



Say 'I Do' to a Cheap Wedding

Don't destroy your budget or wipe out your savings when planning a wedding. Use these simple tips to save money on the big event.

- If you're getting married in a church, have your ceremony around a holiday. The church will already be decorated and will save you lots of money on flowers.
- Have your invitations printed instead of engraved. Or print them from your own computer.
- Save on postage by eliminating an inner envelope or blotter paper. Forgo a reply card and ask guests to reply online or by telephone.
- Shop a sample sale for an inexpensive dress.
- Choose a less popular day of the week for a wedding, like a Sunday or weeknight. Vendors may be willing to give you a better rate.
- Consider having a buffet dinner or an open bar during cocktail hour, but serving a cheaper wine during dinner.