some bride and grooms would rather elope than have all the expense and aggravation of an elaborate wedding. This is especially true if they are on their second or third weddings.

If this is the path you choose you will learn that you may be tasteful and frugal at the same time. After all, the brides and grooms of yesteryear were quite resourceful when it came to getting things done. Of course, many of them still want to have the reception when they get home. This is a special section that will cover putting together a back yard reception.

Before the expenses of the huge wedding there were simple ceremonies and a few friends and family members got together to celebrate the union of the happy couple. Many families have a few musicians or a least a DJ in the family. And women never need an excuse to get together and whip up a feast for 50 hungry people.

Men can be in charge of grilling or moving chairs and tables if the event will take place outside, as well as spreading a few decorations in honor of the happy couple. While some people drink champagne the rest drink beer from a tap. Tapped beer only costs around \$150 and will last all night long. Enough champagne for toasting purposes will run under \$75. With everyone is in casual or their Sunday best there is really no need for a new outfit.

The bride and groom will want to wear something new of course, but it will be much more inexpensive than a traditional gown and tux. Flowers can be a fresh picked bouquet of seasonal flowers. The cake may not cost you more than \$50 dollars if you do not have someone that will make it for you as a wedding gift. There are simple tricks to remember when having a simple affair and that is color coordinating and display.

If you can find that special person with an eye for decorating put them in charge of having things displayed in the right manner, this is half the battle. The ladies can put together their best pieces of china and dishes to make a beautiful table for the buffet style table. A few ribbons and bows will set apart the bride and groom at no extra costs.

The ceremony itself need only be a preacher or a visit to City Hall to be married in the judges chambers the whole set up here will only be the cost of the license and a donation to the official. Someone to decorate cars and take charge of smaller tasks like that will keep others free for more challenging jobs such as lighting for night time and arranging a place to dance or kick up your heels.

All of this might only take a matter of a couple of weeks or a few days if you push it .make sure you haven't forgot the camera because when all is said an done the most important thing to remember is the people that love each other are together and they have wonderful fond memories to share for many years to come.

The price of some disposable cameras is about \$4.00 per 27 pictures if there is no one with a camera you can use this very effective way of preserving your favorite poses. All the way through the beginning of the preparations to the grand finale of the happy couple leaving the guests for the wedding night keep snapping those pictures, it will be greatly appreciated later.

An economical wedding like this will cost you less than \$1,000.00 but will be just as beautiful as the hugest weddings ever. Don't forget to send some thank you cards to all the helpful family and friends that made your wonderful day possible. And perhaps you might offer to return the favor in the future.

A quickie wedding may not be the wedding of many people's dreams but for a second and third wedding, these are often ideal.

## Summary and Review

Planning for a theme wedding is one of the most important things that you will do in your lifetime. If you are not interested in planning a traditional wedding, you should consider a theme Wedding. Theme Weddings are a great way to take you away from the norm and into something a lot more fun. Here you will learn about Theme Weddings.

A good theme wedding package can be made available in every shape, budget and size. You can look for all-inclusive theme wedding packages, which cover everything from your flight reservations to hotel rooms to outfits for the entire wedding party should your wedding take place out of town. Or you might be interested in a smaller package, which includes the chapel service, flowers, and a cake for your special day.

If you've ever been to a theme before, your best bet is to do some of the legwork yourself. Pick out your favorite hotel and make a reservation for yourself and anyone else who might be coming with you. You might also want to arrange a limo from the airport so that transportation and carrying your luggage won't be a worry. Everything else for your wedding, you can leave up to the wedding people.

Picking the right theme can save you a lot of time and hassle. Most of the good theme weddings offer several different types of packages for the guests. The cheapest theme weddings available usually include the chapel fee, flowers, and photographs of the ceremony. The more expensive ones can include a lot of details you may not have even thought of.

If you're interested in more all-inclusive theme wedding packages, they're available, but they are a bit more expensive when you hire a planner to do the work for you. You can get a professional video of your wedding ceremony, custom-made photo albums, and even a wedding garter and all of them can be included in a single package.

In this wedding guide you have learned:

- How to choose a theme for your wedding
- How themed weddings can be cheaper
- What types of themes are popular
- How to plan the entire wedding steps
- To write your own wedding checklist
- Which mistakes to avoid
- How to plan a wedding shower
- How to choose a wedding planner and much more!