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Questions, answers for the wedding ceremony

- Q. What is the church seating if the groom's parents are divorced?
A. His mother sits in the front right-hand pew, the father in the third.
- Q. Does the groom always kiss the bride at the altar?
A. The clergyman will rule on it, according to church practice.
- Q. Who gives clergyman his fee?
A. The groom pays, but best man hands it over in plain white envelope, before or after ceremony.
- Q. Is the clergyman invited to the reception?
A. Yes, with his wife. He sits at parents table.
- Q. May a house wedding be just as formal as a church wedding?
A. Yes, although there are never as many attendants.
- Q. Is there usually a recessional at a home wedding?
A. The married couple turn around after ceremony and receive the best wishes of the guests.
- Q. How can wedding gifts be displayed if a home reception isn't being held?
A. Close friends may be invited to a tea or cocktail party several days before the wedding.
- Q. Are cheques displayed with wedding presents?
A. No, but they may be noted on a card.
- Q. Are identifying cards put with the presents on display?
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- Q. Is it socially correct to exchange duplicate wedding gifts?
A. Yes.
- Q. Are gifts ever brought to the reception?
A. No.
- Q. Where may a reception be held?
A. At the bride's home, the house of a friend, hotel or club.
- Q. Should the bride and groom smoke or hold a drink on the receiving line?
A. No.
- Q. Do ushers and best man stand in receiving line?
A. No.
- Q. At the bride's table, where does the bride always sit?
A. On the groom's right.
- Q. Do parents sit at bride's table?
A. Yes, or at own table.
- Q. If the bride's divorced father gives reception, what's her mother's position?
A. She is an honored guest, or stays away if it will cause a strain.
- Q. Who reads congratulatory telegrams aloud?
A. Best man.
- Q. Who proposes first toast to bride?
A. Best man.
- Q. Who cuts first piece of cake?
A. The bride, with the groom's right over hers. They break the slice and eat it together. A friend or waiter then takes over the slicing.
- Q. What happens at reception if the other couples start dancing before the bride and groom?
A. When the newlyweds appear, everyone stops and they wait once around the floor solo.
- Q. Is the groom obligated to dance with someone besides his bride?
A. Yes, - his mother, mother-in-law and maid of honor.
- Q. What is boxed wedding cake?
A. Small pieces of cake in little white boxes for guests to take home. This is expensive and done only at elaborate receptions.
- Q. When should invitations and announcements be ordered?
A. About two months before the wedding.
- Q. When are invitations to a formal wedding sent out?
A. Three to four weeks before the ceremony.
- Q. When should announcements be mailed?
A. A day or two after wedding.
- Q. When are at-home cards sent?
A. Usually with the announcement.
- Q. Are wedding announcements ever sent to anyone who has been invited to the ceremony or reception?
A. No.
- Q. May guests be invited to a reception and not the wedding itself?
A. Yes, when the ceremony is attended only by relatives and close friends.
- Q. If the bride's parents are divorced, who issues the invitations and plans the wedding?
A. The mother.
- Q. May wedding invitations be sent to those in mourning?
A. Yes.
- Q. How does the fact the groom has been married before affect a bride's wedding plans?
A. No difference.
- Q. If the bride is a very young widow may her family send out invitations?
A. Yes.
- Q. Are reception cards enclosed with invitation?
A. Yes, and so are reply cards and reply envelopes. The home address should be printed on reply envelope.
- Q. Must tissues be enclosed to guard against wet ink?
A. No. Modern ink is thoroughly dry and will not smear.
- Q. Need invitations be engraved?
A. No. Modern engraving is socially correct, and gentler on your budget.
- Q. Are envelopes of invitations addressed formally?
A. Yes. No abbreviations - except Mr., Mrs., Jr., Dr.
- Q. Is it correct to use "and family" on invitation envelopes?
A. No. Send separate invitations to adult sons and daughters. For small children address the outside envelope to their parents, write their first names on the inner envelope under their parents' names.
- Q. How should invitations be inserted in envelope?
A. Invitation is folded with the wording outside and put in the inner envelope (which has no gum on flap) with the folded edge down. The inner envelope is then placed in the outer one facing the flap.

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