

# For the bride and groom of the '80s, a myriad of possibilities

## Personal tastes influence style, size of contemporary nuptials

The ultimate in wedding day elegance



White is leading the bridal procession for 1987. After Six's Miami Vice Collection features a sleek white double-breasted tuxedo with a simplicity of design to complement any bridal look. Gown by Alfred Angelo.

Over the years many things about weddings have changed, but one thing remains constant: The joy and excitement that two people feel on their wedding day.

This is probably the only thing typical about each and every wedding. No one wedding is alike, and certainly no one marriage is alike. This is probably the most important rule to remember when planning your wedding day and your life together!

Being as organized as possible, and being willing to compromise, are also invaluable rules to remember. With so many people, including your spouse-to-be, offering their opinion about what should be done on your wedding day, keeping a cool head and being open to different suggestions can really ease the tension that is bound to develop at this time.

Many couples feel that they are doing a balancing act between family and friends during the months that precede the wedding. To avoid feeling this way, do everything possible to organize your thoughts and prioritize the things that need to be done.

Making lists is a good way to begin. Even if you make dozens of lists and never look at them again, you are at least organizing thoughts in your own mind.

### Share responsibilities

Delegate tasks to willing friends and family members. Don't be afraid to ask those closest to you to help with the writing of invitations, or the organization of the seating plan; these are time-consuming jobs, you need all the help you can get! Also, it's a nice way to get people who care about you involved with the wedding.

Set realistic deadlines. Having a game plan, complete with start and finish dates that are attainable, will help to get you on the right schedule.

Planning a wedding, however, is not just work and organization, it's fun, and you should try to enjoy at least some of the planning even if between frequent panic attacks.

It's the perfect opportunity to plan an event which reflects both your, and your spouse-to-be's, personal style. Being comfortable with the type of wedding ceremony, reception, style of dress and attendants that you choose is an important key to enjoying your day.

Traditional weddings are back, complete with formal sit-down dinners, wedding gowns with trains, tuxedos with tails, and 10-attendant wedding parties. However, small, intimate weddings are also on the rise.

Each particular style of wedding has its own appeal and charm, so that choosing the best one for you and your spouse-to-be depends entirely on personal tastes, finances and what makes you happiest.

If a small, private wedding is not your ideal, and the thought of a show-stopping extravaganza makes you break out in hives, why not consider a wedding held in any number of historical homes, large brownstones, lofts, updated warehouses or boats that are available for rent.

Many of these spaces are available only to people within traveling distance of a large metropolitan city but, more and more, historical homes, museums and art galleries everywhere are being made available to the public for parties, receptions and business events.

### Investigate fees

A fee is usually charged but, in many cases, it may be less than what a commercial establishment might charge. The monies collected are generally put towards the general upkeep of the home or museum.

Many places supply a caterer, however you should be prepared to supply your own caterer if necessary.

Establishments that have never been open to the public should not be ruled out. Many such places have just never thought of the possibility of renting, yet might be perfectly willing to do so if approached.

The options available to couples today are varied. From different wedding ceremonies and receptions, to styles of living, division of household chores, child-rearing practices and career choices, today's young couples are making more decisions than ever before, about the directions their lives will take.

## Wedding time can be stressful

As anyone who has gotten married can tell you, the months leading up to a wedding can be a time of stress as well as happiness. There's just so much to think about and do!

You need to find ceremony and reception sites, to choose just the right clothes, to make sometimes touchy decisions about who will be in your wedding, to furnish a complete home for your life after the wedding — and all this while you're having the inevitable doubts about getting married in the first place.

While wedding jitters are about as common as weddings, there are ways to make sure the anxiety doesn't get out of hand. *Bride's Magazine* has these commonsense suggestions:

- Don't be afraid to admit you're upset. Tell your partner what's bothering you, whether it's a serious question about your relationship or a relatively trivial worry that you'll go blank when it comes time to say your vows.

- If you try to keep the stressful feelings to yourself, you'll only transfer them to something else, getting overly irritated at a late train, or a run in your stockings.

- Take positive action whenever possible: Sign up for a pre-marital workshop. Practice reciting your vows in front of a willing friend.

- Share the wedding responsibilities. If you're the bride, don't assume you have

to do everything yourself. This idea is old-fashioned, as well as exhausting. Ask your fiancé to join you in picking out a catering hall and registering for gifts. He can write a share of the thank-you notes, handle all the honeymoon arrangements.

- Keep a calendar of everything you have to do. This kind of master plan gives you the secure feeling that you're not forgetting something crucial.

- Also gather any business cards, fabric swatches or magazine clippings you accumulate all together in one place — either a wedding planner made for this purpose or a simple manila envelope. Organization has the magical effect of reducing anxiety to a manageable level.

- Have a system for each task. Say you're doing invitations. First, see if the task can be broken down into steps. (You have to address the envelopes, stuff them, seal them and stamp them.)

- Then, decide how you'll tackle each step: How long it should take and who will do it. Next, set a completion date (invitations should be mailed six weeks before the wedding). Finally, take action by setting a time and a place to begin.

- Pace yourself — don't plan to scout for reception sites the same day you have a report due at work. You'll make it through those pre-wedding months if you promise yourself you won't tackle more than one major job a day.

## Try tossing birdseed at the bride

Birdseed is the ecologically safest stuff to toss at the bride and groom, says a Connecticut lawmaker who has introduced a bill banning instant rice weddings, reports *International Wildlife* magazine.

Innocuous as it seems, instant rice kills birds that eat it by absorbing moisture, causing severe bloating, says Mae Schindler, the legislator introducing the birdseed bill. She does not advocate policing weddings, but simply wants well-wishers to convert to birdseed.

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Ask friends or relatives or colleagues which agents and companies have given them good service. To compare costs and to locate the policy best suited to your needs, talk to several agents or company representatives before selecting.

The better informed an agent is, the better he or she can help you design an insurance package suited to your needs. If the agent has CPCU (Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter) printed after his or her name, he or she has completed an intensive course of study and passed rigorous examinations. (CLU means the agent is a Chartered Life Underwriter.)

But years of on-the-job experience as an agent is an equally important qualification. It's better to deal with a full-time professional than with a person who works in another business and sells insurance on the side.

How can you tell if an insurance agent is the one you want to deal with? By talking to him or her. The right person will be interested in your problems, will take the time to explain things you ought to do, will know or find the answer to your questions, and will inspire your trust and confidence.

State what you're looking for, then ask the prospective agent or company representative what kind of coverage he or she would recommend.

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