

## **Making Your Small Wedding Memorable**

Almost every bride wants the most lavish wedding she can imagine, complete with huge buffet lines and ice sculptures, but this can be way out of your budget. The great news is that even a small wedding can be memorable and very inexpensive, still providing a great memory for you and your fiancé.

Planning a small wedding allows you to save money as well as spend dedicated time with your guests because the list will need to be pared down a bit. Your stress levels are also much lower when planning a small wedding, too.

Also, planning a small wedding can mean that your ceremony and celebration will be much more intimate than a large and lavish one. You'll have more time to spend with the important people in your life that day, and more energy to allow for sufficiently enjoying your special day.

If you are planning a small wedding that will only include your closest family members and loved ones, your options for décor and style will be totally different than those for a big wedding. Your food can be fancier and of higher quality, or you may even celebrate at a fine restaurant after the ceremony.

There are several ways to save money when you are planning a small wedding. You can choose the things that matter most to you, like perhaps your dress, to spend more money on. You'll also be able to focus more on you personally – preparing for the big day and making sure your entire bridal wardrobe is in order. You can use the money you save on your wedding on your honeymoon, too.

Planning a small wedding allows you to celebrate with your closest friends and relatives, and even possibly forego the stress of choosing and coordinating a wedding party. Intimacy is easily achieved when all of the attention is focused on you and your fiancé during the ceremony and reception.

Small weddings also allow for more opportunities for locations. Maybe you can have a garden wedding at a relative's home, or even have it inside someone's house. You could also plan a destination wedding, where most of your budget would be spent on traveling there. However, you would end up already being on your honeymoon as soon as the ceremony ended!

Many times, you may want to pay for the closest family to attend, or you'll know that fewer will attend since the cost of the travel will be a requirement. Costs once you reach the destination can be quite controlled; a photographer, cake and officiate can be found relatively inexpensively no matter where in the world you want to go. Before planning a small wedding like this, always ask your family what their thoughts are on the matter and how many would possibly like to go; group discounts are also often available for such trips.

Just remember that with the appropriate amount of time for planning a small wedding, you'll be able to splurge on more of the details while lowering your overall stress level. You may even be able to hire a wedding planner to handle it all for you.