

## **Considerations When Planning Your Own Wedding Reception**

Every wedding is important and should be a memorable event for the families involved; friends will also have the privilege of sharing in the bride and groom's special day, so every wedding should be a success and joy to attend.

If you're planning your own wedding reception, this is a great way to save a lot of money, while still having a great time after your ceremony. We all know that wedding planners can make the process a little less stressful and much easier for us, but many brides simply want to be more hands-on and enjoy the planning stages ahead of time. Planning your own wedding reception will ensure that everything on your day will not only be unique, but will also include everything possible that your little heart desires.

Wedding planning is always different, and there is no one way to get the job done. Of course, each couple will determine the style and tone of their day – casual, formal, or themed – in order to best suit their personalities. This decision will largely carry over into plans for the reception, too.

You don't need an endless budget and tons of guests to have a great wedding. Planning your own wedding reception can allow you to have an elegant celebration or a simple and casual one where you simply get to spend time with friends and family.

There are many details to account for when planning your own wedding reception. Planning this part of your day should begin at least several months to one year in advance; many venues will require reservations to be made this far ahead of time. Make sure you are prepared for the vast amount of organization, time and work required when planning your own wedding reception before beginning, or you may become frustrated down the road.

Many couples decide that planning your own wedding reception is a great way to save money in one area to spend more in another. After determining the budget for your special day, this will allow you to determine where and how much you'll be able to spend to make your reception everything you imagined.

It's always possible to ask family and friends to help when planning your own wedding reception, too. Even if it's simply set-up or clean-up patrol, this can prove invaluable on the actual day of your celebration. You also don't want to undertake more than you can handle.

Many of your friends and family may have special talents that can help you further such as cooking, photography, decorating or even providing entertainment. Your loved ones will enjoy being involved in planning your own wedding reception, as they'll feel they had a special part to play in your day.

There are many resources available to you as well when planning your own wedding reception. Research the Internet, check out a few books at the library, and ask any friends or family that have recently planned their own wedding reception for advice and tips.