

HOW TO PLAN YOUR OWN WEDDING & SAVE THOUSANDS WITHOUT GOING CRAZY PDF, EPUB, EBOOK



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39 Ways To Save: One Fab Day Wedding Budget Tips

We promise that an old-school slumber party with your bride tribe along with some adult beverages will be just as much fun as a big bash—and way less costly! Your friends and family can be your personal saviors! Enlist retired aunts for centerpiece prep, ask your talented cousin to do your

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Some of our best tips: Arrive early with an appointment, if required, wear your bridal undergarments, and know your size in advance. Just don't forget to factor in the cost of possible alterations or professional dry cleaning. Nowadays you don't even have to purchase a wedding gown. You can rent one! Rent the Runway is a great way to get that designer-chic look at a deeply discounted price. Rent suits online with a reputable company like Generation Tux. You can also comb through consignment shops or even department stores to find a classy little white number at an affordable price. Use this part of the old wedding adage to your advantage and borrow to your heart's content! Think of delightful details you loved from your friends' weddings—and see if they kept anything that you might be able to use. A buffet or family-style meal is typically easier on the wallet than a more formal, plated dinner.

Everyone serves themselves and you forgo the cost of waited table service. You can also keep it casual by ordering from a local BBQ joint, your fave Mexican restaurant, or a fun food truck! And if you really need to save money, rely on your guests to contribute potluck-style. Lauren Fair Photography. Passed hors d'oeuvres can be pricey, so skip them entirely. If you don't want to miss out on the fun of passed apps, stick to 2—3 of the most enticing options to keep your catering budget in check.

Instead of a pricey bar tab and bartenders, get a couple of kegs and some red Solo cups and call it a day. Or mix up some giant vats of sangria and let adult guests pour their own drinks at a self-serve beverage station. If your wedding is early in the day, we love the idea of a make-your-own mimosa or bloody mary bar with tons of delish accoutrements.

Just confirm that your venue allows you to BYO alcohol—and keep in mind that you may need to obtain Liquor Liability Insurance if it's not offered through the venue or caterer. You don't need to host a fully-stocked, top-shelf open bar for your guests to have a good time! Hosted beer and wine is much more cost-effective. If you have your heart set on a signature cocktail, offer it up during the cocktail hour and then switch to beer and wine for the reception. It'll be way easier on your wallet. Another bonus of limiting the liquor? Your crazy friends won't get so hammered! Eder Photo 32 North Brewing Co. Amy June Weddings and Events. When hiring vendors start with the most basic packages. You can always upgrade and add on later, if your budget allows.

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But these figures do highlight the fact that, in all honesty, your wedding will most probably make a dent on the savings. You have our support. Prefer to make a playlist than hire a live band? Whatever you wish. You do you. Also, just keep in mind that the wedding tax is a myth. We thought it might be helpful if we shared some of our top ways to save money when planning a wedding. Always dreamed of having your six besties stand by you at the altar? By having your ceremony and reception at the same place, you save money on hiring two spaces and also the travel costs incurred from getting everyone from A to B. Basically, getting married any day other than Saturday can help score you a discount. Plus there are loads of other perks to getting married midweek — find them here. Ahem, such as all of our Wedshed venues. Travel costs money. Try and save here by hiring wedding vendors that are local to your wedding venue. Dream of drinking out of vintage crystal glassware?

Facebook Marketplace. We know it can be tedious searching both online and in op-shops but your hard work will pay off—literally. Our co-founder Mel purchased her bridesmaids dress full price but knowing they were popular dresses then sold them shortly after to another bride. Shopping vouchers can be used for wedding shoes and tax returns can be spent buying extra styling items that you can then display in your home post-wedding. Consider gourmet Pizza, BBQs, animals on a spit, picnic hampers and other fun ways to serve your grub. So long as guests have something to satisfy their sweet tooth, we sincerely doubt anyone will miss the wedding cake if you decide to cut costs here.

This way, the money you spend goes to bettering the lives of women and kids in rural settings. Time is money. Does one of your mates have beautiful handwriting? Get them to paint wedding signs or hand-write your invitation envelopes or you could do a calligraphy course with someone like The Blackline Bottega and DIY afterwards. Item: You are getting married and want a beautiful, memorable event, yet you need to stick to a tight budget. Don't despair! There are hundreds of proven ways to have your dream wedding without breaking your budget. What's astonishing is how quickly all the other smaller expenses those you don't immediately think of add up. The stationery, invitations, announcements, thank-you notes, postage, make up, hair stylist, limousines, menus, and so on, not including the cost for an engagement party, rehearsal dinner, gifts, honeymoon, engagement ring, and bridal consultant or wedding planner.

This new book will teach you hundreds of insider secrets to nip the overcharges out of your wedding budget. The author tackles invitations, facility, catering, gifts, bar-liquor, tables and chairs, decorations, napkins, centerpieces, flowers, limousine, dishes and glasses, music, candles, photography, videographer, ring pillow, linens, guest favors, tents, dance floor, cake, matches, place cards, thank you notes, and dozens more. Today, over titles are in print covering subjects such as small business, healthy living, management, finance, careers, and real estate. Atlantic Publishing prides itself on producing award winning, high-quality manuals that give readers up-to-date, pertinent information, real-world examples, and case studies with expert advice.

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Go for quality over quantity and have a stylish and delicious single tiered wedding cake - here's lots of gorgeous ones to inspire you! If a tall traditional work of art is your idea of a wedding cake but you don't have the budget, then a really easy trick for creating the illusion on a smaller budget is to include some fake layers made of styrofoam decorated as normal to make it more impressive. You could even have a complete fake cake, and serve slices of simple iced cake instead.

Talk to your wedding cake baker - they know this trick well! Unless you're a professional, we don't really encourage baking your own wedding cake, you've too much to do! But if a good friend or family member is a pro, and wants to contribute, then making your own cake can save substantially. If wedding cake isn't a priority to you or your other half, then there are great options available to buy in shops. Applying the same principle as with flowers - stick with wedding food choices that are in season and don't go looking for massive air mile stuff.

This will save you time and money, and local and seasonal will taste better. Lamb in winter should be a no go, similarly fresh berries for your desserts would work much better in summer. If you're having a more relaxed wedding day, then why not opt for a buffet style meal, a bbq or a picnic? Informal dining is really popular now, and the options have become a lot more sophisticated, less courses means less cost.

Check out these cool food truck options for inspiration. Lots of lovely brides we know with upcoming nuptials will be rocking designer sample sale beauties. Follow your favourite designers and boutiques on social media, sign up for their email newsletters and keep up to date with the latest sales over on our event calendar, and save yourself hundreds. High street is another great choice - just look at stunning real wedding bride Sarah in Ted Baker. Luckily for brides this season white is bang on trend, so get looking ladies, and keep an eye out for our upcoming posts on the best places to shop. Renting is another great option if you're after something particularly high end.

If you're not sure where to look, we've gathered a list of our favourites in Ireland right here. Like lots of our real wedding brides, you can bring a borrowed element into your bridal look. Parents' or grandparents' jewellery and accessories can be beautiful and you can be sure nobody else has the same piece. Your 'something borrowed' will save you a few hundred euro on jazzing up the dress. Hiring a suit is a really easy option The Formal Suite in Dublin has a great selection. If you are set on designer heels, don't choose white satin, pick a pair you can wear again, and again, and again Do you really need a team of bridesmaids? Limit the number in your bridal party to make buying bridesmaid dresses and makeup more manageable - a simple way to keep numbers low is to stick to your family.

Whether you have one or ten, your bridesmaids will still need some pretty dresses! As with your wedding dress, renting is a good option if you can't justify spending lots on a bunch of high end dresses, but still want a fashion forward look. You'll find our favourite rental spots here. Professional music not top of your list? Use an iPod or Spotify playlist for your reception music, but make sure to enlist a friend to monitor it for the evening to eliminate any fighting over how much "I hate that song!". Follow our Spotify playlists where we've done the hard work for you! A photo booth is great fun, but can be costly.

For a DIY version head to a party supplies store to pick up some props and masks Tiger usually have a good selection. Then just invite your guests to take their own snaps - you could create your own Instagram hashtag to collect the photos, or use one of these handy apps or wedding websites. Hidden Cost Alert! If you're opting for a Polaroid camera be warned the camera film can be pricey. Transport can often be a forgotten expense, if having a particular car isn't important to you ask a friend or family member with a fancy car to help you out on the day; you'll save money, they'll provide a unique wedding gift, everybody wins.

Photo via Rime Arodaky. You don't have to spend a fortune on a luxurious honeymoon away, honeymoons in Ireland or the UK are much more popular nowadays and can be just as romantic. Mini-moons are, as the name would suggest, a shorter break away after your wedding. Cities are particularly popular for a mini-moon, our top choice being New York where Naoise went, Susan went to Rome. And they cost far less than two weeks in the Seychelles, you can do that later because You don't have to have the honeymoon straightaway. If you have your heart set on a tropical getaway, enjoy your wedding, save a little and get a better deal at a different time of year. That way you also have something amazing to look forward to down the line.

Ultimately, this list is just an indicator of things you could do, it's important not to scrimp on every single thing, but to make savings in areas that are not that important to you, and keep your hard-earned cash to spend on what you will enjoy and remember forever. Of course this is not a definitive list, have you come across other helpful hints and tips? We'd love to hear them and we can add them in! Please read our Cookie Policy. These cookies are strictly necessary to provide you with the services available through our websites and to use some of its features, such as access to secure areas.

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As for that utterly gorgeous-but-pricey chandelier you wish you had, maybe hanging some inexpensive globe paper lanterns would work. Achieving the look you want while keeping your bottom line in check takes a bit of imagination, but you can do it! Forgo expensive favors and stick with something edible: perhaps a taste of the local bounty, like fresh fruit or small jars of homemade jam. Another option is to create your own spice mixture or give each guest a packet of flower or vegetable seeds. These types of favors are inexpensive to purchase and easy to put together. Need more inspo? If your dream wedding wouldn't be complete without a traditional wedding cake, opt for buttercream over fondant. Although fondant is more "durable" in hot weather and can be formed into fancier finishes, buttercream icing is not only tastier—it's also cheaper!

We recommend getting a small cutting cake for photos, but having inexpensive sheet cakes waiting in the kitchen to feed your guests. You don't need to splurge on a four-tiered, fondant-covered cake unless you want to! Why not buy or make several dozen cupcakes and place them on pretty trays? Or get a bunch of pies from your local bakery and make a rustic dessert table. We're particularly sweet on this budget-friendly dessert trend: the donut wall! Besides the obvious costs, there are a lot of hidden ones that can inflate your bottom line. For example, in addition to buying the wedding cake, you're often also required to pay a cutting fee.

And on top of the venue rental fee, there may be setup and breakdown charges. And, then there's a whole slew of vendors you'll be expected to tip. Educate yourselves about these "hidden" costs so you can factor them into your budget. A room block is a reservation of at least 10 rooms at a hotel near your reception venue. Just be sure to check the hotel's "attrition" policy, as you don't want to get stuck paying for rooms that your guests didn't book. You also may want to ask about a "courtesy room block" which typically doesn't require a deposit or hold you responsible financially for unbooked rooms. If you're planning a destination wedding or honeymoon, use a travel agency that specializes in romantic getaways. LovinAway and similar agencies are paid a commission from the airlines and hotels you end up booking—meaning there's no additional expense for you to use them. Yes, you read that right! For additional information, see the Global Shipping Program terms and conditions - opens in a new window or tab.

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10 Things Your Wedding Guests Don't Care About – Wedding Shoppe

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foregoing a coordinator in order to save some cash, but trust us...if you're looking to have your champagne-dreams-on-a-beer-budget wedding, then hiring a planner is your best bet. Time is money—and an experienced coordinator will handle all the little details so you don't have to stress.

Plus, they can also pass along savings to you by hooking you up with their extensive vendor network. Ditch the giant bridal party in favor of just a few siblings or BFFs. If you're already on a tight budget with the wedding itself, don't feel obligated to throw additional events like an engagement or bachelorette party. We promise that an old-school slumber party with your bride tribe along with some adult beverages will be just as much fun as a big bash—and way less costly!

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