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While that seems like a long way off, it is necessary to begin planning at least a year in advance. "TheKnot is free and it goes through all the vendors. I can price-compare and do hands-on planning from five hours away." TheKnot also sends out daily emails listing vendor discounts.

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Brittany Geske uses an internet website, TheKnot.com, to plan her wedding. The site helps her budget her money, build a guest list and book the reception venue and photographer. Photo by Gretchen Mayer.
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Forget-Me-Knot: Wedding details that slip through the cracks

Ridales come true

Gift registries are not one and done. Unlike the bride and groom, who are declaring each other their one and only, products come and go. Stores are constantly changing their inventories. Therefore it is a good idea to review your gift registry updates and price regularly.

Also, be sure to register at more than one location so your guests can shop where they are comfortable. This way, as well, they are more likely to find a gift worth giving in their price range. Some couples are traditionally marrying later in life and may not have the need for many items. At this point, asking for cash will likely come off as tacky. It might be better to set up a "memory fund" or a different type of registry that will mean more than another punch bowl or appetizer dish. The website Hatch My House (www.hatchmyhouse.com) allows couples to register for a future down payment, renovations, or home decor.

Pinterest versus Personalization. Believe it or not, there is a difference between these two Ps. It's easy to get carried away on Pinterest—you pin and pin and pin. While it is a safe haven and idea sparker, weddings get "too Pinteresty." Yes, even if that is not a word, "too Pinteresty" is a real thing—and it happens. If you really want to get creative and have unique features for your decor, invitations, favors, etc., recruit one of your friends (perhaps a graphic designer) to help you with some details. Some ARE better than others—but something is better than nothing. Whatever you do, don't overload the P. How much Pinterest is too much Pinterest? Your wedding should be an expression of both you and your future husband. Anything more than that—well, you've hit "too Pinteresty" on the mark.

Address social media with your wedding party and guests. As popular as social media sites such as Facebook and Instagram are, you might have barely walked the nuptials with a kiss before your cousin Sally has posted you in your wedding dress, walking down the aisle. If you prefer to keep your social media seal, it might be a good idea to add something to your invitations, wedding programs, or wedding website.

Punchy or punchless. Will someone else check you in and drop off your bags? How are you getting from place to place? Speaking of the party—someone has to clean up all the confetti and stash the extra cake. Some clean up might be included in the area while they are visiting. Consider hosting a social the night before the wedding so you can welcome your guests and so they can get to know one another. Also take into consideration how much time is between your wedding and your reception. What will guests do during this time? Marital bliss? Ringos?

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Editor's Note: Several couples a week.

They have 12 weddings to the casual, rustic motif. The lodge can house 40 guests at Tacoma is 200, not including the grounds. Capacity is designed to fold into a response card attached to your invitations, so look for invitations that include freebies such as complementary sets that feature freebies of registry that will mean more than another gift registries and Instagram are, you should prepare for what follows your day. Make sure your guests are entertained between your wedding and your reception.

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Tips for carrying it throughout your big day

Let your wedding reflect your personality with customized creations

- Personalized designs to make your wedding unique
- Quality floral arrangements
- Service excellence
- Rentals available

According to Robin Brocklesby, founder of Creative Coverings, one of the largest nationwide linen rental and sales companies, "Even the most romantic, unique theme can fail to live up to its potential if you only incorporate it into one or two aspects of your wedding," says Robin Brocklesby.

So, what do you do if you choose a trending color, consider renting accessories such as linens, chair covers and decorations. Rental stores keep track of what's trendy, too, and are more likely to have items in the season's hottest colors. Often, it's easier to rent what you need than to hunt through multiple stores trying to purchase items. Visit www.rentalhq.com to find a rental store that caters to your theme.

Renting can fulfill items that can't be purchased. Renting items for years to come makes your wedding more memorable. And, a memorable experience can turn any wedding into a theme. A great theme can help you celebrate your wedding, keep these points in mind:

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- Pick a wedding color scheme doesn't mean it's limited to just one shade. For example, Brochelsky points out, purple is a trending color for weddings this year, and you can incorporate variations of it throughout your wedding. "Lighter shades like lavender and lilac are more feminine and sensitive, creating a mood of romance," she says. "They're a great choice for bridesmaids' gowns." Add interest to the color theme by using darker shades like plum or deep purples for table linens and even lighting elements. "Using these darker shades can create an impression of magic, fantasy or extravagance," Brochelsky says.

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