



Tips for Planning a Wedding

- **Always get a proof (a sample print) of your wedding invitations before having them printed up.** Check through the proof very carefully to ensure there are no printing errors and that times and venues are correct.
- **Make sure you have more items on your wedding present list than you have wedding guests.** It can be awkward if you get the same present from two or more people. It also allows for gifts from people who cannot attend.
- **Always keep a constantly updated list of who's coming to your wedding.** Make sure these have several contact numbers for each person, so you can make quick, pain-free re-arrangements. Try keeping all of the wedding details on your computer so they can be quickly updated and printed.
- **A good map.** We've all been to enough weddings to know that some venues 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.
- **Thank You cards.** In the post wedding day rush, 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.
- **Double check details with your photographer.** Once you have gone through the business of booking a photographer, ensure that you send him or her your requirements in writing and get a confirmation slip from them.
- **Don't forget your luggage.** If you are leaving immediately for the honeymoon, then don't forget to pack your luggage properly. This takes thought and effort at the best of times, but when you are also getting married things can be overlooked. Double check these three essentials - passport, money, and plane tickets!
- **Before booking a reception at a hotel or restaurant, try the food for yourself.** A nicely laid-out menu does not guarantee good food. This is a good excuse for the bride and groom to go out for a few romantic meals before their big day.

Finally, don't forget to enjoy yourself. If little things go wrong, don't worry. This is your special day, so there should be plenty of people around to put things right. Relax, have a good time, and enjoy the start of your new life together.

