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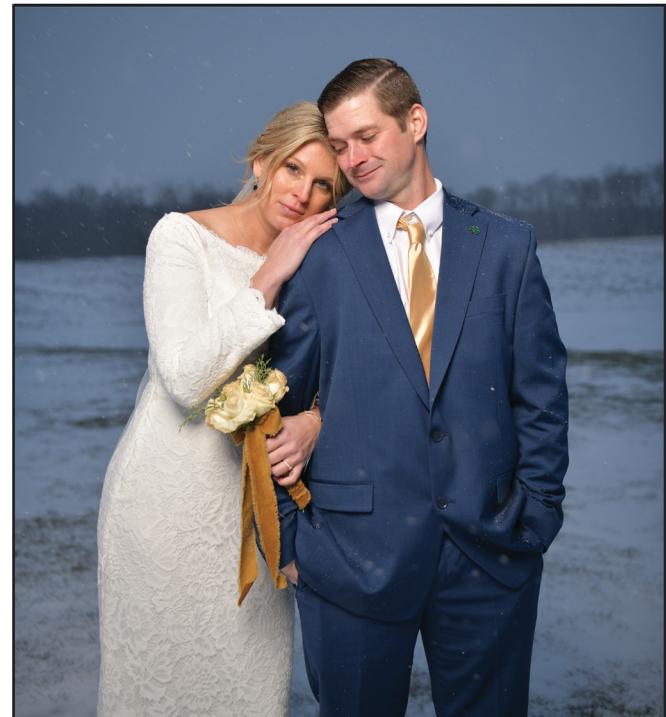
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Simple touches that add an elegant feel to a wedding

BY METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

The term “the perfect wedding” can be somewhat misleading. Couples have their own ideas regarding the perfect wedding, and no single vision is more worthy of that characterization than another.

Tradition plays a big role at many weddings, as couples have long embraced customs like the first dance, cutting the cake together and even tossing the bridal bouquet at the reception. Traditional weddings often are associated with elegance, and there are many ways to create an elegant aesthetic at a wedding.

• **Consider candlelight.**

Candlelight can make any space feel cozy and warm. Lit candles also create a calming and elegant vibe at a wedding. A handful of thoughtfully placed candles around a ceremony space can add a sense of elegance to a wedding. That vibe can be maintained into the reception when candles are placed on dining tables.

• **Include some vintage items.** Vintage items can add



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elegance because they call to mind traditional weddings of past eras. Unique vintage vases on seating tables or even as reception table centerpieces are simple to arrange and effective at adding an elegant

touch.

• **Choose a signature cocktail.**

The drinks guests enjoy at the reception also can add some elegance to the festivities. Ask the reception hall bartender to collab-

orate on a classic cocktail, ideally one that might have been popular years ago or even a modernized version of a drink that calls to mind ceremonies of yesteryear.

• **Go traditional with wedding attire.** More and more brides are choosing wedding gowns that go beyond the classic white dress. But brides who want something elegant may want to stick to traditional attire. The same goes for grooms, who can choose a traditional black tuxedo to add some simple elegance to the big day.

• **Set your sights on seating.**

There’s no area of a wedding that can’t be augmented with a little elegance, and that even goes for seating. Chair sashes complement an elegant theme, and such simple decor is easy to pull off. It also provides instant appeal and a touch of class as guests enter the venue and take a seat.

An elegant wedding aesthetic makes for great photographs and adds a memorable vibe to a ceremony and reception.



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Tips to streamline a wedding day

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Marriage is a social institution that is thousands of years old. Marriage has undergone changes over the years, but plenty of people are still tying the knot and hosting amazing wedding celebrations.

A total of 2,065,905 marriages were recorded in the United States in 2022. Statistics Canada indicates 98,355 registered marriages took place in 2020. Prospective brides and grooms may be inclined to host more simplified and streamlined weddings in order to save money and time. Finding ways to streamline a wedding is not necessarily that challenging.

• **Keep the ceremony short.** While this may not always be an option for couples who are having a traditional religious ceremony that is beholden to the rules of the faith, some couples can opt for a shortened ceremony that is more direct and to the point. A streamlined ceremony can



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stick strictly to the exchange of vows, rather than including readings, musical interludes, candle lighting ceremonies, and more. Couples who want religious ceremonies can speak with their officiants to see how they can stick to tradition, but keep the ceremony more

succinct.

• **Communicate roles for the wedding party.** Having designated people to handle a variety of tasks at the wedding fosters efficiency and can save time by moving things along. It also allows for smooth transitions during

parts of the ceremony. For example, the maid of honor traditionally holds the bride's bouquet during the ceremony. But other bridesmaids can be enlisted to hold items or fix the bride's train or veil as well.

• **Select one venue.** Holding the wedding

ceremony and reception in the same place cuts down on travel time and logistical issues for both the guests and those involved in the wedding. It also reduces necessary costs for transportation.

• **Choose a nearby location.** Asking guests and vendors to travel great distances can add time to the wedding festivities. Selecting a centrally located ceremony site and reception hall will streamline many of the steps people would have to take to attend. It also might remove the need to arrange overnight accommodations for the wedding.

• **Hire a wedding coordinator.** A professional planner and coordinator will keep the wedding moving along on time and ensure a smooth process. This professional can remain emotionally neutral, solve problems and ensure that everyone is in the right place.

Streamlining a wedding and making it more efficient can save time and money.

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Responsibilities typically delegated to notable bridal party members

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Engaged couples tend to ask their closest family members and friends to be in their bridal parties. Such requests are an honor and bridal party members tend to be excited to play such a significant role on a couple's wedding day. But bridal party members also do much to help engaged couples before the big day.

Couples can choose to delegate as many tasks as they desire to bridal party members. Before delegating, couples can look to tradition to guide them in regard to asking their bridal parties to lend a hand.

- **Best man:** The best man toast at a wedding reception tends to be a jovial part of the festivities that couples and guests look forward to, so asking a best man to give such a speech is customary. Best man responsibilities also may include organizing a bachelor party or a similar type of get-together with fellow groomsmen and other guests prior to the wedding. A best man also may coordinate a gift for the groom if the groomsmen want to give the groom an item that requires pooling resources.

- **Maid/matron of honor:** A maid/matron of honor typically delivers a toast at



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the reception prior to the best man's speech. A maid/matron of honor also may coordinate a bachelorette party and bridal shower in the weeks or months before the wedding. A maid/matron of honor tends to play a significant role on the wedding day as well. A maid/matron of honor may handle any problems that arise in the hours before the ceremony so the bride can relax. For example, a maid/matron of honor may work to ensure the bride is shielded from issues

affecting hair and makeup, the venue, last-minute gown concerns, and other unforeseen problems that can arise. A maid/matron of honor may need to do some delegating of her own prior to the ceremony, asking fellow bridesmaids to help coordinate party plans.

- **Bridesmaids:** Brides-

maids can help a bride when she's choosing her gown as well as the dresses bridesmaids themselves will wear. Bridesmaids also help the maid/matron of honor coordinate the bachelorette party and pitch in to help address any issues that arise on the day of the ceremony.

- **Groomsmen:**

Groomsmen can be tasked with helping the best man coordinate a bachelor party. Groomsmen also can be asked to schedule their tuxedo fittings to afford enough time for alterations and orders to be completed in time for the big day.

- **Parents:** Parents' roles have changed considerably in recent years. While the parents of the bride traditionally paid for the wedding and groom's parents were tasked with bankrolling the rehearsal dinner, many modern couples now foot some, if not all, of those bills themselves. Parents can still be asked to lend some financial assistance. In addition, couples can seek input from parents regarding reception traditions like father/daughter and mother/son dances.

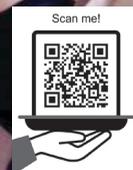
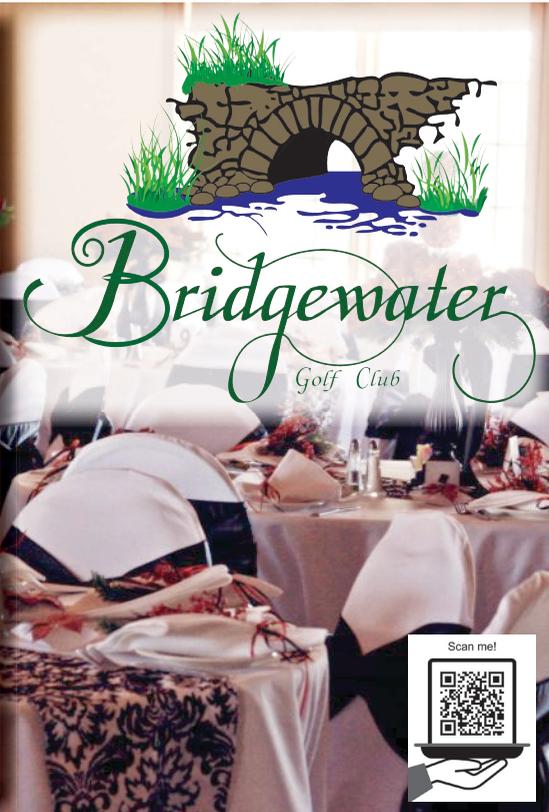
Many bridal party members are willing to do whatever it takes to make a couple's wedding day as special as possible. Couples are still urged to discuss responsibilities with bridal party members prior to delegating tasks.



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Questions to ask when interviewing caterers

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A wedding reception is a joyous occasion that affords newlyweds and their guests an opportunity to celebrate into the evening. Various components combine to ensure a memorable reception, but food is a major highlight of the festivities for guests. That places a significant responsibility on couples to find a reception center or third-party caterer who can dish up food that will have guests saying “I do” to a great meal.

These considerations and questions can help couples find the right caterer for their weddings.

Does my venue mandate use of a particular catering service?

The wedding planning website Zola advises that many wedding venues require couples to use a specific catering service. They may have an arrangement with a particular caterer who they trust, or the venue has in-house chefs and servers. In the



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earliest planning stages after the wedding date has been set, a couple should be sure to pick a venue that will serve the best food possible. Couples who have a specific caterer in mind may need to shop around for a venue that will allow outside vendors.

Identify your preferred meal

First and foremost, a couple should know how they want to have their food served and inquire with potential caterers about their standard options. Service types often

include a formal sit-down dinner reception, a buffet dinner service, a family-style dinner, or a more minimal cocktail offering without a full dinner. The couple can cross out prospects that don't offer the type of service they desire most.

Ask what's included

A couple should determine if a catering service offers food prepared by professionals, the amount of flexibility related to menus, if table settings are included, and if cleanup is part of the fee. Full-service catering typically includes all of this, while more limited service may be food brought in that requires the venue's own staff to serve and clean.

Compile the right questions

It's important to ask caterers some key questions to narrow down prospects. Some of these include:

- Are you a participant in any local business associations?
- What events with a similar concept have you catered?

- How many weddings do you book each year?
- Will my wedding be the only event you cater on that day?
- How many guests can you accommodate?
- Do you handle special food requests, such as gluten-free or kosher meals?
- How many chefs and cooks prepare the meal, or are meals exclusively prepared by the business owner?
- Do you allow substitutions or customization to a set menu?
- Do you have references for other events you have catered?
- Do you have any preferred vendors?
- What do we need to know and do regarding delivery?

Keep location in mind

The distance a caterer has to travel to cater the wedding will affect the price. It's helpful to find a caterer who knows the venue or has had experience with a similar place.

What are the contingency plans?

When interviewing caterers, Cvent, an event management software company, suggests asking about any last-minute changes they've dealt with to gauge how the caterer handles problem-solving. Inquire about how they adapt if a certain menu item is no longer readily available or what they do if a piece of equipment breaks down the day of an event? Answers to these types of questions can separate seasoned professionals from those caterers who may not be as experienced.

Food is a vital component of a wedding reception, which underscores the significance of finding a talented and experienced caterer.

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Navigating wedding transportation

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On a couple's wedding day, some effort will be required to transport the bride and groom and wedding party participants and guests. Coordinating transportation is a task couples must add to their planning checklist.

Wedding transportation is perhaps best broken down into three categories: transportation for the couple and the wedding party, transportation for guests, and transportation for unique situations. These tips can make navigating wedding transportation needs go smoothly.

Transportation for the couple and wedding party

Ensuring that the couple and wedding party participants arrive to the ceremony (and later the reception venue) on time is essential. Couples and their attendants traditionally arrive in some

sort of hired car, whether it's a limousine or vintage/classic ride. It's important to find a service that will pick up the couple (separately) and their bridesmaids and groomsmen as well as parents of the bride or groom and bring them to the ceremony site. Drivers usually wait for the ceremony to end before taking passengers to photography locations and eventually the reception venue. Vendors typically price for hourly service with a minimal rental period. Larger vehicles will have a higher hourly rate.

Transportation for guests

Although it's not customary to offer transportation for all guests to the ceremony or reception venue, in the event of circumstances like hotel room accommodations close to the reception, couples may want to offer



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shuttle service between the reception center and hotel. If the wedding reception will be non-traditional, and take place at various stop-off spots, like a bar crawl, party buses or trolley service could be considered to keep all guests together.

Unique situations

Couples may want to

enhance their wedding festivities with some specialized details that might require unique transportation situations. For example, a wedding that takes place on an island would require a ferry service or water taxi. Couples tying the knot during the picturesque winter season can go the extra mile and commission horse-drawn

sleighs. Rustic weddings have grown in popularity. A charming hayride can complete the picture for a wedding reception held at a farm or in a converted barn.

After the festivities

The couple also may need to consider transportation once the wedding has ended. Those going directly to a honeymoon may need a hired car to take them to the airport. Transportation also will be needed for any wedding party participants who did not take their own vehicles to the wedding, but rode in party buses or limousines.

Wedding transportation may not be the most glamorous aspect of wedding planning, but well-coordinated transportation is a necessity that couples, their friends and family will appreciate.

Unique locations to tie the knot

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Couples must make a multitude of decisions when planning a wedding. One of the more significant decisions concerns where to tie the knot.

The decision of where to get married was once a given. Indeed, the majority of weddings used to be held in houses of worship. A 2020 report in the Church Times estimated that 85 percent of all weddings in the early twentieth century were religious ceremonies. Many faiths require those seeking a religious wedding to get married in a house of worship, so one can reasonably conclude that a significant percentage of married couples in the early twentieth century said "I do" within a house of worship. The Church Times report indicated that percentage dipped to 49 percent by the late 1970s, and a recent report from The Knot

indicates that 16 percent of couples who wed in 2023 did so in a religious institution or house of worship.

Many couples still prefer to get married in a house of worship, but those with no such preference can consider a wide range of venues when trying to decide where to tie the knot.

- **Rustic setting:** The popularity of the rustic aesthetic boomed in home interior design in the early decades of the twenty-first century, and that appeal also seems to have affected couples deciding where to get married. The Knot reports that more couples tied the knot in barn wedding venues (17 percent) than houses of worship in 2023, making these charming and often scenic venues worthy of consideration.

- **Historic locales:** History buffs may feel there's no greater place to say "I do" than a location

that calls to mind bygone eras and notable events. Estates dating back centuries that feature expansive and awe-inspiring landscapes or mansions built during the Gilded Age can make for unique settings to tie the knot and celebrate into the wee hours.

- **Oceanfront venues:** Perhaps no backdrop makes for more awe-inspiring wedding photos than the ocean. Beautiful photos,

not to mention pleasant temperatures and laid back vibes, undoubtedly contribute to the appeal of oceanfront weddings. Couples considering oceanfront venues may be surprised to learn that just 5 percent of weddings took place on the sand in 2023, which could make it easier than some think to book these idyllic locales.

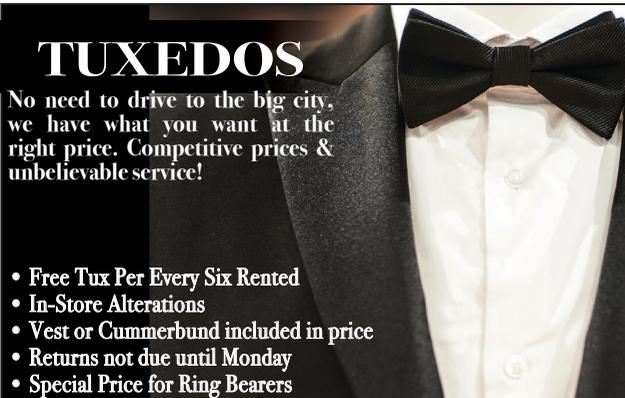
- **Botanical gardens:** Floral arrangements feature prominently in many

weddings, but what about saying "I do" in a venue where nature serves as your florist? Botanical gardens offer numerous spots for stunning photographs, and a formal garden can make for an impressive backdrop for the wedding ceremony.

There's no shortage of stunning locations for couples to tie the knot. Before choosing where to say "I do," couples can explore a wide range of prospective venues.

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WEDDING *checklist*

TWELVE MONTHS+

Before the wedding

- Determine the type of wedding you want (size, degree of formality, setting).
- Select a wedding date & time.
- Plan reception & look at locations. (This should be booked as soon as the wedding date is set to ensure availability.)
- Start a wedding binder to organize all of your quotes, brochures and receipts.
- Book an officiate & determine any pre-marital requirements.
- Work out your budget & prioritize what is most important.
- Decide how expenses will be shared.
- Choose your wedding party: maid of honor, bridesmaids, best man, groomsmen, flower girl & ring bearer.
- Hire a photographer.
- Hire a videographer.
- Begin compiling a guest list. Collect names & addresses of your guests.
- Order Save the Dates.

NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS

Before the wedding

- Choose a color scheme.
- Start shopping for wedding rings.
- Mail Save the Dates.
- Select wedding consultant.
- Hire a caterer.
- Select & book reception entertainment.
- Select & book make-up & hair stylists.
- Choose music & hire musicians/soloists for the ceremony.
- Get your engagement

- photos taken.
- Find 3 hotels (at different price points) for out-of-town guests.
- Record clothing sizes for all party members.
- Purchase bride's dress & headpiece.
- Choose bridal party attire & accessories.
- Schedule dress fitting & delivery date.
- Start planning your honeymoon.
- Start health and fitness program.

SIX TO NINE MONTHS

Before the wedding

- Refine the guest list.
- Announce your engagement in the newspaper.
- Order wedding invitations & thank you cards.
- Create gift registries at 3 national retailers.
- Send thank you notes immediately upon receipt of gifts.
- Book transportation to and from venues.
- Purchase wedding bands.
- Choose the men's wedding attire and reserve the right sizes.
- Reserve rentals for ceremony and reception (chairs, linens, lighting, etc.).
- Explore wedding day hair & makeup styles with stylists.
- Meet with officiant to discuss ceremony plans.
- Choose cake style & schedule tastings.

FOUR TO SIX MONTHS

Before the wedding

- Schedule dress fittings.
- Order wedding cake.
- Book honeymoon flights & hotels.
- Book a room for the wedding night.
- Choose flowers for wedding party, attendants, venues, cake, etc.
- Finalize guest list.
- Assemble rehearsal dinner guest list.
- Book rehearsal dinner venue.

TWO TO THREE MONTHS

Before the wedding

- Finalize honeymoon plans & ensure all documents are in order.
- Purchase accessories such as toasting flutes, cake knives and servers, ring pillow, flower basket & candles.
- Finalize reception menu.
- Order menu cards.
- Order wedding favors.
- Mail wedding invitations.
- Begin writing vows.
- Review ceremony details with officiant.
- Lay out content for wedding programs.
- Apply for marriage license (order 2-3 extra).
- Finalize seating arrangements.
- Finalize playlists for musicians.
- Finalize fittings for wedding party & parents.
- Book spa & beauty treatments for bride & bridal party.
- Book wedding day transportation.

ONE MONTH

Before the wedding

- Order wedding programs.
- Confirm date, times & location with vendors.
- Confirm all honeymoon reservations & accommodations. Pick up tickets & travelers checks.
- Pick up marriage license.
- Final dress fitting.
- Pick up wedding rings.
- Have final fitting for wedding attendants.
- Purchase gifts for wedding participants.
- Purchase gift for fiancée.
- Have bachelor/ette parties.
- Make a calendar of events for your wedding day.
- Print a map to direct guests to the ceremony and reception site.

TWO WEEKS

Before the wedding

- Follow up with guests who haven't RSVP'd.
- Give final count to caterer.
- Update registries.
- Begin breaking in wedding shoes.
- Give your photographer & videographer your image & video requests.
- Send playlists to DJ/band/ ceremony musicians.
- Continue writing thank you notes for gifts received.
- Get final haircut & color.
- Delegate wedding day duties (gift table, guestbook, etc.).
- Delegate someone to return tuxes, rentals & tend to wedding dress.
- Send directions to wedding day limo/ transportation driver.
- Plan seating

arrangements.

ONE WEEK

Before the wedding

- Prepare final payments to vendors & cash tips for service personnel.
- Review details on last minute arrangements and timetables with all service companies.
- Make sure you have your marriage license.
- Pick up wedding attire & make sure everything fits properly.
- Pack your suitcase for your honeymoon.
- Rehearse wedding ceremony with all participants in attendance.
- Attend rehearsal dinner.
- Finalize details of transportation for out-of-town guests.
- Get a good night's sleep the night before your wedding day.
- Lay out wedding clothes.

ON THE DAY of the wedding

- Remain calm and try to relax.
- Double check that you have the wedding rings & your marriage license.
- Give wedding rings & officiant fee to best man.
- Check with the florist to ensure that flowers will be delivered on time.
- Apply makeup and style your hair at least 3 hours before the ceremony, sooner if you're doing pictures before the ceremony.
- Start dressing at least 2 hours before the ceremony, sooner if you're doing pictures before the ceremony.
- If pictures will be taken

WEDDING *checklist*

before the ceremony, the entire wedding party should be dressed & ready 2 hours before the ceremony.

- Mail the wedding announcement.
- Have music start 20 to 30 minutes before the ceremony begins.
- Have guests seated as they arrive.
- Groom's parents should be seated 5 minutes before the ceremony.
- The bride's mother should be seated immediately before the processional, before the aisle runner is rolled out.

AFTER the wedding

- Write and mail all thank you notes as soon as possible.
- Take care of business, banking, insurance & legal affairs (change name if necessary on records and legal documents) as soon as possible.
- Ensure tuxes & rentals have been returned.
- Have bridal gown professionally cleaned and preserved.





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BUDGET *checklist*

PHOTOGRAPHY	Budget	Actual
Engagement		
Formals		
Candid		
Videography		
Extra Prints		
Photo Albums		
Other:		
TOTAL		

MISCELLANEOUS	Budget	Actual
Wedding Coordinator		
Engagement Party		
Bridal Shower		
Bachelor/ette Parties		
Hotel Rooms for Out-of-Town Guests		
Transportation for Out-of-Town Guests		
Other:		
TOTAL		

FLOWERS	Budget	Actual
Bride's Bouquet		
Bridesmaids' Bouquets		
Corsages & Boutonnieres		
Flower Girl Basket		
Ceremony		
Reception		
Other:		
TOTAL		

GIFTS & FAVORS	Budget	Actual
Bride & Groom Gift		
Bridesmaids' Gifts		
Groomsmen Gifts		
Ring Bearer Gift		
Flower Girl Gift		
Gifts for Out-of-Town Guests		
Favors for Guests		
Other:		
TOTAL		

STATIONERY	Budget	Actual
Invitations		
Save-the-Date Cards		
Reply Cards		
Thank-You Notes		
Postage		
Guest Book		
Wedding Programs		
Place Cards		
Menu Cards		
Other:		
TOTAL		

CEREMONY	Budget	Actual
Rehearsal Dinner		
Location Rental		
Marriage License		
Officiant Fee		
Music for Ceremony		
Ring Pillow		
Decorations		
Other:		
TOTAL		

BUDGET *checklist*

RECEPTION	Budget	Actual
Transportation		
Venue Rental		
Table & Chair Rental		
Catering & Service		
Liquor		
Non-alcoholic Beverages		
Cake		
Cake Serving Set		
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Why it pays to trust a pro with wedding photography

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User-friendly technology and greatly enhanced connectivity has changed the way people approach various tasks. The do-it-yourself home improvement trend is a testament to that shift, as homeowners now have access to professional grade tools and can easily take to social media for inspiration and instructions for renovations that were once the domain of experienced contractors.

Though it can be fun and budget-friendly to embrace a DIY approach in many settings, that strategy is not ideal for every situation, including the day couples tie the knot. A couple's wedding day is one to cherish forever, which is why it pays to rely on skilled professionals. That's particularly so with wedding photography, which will serve as the official record of a day filled with love and laughs. Modern technology may compel some couples to think they

can go without the services of a professional photographer on their wedding day, but there are many reasons to trust this important job to an experienced pro.

- **Photographers can get great shots no matter the conditions.** There's a difference between snapping great shots of an idyllic setting on a smartphone and taking wedding day photographs couples will look back on for years to come. Experienced photographers have cameras capable of far more than those on a smartphone, and these skilled professionals also possess the knowledge of how to get great shots in settings that might not be so conducive to photography. A dimly lit reception hall dance floor may prove challenging for untrained amateurs, but professional photographers know what to do to get great shots in such settings. Professionals also know how to utilize natural light to their



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advantage when taking shots outdoors.

- **Photographers handle the details.** Couples have enough on their plate when planning weddings. Taking on photography duties requires identifying the right photo locations, knowing when to take photos to maximize surroundings, ensuring bridal party members are all ready to go so photos can be taken within tight deadlines, and post-wedding detailing. That's a lot

to take on, and it's work best left to professionals.

- **Photographers free up time.** Many newlyweds note their wedding day seemed to fly by and was over before they knew it. Such sentiments may be even stronger when couples take on too much responsibility come the wedding day. A professional photographer will coordinate shots and timelines with couples prior to the big day and take over getting bridal party members where they

need to be when they need to be there. That frees up time for couples to spend more time with each other and their guests come the day of the wedding, which in turn can make it feel as though the day didn't fly by.

- **You get a professionally finished product.** Amateur photographers simply won't produce as stunning a finished product as professionals who take and touch up photos for a living. A wedding day photo album is a keepsake couples will look back on for years, so it's best to ensure its contents include photos taken and touched up by a skilled professional.

Couples can find ways to cut costs with their wedding budgets. But it's best to avoid cutting corners regarding photography, as there's no way to turn back the clock and get better shots if the efforts of amateurs fall short of expectations.

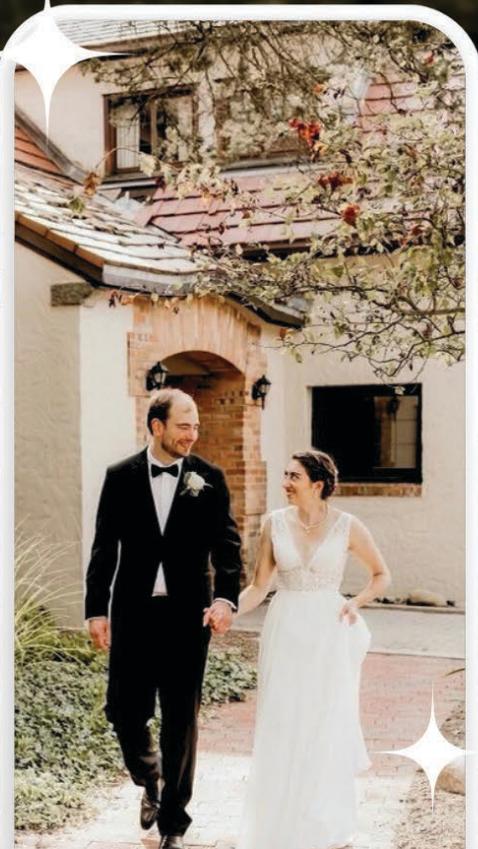
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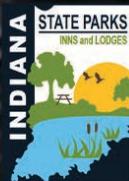


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