

Planning The "Perfect" Wedding

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Just like the fact that nobody is perfect, stressing over making your wedding perfect is like demanding the weather to provide a sunny day. But you work to create the most beautiful, memorable occasion of a lifetime. Plan as thoroughly as you can by organizing information, communicating clearly to all involved, and coordinate with vendors and guests as promptly as possible.

Avoid buying into the perfection mind-set that advertisers use to entice brides and grooms into spending more money than they need to; try not to worry about things that will take away from really enjoying your special day.

Compromise can be essential between families and friends. Ultimately it may not be about being right but about being kind. Being gracious can go a lot farther in presenting charm and good taste than trying to impress.

Include all the people, places, and things that truly matter to you as the bride and groom first and foremost. Then seriously consider the feelings and requests of family and friends as the need arises.

Do whatever you have to that keeps you both in the true spirit of your wedding day - two persons that love each other and are celebrating their relationship and commitment with the people they love. From the wedding ceremony to the reception to the honeymoon, stick to what means the most to you both and makes you happy.

Whether you spend \$1,000 or \$100,000 on your wedding, focus on the content of what you are planning not just the form. It's quality over appearances. You want to look your best and feel great but not at the expense of your peace of mind and harmonious relationships.

In the end it's not really about clothes, hair, make-up, banquet facilities, dinners, and gifts. It's about sharing together what truly matters: love between two people and enjoying this celebration with others you care about. With the right mindset, your wedding day will be as unique and meaningful as your relationship.

Oftentimes less is more and more can be less. Remember, a wedding day is one day, your marriage is for a lifetime.