

Stress-Free Wedding Invitations-Planning Made Simple

There are many issues that add stress your wedding invitation planning, both before you send them out and after. How much will they cost? How much time will it take to order them and send them? What should I do if invited guests do not RSVP?

There are ways to achieve stress-free wedding invitation planning and avoid some of the pain points many couples typically encounter.

Plan for Costs

As with all of your wedding essentials, know how much you have budgeted to spend on bridal invitations. The amount you actually spend will depend on the type of wedding you are having and the style of invitation you want, with wedding invitations costing anywhere from \$70 to \$1,000 per 100 invitations.

A convenient way to determine how much your invitations will cost is to go to an online stationer and choose several invitations you and your spouse like - remember to include all of the various invitation pieces, from the save the date cards to reception cards to thank you cards. From that, you will easily be able to determine how much you should budget for your invitations. By starting online, you also will be able to easily shop around and do comparison shopping to find the lowest price available.

Start Early and Research all Your Choices

The best advice to avoid stress is to start looking for your invitations early. This will allow you ample time to consider all of your choices, order samples and decide on the design layout, color scheme and wording. Many of today's couples are doing all of their research and ordering from online stationery boutiques. Not only do many websites offer a faster order turnaround time, but these companies also offer a wealth of options to suit any couple's taste. Some online bridal sites even have exclusive partnerships with notable stationery designers to carry their designs. These are great options if you are looking for something unique.

Keep in mind that all of your invitations should be ordered no less than 12 weeks before the wedding. You should mail them six weeks before the event date. To accomplish this, plan ahead and consider online stationery boutiques as a great resource for you.

Give Ample Time for Responses

So you met the deadline and mailed your invitations six weeks before the wedding date. You should request RSVPs from your guests at least three weeks before the date. This gives your guests more than enough time to receive their invitations and reply by mail, which gives you adequate time to provide the caterers with a head count and the seating arrangement.

If you still have not heard from people by the RSVP date, do not assume the invited guests are not coming. Experts recommend you give the invitees a phone call and give them a gentle reminder about three weeks before the wedding.

With a little planning, and the help of some key online stationery web sites, wedding invitation planning can be stress free.