

Setting a Budget for Your Dream Wedding

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Does the cost of having the wedding of your dreams frighten you?

Many couples are shocked to learn that today, the average wedding costs over \$27,500.

But, it does not need to cost quite that much. You can have your dream wedding for a fraction of the price if you use good organizational skills, ingenuity, flexibility, and enlist the help of friends and family.

Many components go into planning a wedding day. Many details need to be completed and intertwined to create not only a wedding but a dream wedding as the two of you picture it. Today, about 70% of the marrying couples pay for their own weddings so, setting a realistic wedding budget that you can work with and sticking to, is a must if you are to keep the cost of your wedding within your budget. Your most important tool is a Budget planner. So, read the information and work with the budget worksheets contained in this chapter, as well as with the individual budget worksheets for each vendor and service provider. Your first step is to determine and figure out what you can afford or want to spend. The second step is to assign realistic figures to each aspect of your pre-wedding activities, wedding day and honeymoon and to stick to them. The third and possibly the most challenging task is to stay at least 10% below your assigned budget, to secure funds for incidentals and un-foreseen expenses.

To arrive at a workable budget, you may base it on an amount both of you can comfortably take off your pay checks and deposit in a special joint wedding account. Using a credit card is safe and cancelling a transaction is quite simple. However, it is important that you pay each monthly statement IN FULL so there will be no interest added. You do not want to start your married life with a credit card debt hanging over you. There are many options to choose from and many ways to save. So, get creative, keep on reading and examine your options. You will be surprised by how much money you can save over a period of time. If your parents will be paying for the wedding, ask them what their budget is and do your utmost to spend less.

Search The Internet

Search the Internet thoroughly and you can save time and money. The World Wide Web provides you with information and resources for making purchases on-line. Many wedding web sites provide links to wedding related businesses that could be your answer to quality products and services. In addition to this planner, A-wedding Day offers you a series of wedding planning articles that concentrate on how to choose and work with wedding vendors, professionals and service providers, a wedding resource directory, a wedding planning checklist and a discount bridal mall where you save on wedding gifts and accessories.

Set Your Priorities and Your Budget

As you plan your wedding create three categories:

- ✓ Must have
- ✓ Optional
- ✓ Nice to have.

Base your decisions on availability, on your budget and on your ingenuity. Once you decide what your priorities are, use your ingenuity and creativity. Involve yourselves, your friends and your families in at least some of the preparations. Loved ones will be honored and appreciate the opportunity to contribute their talents and connections to your special day, have fun and save you money. Find out if you can borrow attire accessories such as a veil, tiara and jewelry from a friend or a family member. After all you need to have "something borrowed".

Find products that have multiple uses. For example favors that accommodate place cards or that serve as centerpieces. Use your ceremony flowers and bridesmaids bouquets at the reception.

Beware

Keep track of your expenses as you go along. Unless you do, it may be impossible to stick to your budget! You would be surprised by how quickly expenses add up to the point where you may run out of money and need to skimp or give up on important items. So as you plan your wedding, run a detailed balance sheet of your expenses.

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Vendors and Service Providers

Choose vendors and service providers who can assure that your priorities will be met and that yours will be the wedding you dreamed of. Do not be afraid to ask for discounts and to negotiate! Wedding vendors and service providers are quite familiar with budgets. If you convince them that you appreciate the quality of their work or service, vendors and service providers who take pride in what they do will want to work with you. Before you do, read the series of wedding planning articles devoted to

[choosing and working with wedding vendors, professionals and service providers](http://www.2-a-weddingday.com/weddings/weddingplanningvendors.html) at:

<http://www.2-a-weddingday.com/weddings/weddingplanningvendors.html>

When you negotiate with vendors and service providers, be firm. Stick to what you decided you want and to what you budgeted for. Do not let them talk you into anything you neither budgeted for, nor want. But by the same token, be flexible enough to either spend more or to substitute, if you cannot find exactly what you considered a priority within your budget.

Be sure you are familiar with all changes; return and / or cancellation policies before you sign any contract or finalize any arrangement. Having to buy something twice, or having to pay additional fees for changes can and does add up.

Always keep documentation of every contract and receipt in a safe place and pay special attention to deadlines for returning items.

Whatever you are looking for, be it a service provider, wedding accessories, wedding supplies, or rentals, always comparison shop. Interview at least 3 service providers before you select the one who will accommodate you best.

Look for discount malls on and off the Internet. Shop for bargains and at clearance sales. If you are careful, you can save a lot of money. Do not get confused between inexpensive and cheap. If you purchase at a discount mall, you'll generally receive the same merchandise you would at a more expensive shop and be able to return or exchange items. However, when shopping for reduced priced and clearance items, check to make sure that they are not of inferior quality since you'll most probably not be able to return or exchange them.

Wedding Stationery

You'll probably want to send engagement announcements, save the day, invitations etc...

If you are willing to depart from the traditional printed invitations you can save not only money but time and anxiety.

Create your own wedding stationery and invitation right on your computer and print it on blanks. You can purchase all your wedding stationery needs including papers used by professional printers, and if you have a good printer, your stationery and invitation will look just as professional as the expensive ones ordered from printers. For [print your own wedding invitations and stationery instructions](#), . Go to:

<http://www.a-weddingday.com/MakeYourOwnStationery.html>.

Wedding Accessories for Ceremony and Reception

The basic wedding accessories for the ceremony are: guest book, pen, ring pillow, unity candle set, candle holder and a flower girl basket. You may wish to add pew bows and an aisle runner too.

The basic wedding accessories for the ceremony are: champagne flutes, cake serving set, a keepsake cake top, bridal purse – money bag, garter and a photo album. Even if you have an excellent photographer, you may wish to add disposable cameras for each table so your guests may take wedding pictures too.

As most brides opt for coordinating accessories, complete collections are available. You can purchase your collections in an online discount mall and save anywhere from 10 to 25 percent, or you can have others purchase your desired accessories as gifts.

Your friends and family will most probably celebrate your engagement and up- coming wedding with engagement parties and bridal showers and of course gift giving holidays. Most guests need some guidance regarding appropriate gifts but few consider items for the wedding. This is why bridal registries are so helpful. So if you let the hosts of your wedding celebrations know what you want, not only will they be able to coordinate it but they will assure the guests that their gifts are wanted and will be highly appreciated. A win - win.

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Ceremony Site

The only decorations expected in the ceremony site or sanctuary, are 2 standing flower bouquets. Use flowers that are plentiful and inexpensive. Today, many supermarkets, even Costco and Sam's Club sell wonderful fresh and silk flowers and bouquets, at a very reasonable price. You may wish to add pew bows. If you make your own you'll save a lot of money. Making the bows is easy and fun and all you need is wide ribbon, scissors and a little time.

You can make your ceremony special by lighting a unity candle and if you have children, involving them in the ceremony.

You can buy unity candles in stores, you can order custom designed candles from artisans who will create personalized candles just for you, or you can create your own.

ATTIRE

Wedding gown

Wedding gowns are very expensive but there are many options you may exercise to get what you want and save money.

Do you have a friend or a family member who sews? Engage them and in return give them the honor of serving as an attendant at your wedding party. If you shop for a gown, before you decide to have it custom made, go to department stores and check their sales corner.

Occasionally, department and bridal stores have sample sales and wedding gowns on clearance. When they do, you can buy a gown at a fraction of its original price and save a "ton" of money. Don't be shy. Ask the bridal salon manager when they plan to have an end of the season clearance sale. They need to make room for the new styles. Another option is buying a sample gown which was used for a fashion show or a display. If you still cannot find just that special gown, and you need to purchase one, consider a simple gown off the rack. Or comb the wedding ads and auction sites on and off the web. You'll probably be able to buy a gown that was used only once or even a brand new one for "peanuts". To save even more, you may consider a "prom" or a bridesmaid dress.

Bridesmaids' dresses

Today it is customary for the bridesmaids to purchase their own dresses and shoes. Since they intend to gift their maid of honor and bridesmaids, most brides provide the bridesmaids with custom jewelry such as necklaces, earrings and bracelets that coordinate well with their gowns or dresses. The jewelry does not have to be expensive but does need to be of good quality and look good.

Groom and Grooms Men

Depending on your wedding motif, the groom and grooms men can wear a dark suit and dress shirt they probably own. Gift them with matching ties for uniformity and cufflinks as a keepsake gift. If your wedding calls for tuxedos, have the men in the wedding party rent the tuxedos, shoes and accessories. Here too it is customary for the groomsmen to pay for the rental of their attire. Many rental places will furnish the groom's attire for free if all the men from the wedding party rent at the same time as one package, saving you money.

Flowers

Choose flowers that are in season and are grown locally. You can save money on your flower arrangements if you are willing to be 'original' and creative. If any of your guests creates flower arrangements even as a hobby, ask them to do the flower arrangements for your wedding. If you cannot find a capable guest, you'll need to purchase the bridal bouquet and the flowers for the altar at a reputable florist. But, consider giving the bridesmaids mixed seasonal flowers. They are available in supermarkets and Even at Costco and Sam's Club at a fraction of the price charged by a florist. Ask your bridesmaids to insert their bouquets in vases to serve as centerpieces for the reception tables. Your bridesmaids will oblige with pleasure knowing that after the reception they will take home not only their flowers but the vases as well. The flowers will not keep forever, but the vases will become keep sake mementos of your wedding and, you'll save money.

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Wedding Reception Site

[For wedding planning - How to choose a Wedding Site](#), Go to:
<http://www.2.a-weddingday.com/weddings/floristsfloraldesigners.html>

Photographers and Videographers

When it comes to photographers and videographers, choose your professionals very carefully. Your wedding day will come and go and the photos and video will serve as mementos and memories of your big day. Viewing them you will re-live it and be able to share it with your kids and theirs building a family history. Before hiring a photographer or a videographer compare prices and references. Choose the very best that are within your budget. Even if you need to choose a smaller package, here is where you want the very best. Go for it. Just as personalized wedding gifts and accessories will become treasured keepsakes to share with and hand down to your children, so will your photos and videos. However, consider placing disposable cameras on each table at your reception so your guest will take pictures too. These pictures will usually be real and spontaneous and reflect your wedding as seen by your guests.

Meal

The reception is the most expensive part of your wedding. But, you can plan it within your budget and have a memorable event. You must be very particular when choosing the site. It must be appropriate and fit in with your reception plan. It does not have to be a traditional hall. How about having your wedding in a historical home, a park, a museum, fair grounds, public gardens, on the beach, etc... You also need to know if the venue supplies you with all your furniture and dining needs. If not, you must calculate rental fees.

When choosing a wedding site, choose slow period and either a Friday evening, Sunday afternoon or Monday evening and you'll be able to negotiate the best deals.

If you invite some good cooks to your wedding, you may ask them to prepare their favorite recipes for your wedding reception. Also, if you invite some good bakers ask if they could prepare sweets and desserts or maybe even your wedding cake. You'll save money and they will feel honored for being asked. In fact they'll be delighted to serve too.

If you have your reception catered, you must consider the number of guests, the time of day and the manner in which food will be served. Will it be refreshments only, dessert only, light snack, a sit-down, a buffet? Will you serve alcohol? If bar tenders will serve alcohol, if it will be an open bar, and if you or the guests will pay for the drinks?

There is an enormous difference in price between a light brunch, for example, and a catered five course sit-down dinner. Following are some suggestions you may check out to fit your budget. Have a brunch or an early lunch and you need to serve fruit and vegetables, salads, eggs, cheeses, pastries, coffee, tea and cold drinks buffet style. Have a late lunch and you'll need to add some meats and poultry. You may still serve it buffet style, or as a sit-down meal. A sit-down dinner is by far your most expensive choice. Don't be afraid to ask for favors. Most of the time, you will find that people will feel honored to be asked to contribute their talents and connections to your special day.

When I got married, my brother's best friend who is a DJ was more than happy to provide his services as a wedding gift to me and my husband. You can also borrow a friend or family member's accessories. Something simple like shoes or a veil can be very costly when purchased new, but you can most likely find someone who has one just stored away in her closet and will be more than happy to lend it to you as your "something borrowed".

Bar

Instead of having an open bar with hard liquor, serve only champagne, wine and beer.

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Music

For wedding planning - How to choose wedding musicians and entertainment. Go to:
<http://www.2.a-weddingday.com/weddings/weddingmusiciansentertainment.html>

When it comes to music, you'll need to decide what fits in with your personalities when choosing whether to use instrumental music, a band or a disc jockey. Check out the local colleges and universities and find out if they have a music department. If so, inquire if there are students in the music program who will be able to perform at your wedding.

We thank Meredith from Phoenix, AZ who sent us the following information about how she is saving money on wedding music while helping the local high school band in their fund raising efforts. She writes:

" I am getting married and paying for it myself. So, I have had to cut costs like you wouldn't imagine! One thing that was very important to me and my fiancé is music. We both were in band and choir in high school and love music to this day. Unfortunately, having a string quartet was entirely too expensive and forget the live band or even a DJ at our reception, so I had an idea. I was in jazz band in high school and we were very good, winning all kinds of awards and stuff. High school bands are always looking for fund raisers and so we approached my old high school jazz band about playing at our reception. We worked out a great deal for paying them but significantly lower than getting a professional band. AND, the school usually has uniforms already - just request that as part of the package. Thank you for you web site it has been very helpful. Meredith from Phoenix, AZ :)"

But, don't overlook your guests. If you invited singers, let them sing. Have them sing a solo or sing as a group during the ceremony And / or at the reception.

Misc.

Ask friends to serve as your drivers and save. Instead of a limo, rent a luxury car and have a friend drive. Ask friends to help decorate the reception room, be the disc jockey, help with the seating, etc...

Good friends and family will be honored and you'll save money and know that your wedding needs were fulfilled with love and care.

Attitude

Have a positive - we can do - attitude and be optimistic about planning your wedding and about your special day itself. If anything goes wrong, as something may, take into consideration that things that went wrong will become things remembered. You will laugh about them later and throughout your married life. So, have a great time as you share the happiest day of your life with the friends and family who love you and rejoice with you.

Notes and Comments:

General Wedding Budget Worksheet

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Jewelry and Attire	Budgeted Amount	Actual Cost	Whose Task is it	Who Pays? How Much*	Who Else Pays? How Much*	Amount and Date of deposit	Date This Item was paid in full
Wedding Rings and Jewelry							
Bridal Gown, Shoes and Accessories							
Head Dress, Tiara, Veil for the Bride							
Beauty Treatment for bride Spa, Makeup, hair, nails etc							
Attire and Accessories for the Groom							
Dress, Shoes and Accessories for the Maid or Matron of Honor							
Dress, Shoes and Accessories for the Bridesmaids							
Jewelry for the Maid or Matron of Honor, Bridesmaids and Mothers							
Dress, jewelry, Basket and Gift(s) for the Flower Girl							
Attire and Accessories for Best Man							
Attire and Accessories for Groomsmen							
Attire and Accessories for Ring Bearer							
Attire and Accessories for our children							
Jewelry for our children							
Attire for Mothers							
Attire for Fathers							
Other							

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Ceremony	Budgeted Amount	Actual Cost	Whose Task is it	Who Pays? How Much*	Who Else Pays? How Much*	Amount and Date of deposit	Date This Item was paid in full
Security deposit and site rental fee							
Officiants' fee or honorarium							
Organist if not a musician hired for the reception							
Soloist if not a musician hired for the reception							
A guestbook and pen set							
A personalized tissue pack for each guest to wipe happy tears.							
A ring bearer pillow							
A kneeling pillow							
A flower basket							
Aisle runners							
Pew Bows							
A bride's Bible							
A unity candle set							
A Lazo							
Arras							
Flowers budgeted in Reception section							
Other							
Other							

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Reception Site	Budgeted Amount	Actual Cost	Whose Task is it	Who Pays? How Much*	Who Else Pays? How Much*	Amount and Date of deposit	Date This Item was paid in full
Reception Hall Fees if Required Security deposit and site rental							
Reception Vendors							
On site service personnel Including gratuity and / or tax							
Catering including: delivery, set up, serving food, drinks, (cake?) lean-up gratuity and / or tax							
Bakery Including delivery, set- up, (serving?), gratuity and / or tax							
Bar Including delivery, serving, clean-up, gratuity and / or tax							
All flowers ordered, delivery Set-up, gratuity and / or tax							
Music, entertainment and lighting gratuity and / or tax							
Photography Package including gratuity and / or tax							
Photography Package gratuity and / or tax							
Videography, Package including gratuity and / or tax							
CDs, DVDs and other presentations							
Rentals Including delivery, pick- up, gratuity and / or tax							
Bridal and tossing garters							
Toasting flutes							
Cake serving set							
Bridal purse – Money bag							
Reception Hall decorations and table centerpieces							
Favors							
Meals for the reception service providers							

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Stationery	Budgeted Amount	Actual Cost	Whose Task is it	Who Pays? How Much*	Who Else Pays? How Much*	Amount and Date of deposit	Date This Item was paid in full
Announcements							
Save the date cards							
Pre-printed invitations and note card RSVPs with envelopes							
Invitation and note card kits with envelopes to create our own							
Maps and directions							
Wedding programs							
Place setting and pew cards							
Thank you notes							
Postage							
other							
Wedding Accommodations and Transportation							
Hotel rooms for family							
Hotel rooms for wedding party							
Hotel rooms for guests							
Honeymoon suite for bride and groom							
Limousine(s) and other vehicles							
Valet parking							

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Wedding Parties	Budgeted Amount	Actual Cost	Whose Task is it	Who Pays? How Much*	Who Else Pays? How Much*	Amount and Date of deposit	Date This Item was paid in full
Engagement							
Shower							
Bridesmaids Lunch,							
Groomsmen Lunch							
Rehearsal Dinner							
After wedding breakfast							
Get Legal							
Marriage License							
Blood Tests							
Other required Legal Procedures needed							
Misc.							

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Traditionally, Who Pays for What

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The Traditional Expenses incurred by the Bride's Parents and Family are the:

- Engagement party
- Their wedding attire
- **For the Reception**
- Location
- food
- Wedding cake,
- music,
- flowers and decorations,
- Wedding invitations, announcements, calligraphy, and mailing costs
- Bride's wedding attire/trousseau
- Engagement and wedding photography and videography
- **For the Ceremony**
- Location,
- Fees for organist, soloist or choir,
- Aisle carpet
- Chuppah and Yarmulkes if a Jewish wedding
- Lazzo if a Latin wedding
- flowers and decorations
- Personal flowers for the bridal attendants, for the guest book attendant, the flower basket, etc.
- Fees for directing traffic as well as parking costs and coat-check fees
- Favors and Accessories
- Transportation for bridal party to the wedding ceremony and from ceremony to reception

The Traditional Expenses Incurred by the Groom's Parents and Family are the:

- Wedding attire (Father of the Groom should match Father of the Bride)
- Flowers for the bride, the mothers and the grandmothers
- Boutonnieres for the groom, his attendants, the fathers and the grandfathers
- Travel and lodging expenses
- Wedding gift for bride and groom
- Rehearsal dinner and/or other wedding expenses they elect to assume
- Honorarium for the Officiant
- Honeymoon

The Traditional Expenses Incurred by the Wedding Party are the:

- Their wedding attire
- Wedding attire for their children if they serve as the flower girl / boy, or ring bearer
- Travel expenses
- Wedding gift for the couple

The Traditional Expenses Incurred by the Guests are the:

- Travel and lodging expenses
- Wedding gift for the couple

Bride's Name: _____ Groom's Name: _____ Wedding Date: _____

Who Pays For What For Our Wedding? Bride & Her Family Checklist

Payment For	Traditionally	For Our Wedding	Total Cost
Bride's Attire Including Gown Or Dress, Shoes, Veil, Headpiece, Undergarments And Accessories	Bride's Family		\$
Mother's Dress And Accessories	Bride's Family		\$
Announcements, Invitations, Wedding Stationery, Addressing And Postage	Bride's Family		\$
Flowers, All Except For Bride's Bouquet, Mothers' Corsages And Men's Boutonnieres	Bride's Family		\$
Ceremony Site And Decorations	Bride's Family		\$
Reception Site And Decorations	Bride's Family		\$
Reception All Inclusive Except Liquor	Bride's Family		\$
Centerpieces And Favors	Bride's Family		\$
Rentals	Bride's Family		\$
Wedding Cake	Bride's Family		\$
Accessories: Ring Pillow, Pen, Guest Book, Flutes, Cake Servers, Garter, Bride's Purse, Unity Candles, Cake Top			
Photographer	Bride's Family		\$
Videographer	Bride's Family		\$
Musicians, Soloists, Djs And - Or Entertainers	Bride's Family		\$
Transportation To The Wedding For Family And Wedding Party	Bride's Family		\$
Transportation And Hotel Accommodations For Out Of Town Guests On Bride's Side	Bride's Family		\$
Gratuities	Bride's Family		\$
Wedding Gown Cleaning And Preservation			\$
Groom's Wedding Band	Bride		\$
A Gift From Bride To Groom	Bride		\$
Gifts For Bride's Family	Bride		\$
Photo Albums For Her Family	Bride		\$
Gifts For Bride's Attendants	Bride		\$
Gifts For Kids	Bride		\$
Flowers For Mothers And Grandmothers	Bride		\$
Other			\$
All Our Participants Combined Total			\$
Bride and Groom, Combined Total			
All Wedding Expenses Grand Total			\$

Bride's Name: _____ Groom's Name: _____ Wedding Date: _____

Who Pays For What For Our Wedding? Groom & His Family Checklist

Payment For	Traditionally	For Our Wedding	Total Cost
Bride's Bouquet And Tossing Bouquet, Mothers' Corsages And All Men's Boutonnieres	Groom's Family		\$
Transportation And Hotel Accommodations For Out Of Town Guests On Groom's Side	Groom's Family		\$
Wedding Attire For Groom And Fathers	Groom's Family		\$
Rehearsal Dinner	Groom's Family		\$
Liqueur	Groom's Family		\$
Groom's Cake	Groom's Family		\$
Honeymoon	Groom's Family		\$
Accessories For Groomsmen	Groom's Family		\$
Religious / Traditional Items For All, Guests Included Such As Yarmulkes	Groom's Family		\$
Bride's Engagement And Wedding Rings	Groom		\$
Gift For The Bride	Groom		\$
Religious / Traditional Items For Ceremony*	Groom		\$
Blood Tests	Groom		\$
Marriage License	Groom		\$
Officiant's Fees / Honorarium	Groom		\$
Transportation To Honeymoon	Groom		\$
Blood Tests	Groom		\$
All Our Participants Combined Total			\$
Bride and Groom , Combined Total			\$
All Wedding Expenses Grand Total			\$

Traditionally Attendants Pay For

Maid Of Honor Dress And Accessories	Maid Of Honor		\$
Bridesmaids' Dresses And Accessories	Bridesmaids		\$
Best Man And Groomsmen' Attire	Best Man And Groomsmen		\$
Dresses And Attire For Kids	Their Parents		\$

* Some Religious / Traditional Items For Ceremony are: Kneeling Pillow, Rosaries, Lazo, Arras, Yarmulkes, Chuppah, Breaking Glass, Ketubah Etc.

Bride's Name: _____ Groom's Name: _____ Wedding Date: _____

Honeymoon and / or Destination Wedding Budget Worksheet

Location	Budgeted Amount	Actual Cost	Whose Task is it	Who Pays? How Much*	Who Else Pays? How Much*	Amount and Date of deposit	Date This Item was paid in full
Destination wedding package							
Honeymoon Package							
Accommodations							
Events and tours							
Meals							
Entertainment							
Shopping							
Other							
Other							
Transportation							
Air							
Sea							
Ground							
Misc. expenses							
Personal items							
Luggage							
Passports							
Visas							
Clothing							
Gifts and souvenirs							
Rentals							
Tips, gratuities and / or taxes							

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Wedding Budget Comprehensive Checklist by Category

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We budgeted for the following

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<p><u>FOR THE CEREMONY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ceremony Site Fees <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers <input type="checkbox"/> Aisle Runner <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Book & Pen <input type="checkbox"/> Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Basket <input type="checkbox"/> Ring Bearer Pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Unity Candle Set <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Rings <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry Gifts for Child(ren) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <p><u>FOR THE RECEPTION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reception Site Fees <input type="checkbox"/> Head Table <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Tables <input type="checkbox"/> Buffet Tables <input type="checkbox"/> Goblets/Flutes <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Cake <input type="checkbox"/> Groom Cake <input type="checkbox"/> Kids Cake <input type="checkbox"/> Cake Tops <input type="checkbox"/> Cake Server Set <input type="checkbox"/> Garters <input type="checkbox"/> Bridal Purses <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers <input type="checkbox"/> Table Covers <input type="checkbox"/> Chair Covers <input type="checkbox"/> Table Centerpiece <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for Family <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for attendants <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Favors <input type="checkbox"/> Bells <input type="checkbox"/> Ribbons & Balloons <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations <input type="checkbox"/> Rentals (Rented Items) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ 	<p><u>TRANSPORTATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For Bride <input type="checkbox"/> For Groom <input type="checkbox"/> For Attendants <input type="checkbox"/> For Family <input type="checkbox"/> For Out of town Guests <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PARTIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Showers <input type="checkbox"/> Bridesmaid's Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Guys Night Out <input type="checkbox"/> Rehearsal Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GIFTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Engravable Gifts <input type="checkbox"/> Personalized Gifts <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for One Another <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for the Kids <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for the Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for the Grandparents <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for Siblings <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for the Maid of Honor <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for the Best Man <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for the Bridesmaids <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for the Groomsmen <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for the Flower Child <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for the Ring Bearer <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for the Ushers <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for the Guest Book and Gift Table Attendant <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for Out of Town Guests <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for Helpers <input type="checkbox"/> Favors for all the Guests <input type="checkbox"/> Tips for Service Providers <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ 	<p><u>PERSONAL ASSISTANTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Officiant <input type="checkbox"/> Ceremony Location Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Limo Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> Best Man <input type="checkbox"/> Maid/matron of honor <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Attendants <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Girl <input type="checkbox"/> Ring Bearer <input type="checkbox"/> Dress – Alterations Maker <input type="checkbox"/> Tuxedo Shop or Tuxedo Rental Facility Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Reception Site Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Facility Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Florist <input type="checkbox"/> Decorator <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer and staff <input type="checkbox"/> Baker – wedding cake(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer <input type="checkbox"/> Videographer <input type="checkbox"/> Musicians, DJ, and - or Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Bar tenders <input type="checkbox"/> Calligrapher <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodations Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MISCELLANEOUS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Wedding Planning Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage License <input type="checkbox"/> Required Medical Tests
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<u>FLORALS</u>	<u>ATTIRE</u>	<u>JEWELRY</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bride's Bouquet <input type="checkbox"/> Tossing Bouquet <input type="checkbox"/> Maid of Honor Bouquet <input type="checkbox"/> Bridesmaids bouquet <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Basket <input type="checkbox"/> Corsages <input type="checkbox"/> Boutonnieres <input type="checkbox"/> A rose for each mother <input type="checkbox"/> Floral Arrangements <input type="checkbox"/> Centerpieces <input type="checkbox"/> Cake Table Decorations <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Table Flowers	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>For the Bride</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Bridal Gown, <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Undergarments <input type="checkbox"/> Veil <input type="checkbox"/> Tiara <input type="checkbox"/> Other Head Dress	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>For the Bride</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Ring <input type="checkbox"/> Necklace <input type="checkbox"/> Earrings <input type="checkbox"/> Bracelet
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PHOTO & MEDIA</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Announcement <input type="checkbox"/> Videographer <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Guest Cameras <input type="checkbox"/> Film & Developing <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Albums <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Framing <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>For the Groom</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Suit or Tuxedo <input type="checkbox"/> Shirt <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>For the Groom</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Ring <input type="checkbox"/> Tie Clip <input type="checkbox"/> Cufflinks
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FOOD and BEVERAGES</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Hors D'oeuvres <input type="checkbox"/> Reception foods (if self catered) <input type="checkbox"/> Alcoholic Beverages <input type="checkbox"/> Non-bar Beverages <input type="checkbox"/> Desserts <input type="checkbox"/> Various Teas <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee <input type="checkbox"/> Decaf <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Other:</u> _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>For the Children</u></p> <p><u>Girls</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Dresses <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Tiara or Floral Garland	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>For the Adult and Children</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Female Attendants</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brides usually purchase Them as gifts</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Necklaces <input type="checkbox"/> Earrings <input type="checkbox"/> Bracelets
	<p><u>Boys</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Suit or Tuxedo <input type="checkbox"/> Shirt <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>For the Adult and Children</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Male Attendants</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grooms usually purchase Them as gifts</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Tie Clip <input type="checkbox"/> Cufflinks
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