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After your interview with the bishop, schedule a temple recommend interview with your stake president. Receive your endowment on or before your wedding day.

On the day of the wedding, bring to the temple:
- Your individual Recommend for Living Ordinances (both bride and groom)
- Marriage license

Clothing Standards

Brides

Your wedding dress should meet the following temple guidelines:
- Be white. No off-white, ivory or cream-colored dresses. Please avoid fastened color ribbons, sequins and elaborate ornamentation. Colored sashes, worn for photographs and reception activities, will need to be removed in the temple.
- Have long sleeves. If your dress has short sleeves, the temple can provide a bolero or sleeve inserts.
- Have a modest neckline, and be modest in design and fabric. Sheer fabric should be lined.
- Have a removable train or one that can be pinned up or fastened out of the way.

If a wedding dress does not meet the guidelines above, you may wish to wear one of the wedding dresses available at the temple. Wedding dresses should always cover the sacred garments. Temple garments should not be altered or removed in order to accommodate the style of the wedding dress. Brides being endowed the same day as their marriage or sealing may wear a white temple dress (available at the temple if needed) for the endowment session.

Grooms

White temple clothing is worn for the marriage ceremony.

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**Reality Check**

During the early stages of a relationship, couples can easily become so impressed with their view from cloud nine of rainbows and butterflies that they fail to check the solidity of the ground below. It is important for a couple to carefully assess the transitions each must make before entering the bonds of marriage. Gayle Wells, mother of six and a BYU graduate in child development, said after a couple gets married, the fluff and excitement begin to fizzle out. “When you’re dating, you can’t think of anyone else,” Gayle said. “All you want to do is be together all the time, and it’s so wonderful and fantastic, but it isn’t real life.”

Gawain Wells, Gayle’s husband and former chair of BYU’s Department of Psychology, said before marriage, individuals should try to see each other in as many common everyday-life situations as possible.

“The more chances you have to see each other and be with each other in the regular, ordinary tasks of life, the better you’ll be,” Gawain said. “You have to step outside the infatuation and ask how different are things going to be when you’re married.”

Couples preparing for marriage should branch away from creative, outlandish dates and rather be together doing things like laundry or cleaning the house because, as Gawain said, “the fact of marriage is that it’s everyday life.”

**New Family Recipe**

Everyone enters marriage with a different set of expectations and ideas. Kenneth Matheson, professor in BYU’s School of Social Work and licensed marriage and family therapist, compared this fusion of differences to family cookbooks.

“Two different cookbooks [are] coming together, both professing to be the ‘right cookbook,’ yet in reality they are different; some concessions need to be made,” Matheson said. “We all have our individual views as to what makes up for the ideal couple and marriage, yet some of our expectations are unrealistic, which causes irritation and frustration in the marital relationship.”

Gayle Wells said though each person comes from a completely different place than the other, instituting the attributes of tolerance and awareness in the new home will create a new place.

“You have to put aside your misconceptions and bring together what you love about each other and make that work,” she said.

*BY JENNA CASON*

Now you’re married, but are you married to your old ways or welcoming the new opportunity to grow together?
**Tips for Better Teamwork**

**EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR EVERYTHING**
It is important to show appreciation by frequently saying, “Thank you.” Be grateful for everything - no matter how small - and express that gratitude aloud often. Gayle Wells often thanks her husband for taking out the trash, and said he will likely never miss a day because her frequent expressions of gratitude are encouraging.

**APOLOGIZE AND FORGIVE QUICKLY**
It is essential for couples to apologize and forgive often. “Not apologizing and not forgiving are all about pride,” Gawain Wells said. “Think before you speak. Never say a hurtful thing and be aware of what you say.” Never hold on to an offense and use it as a weapon of harm later in the relationship.

**READ BOOKS TOGETHER ALOUD**
Reading books together can guide discussions on a new, unexplored course. “It helps you have things to talk about that you’re interested in together and keeps you involved in each other’s world so you know what they’re thinking and doing,” Gayle Wells said. The Wells’ married children regularly read aloud with their spouses, anything from children’s literature to gospel books.

**PROVIDE WAYS FOR YOUR PARTNER TO SUCCEED**
Compliment, encourage and motivate your partner. As a result, your partner’s confidence will grow. Gayle Wells said her biggest advice for being a successful partner is to catch the other doing something good and encourage them by acknowledging their behavior. “You make the person into the person you want to be with,” she said.

**TALK IT THROUGH**
Open and heartfelt communication strengthens relationships. “At the end of the day, talk through what happened during the day and tell each other how things are going,” Gayle Wells said. “Take time to share things, no matter how small.”
A word about Be Grateful

BY NATALIE CROFTS

After the celebration of the big day comes something important that might not be quite as exciting – writing thank you notes.

“Time and resources were expended on your behalf, and a thank you note is a way to recognize the generous spirit of others,” said Candilyn Newell, who teaches an etiquette class at Brigham Young University.

Newell said the notes should be handwritten as a way to show appreciation by taking the time to write a note.

“Gratitude is a state of appreciation, an act of thanksgiving, which causes us to be humble because we recognize an act of kindness, service or caring from someone else which lifts us and strengthens us.”

Elder Robert D. Hales
“Gratitude for the Goodness of God” April 1992 General Conference.

Megan Bailey, of Pink Piggy Design, said thank you notes don’t have to be long.

“It can be simple and to the point while still being thoughtful and personal,” Bailey said.

Sabrina Mitchell, a senior majoring in elementary education, suggested keeping a running list to keep track of what needs to be written. She said she set a goal of writing at least five notes a day right after she got married, which helped her complete them fast.

“We tried to personalize them by listing what they gave us, so they would know we were aware of what they did for us,” Mitchell said.
Newell said it is best to send notes as soon as possible, because those who have generously given gifts would like to know the newly married couple safely received the gift.

“There are those who say you have up to six months to send a thank you note, but I would really encourage the idea that sooner is better – avoiding any awkward personal interaction should you meet those who celebrated your marriage so thoughtfully,” she said.

Jacqueline Horrocks, recent BYU graduate, said they personalized their thank you notes by having a photo from their wedding day with a small thank you message printed at the bottom.

“People really liked the idea of getting to see us on our wedding day for those who weren’t there, and for those who were there they got to remember our day with the picture,” Horrocks said.

According to Candilyn Newell, there are four components of a perfect thank you note.

1. Express your gratitude.
2. Mention something specific about the gift received. In the case of money, do not mention “purchase” or “buy,” or amounts of money received.
3. Make reference to your spouse’s appreciation.
4. Restate your gratitude with a possible reference to your relationship.

Dear [Recipient’s Name],

Thank you so much for coming to our wedding and reception. The Waterford house looks beautiful on our table. Waterford crystal is especially meaningful to us because Milo saved his mission in Ireland. Thank you again for your kindness, we are so grateful for your friendship.

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Shape
There are dozens of unique gem shapes and choosing the right shape can be a difficult decision. Here are some delightfully popular options.

**Princess** Princess cuts are a versatile shape which can be set as a square on a band or turned 45 degrees and set on point.

**Round** Round cuts are also popular. With smooth edges, the round cut will adapt to most settings.

**Pear** The distinctively shaped pear cut is growing in popularity and can make a unique center stone.

**Marquise** Marquise cuts were popular during the ‘90s and are now making a comeback. With two points and round sides, marquise diamonds may look a little larger than a simple round cut.

**Hybrid** Many cuts combine the fluidity of one style with the structure of another. Cushion and emerald cuts are rectangular but have rounded edges. Hybrids make it easy to choose a complimentary setting.

Metal
While some metals are more pure than others, all engagement ring metals are dependable to fasten the gems so it’s a matter of taste and budget.

**White Gold** While yellow and white gold are equally durable, white gold is currently the most popular metal for engagement rings. However, white gold does need to be rhodium plated periodically to prevent yellowing.

**Yellow Gold** Yellow gold has been increasing in popularity and offers an aged and antique look, but it all comes down to the matter of preference.

**Platinum and Palladium** Hypoallergenic and incredibly pure metals platinum and palladium are tarnish resistant and nearly impossible to scratch. The luster of these two metals is comparable to white gold, but they don’t need to be rhodium plated. However, the cost of platinum is considerably greater than gold.

**Sterling Silver** While it lacks the luster of white gold, sterling silver is quickly becoming a popular alternative metal.

“Gold has skyrocketed,” said Megan Ham, a ring consultant at Wilson’s Diamonds. “It’s about $1,300 to $1,400 an ounce.” As a result, many customers are turning to sterling silver.
Alternative Gems

Mined, white diamonds aren’t the only option for center stones. Many women find that their style requires a more unique color.

**Sapphires and Rubies** These two gemstones come in an endless variety of colors and are almost as hard and indestructible as diamonds.

**Pearls** Pearls have an elegant and opaque appeal that is quickly becoming a unique and interesting alternative.

**Colored Diamonds** Diamonds come in many colors, from vibrant yellow or green to pitch black; but the more exotic the color, the more pricey the diamond.

**Topaz** Topaz gemstones come in a variety of colors and are often found in large carat sizes. Topaz isn’t as pricey but lacks the hardness of diamonds.

**Cubic Zirconium** For students struggling to scrape together money, cubic zirconium offers an almost identical look to a diamond at a drastically lower price.

Settings

For a ring to have maximum appeal, the setting needs to complement the gem and the bride-to-be.

**Solitaire** A solitaire setting features a single center stone on a solid band. Solitaire is a classic and elegant style.

**Three Stone** A three stone setting is a popular choice for women wanting more gems. Usually the center stone is slightly larger than the side stones.

**Pavé** The pavé setting adds extra sparkle with embedded small diamonds in the band leading to the center stone. Pavé can complement a smaller center stone.

**Halo** Halo settings offer an antique and timeless look by encirling the center with small diamonds. The halo is often combined with a pavé band.

**Tension** A tension setting, which suspends the diamond with pressure from both sides of the band, can be a funky alternative to the traditional four- or six-prong fasteners.
Brides-to-be give new meaning to the phrase “Shop ’till you drop,” as they spend countless hours in pursuit of the dress of their dreams. This search is one of the most exciting parts of planning a wedding, but may also become a daunting task for the bride who is unaware of what to look for. Fortunately, with an understanding of a few wedding dress fundamentals, the perfect gown is found in no time.

Finding a dress that flatters your figure is the first step to narrowing the search. Gowns come in all designs, allowing a bride to find one that complements her figure.

Whether she looks to hide problematic areas or accentuate others, there is a dress for every bride and on her day she will undoubtedly look beautiful.

**EMPIRE WAIST**
Defined by its skirt that extends from the bust-line, this dress hides any problem areas around the waist or lower half of the body. Perfect for brides who are slim or pear-shaped.

**STRAIGHT CUT**
Simple yet elegant, this gown may flare softly or hug tightly. It neither accentuates nor covers up and is perfect for the slender bride.

**BALL GOWN**
A timeless tradition with a form-fitting bodice and fuller skirt. This dress makes the upper body appear slimmer by creating proportion. Perfect for busty brides but flattering on most body types.

**A-LINE**
A tight-fitting bodice and flowing A-shaped skirt allow this dress to flatter most body types.

**MERMAID**
Form fitting and body shaping, this dress emphasizes an hourglass figure by flaring out at the knee. Perfect for the slender bride looking to show off her curves.
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ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MARRIED HOUSING
BY LAUREN JACOBS

A couple always remembers their first apartment or home. To help keep this memory a pleasant one, there are several elements a couple should consider when searching for their first place.

The preliminary decisions a couple need to make are whether they want to live in a townhouse, condo, apartment or house; whether to search in Provo or surrounding cities; and whether they can afford the housing they find. Because the list of determining factors goes on, Provo housing managers and newly married students alike recommend starting the search early. “Depending on how far away the wedding date is, a couple should normally start looking soon after the engagement,” said Irmaleda Anderson, an operations manager at BYU’s married housing facility, Wymount Terrace.

At Wymount Terrace, apartments are rented on a month-to-month basis. Apartments become available throughout the year, though more apartments open up in May and December than in other months, Anderson said. Engaged couples can sign an agreement on the BYU housing website to start moving in as soon as 10 days before their wedding.

Dane Bennion, a newly married BYU student, recommends looking for housing early. He started seriously searching about two months before he and his wife, Anya, got married. “Looking sooner would have saved us from a lot of stress,” he said. When the Bennions were looking for housing, they found places ranging from $500 to $700. However, the price of housing can vary based on the size of the residence, utilities included in the rent and the location.

To help begin the search, couples can pick up a complimentary copy of the BYU Housing Guide.

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YOUR WEDDING INVITATION

By Keri L. Stevens & Jenna Cason

Your wedding invitation introduces your future spouse to distant family and friends and announces your marriage to the world — so it is important to find a design that fits your style and to take a photo that captures you and your loved one’s best features. Wedding invitations originally donned elegant fonts and formal wording, but have recently moved away from the traditional type and on to casual, colorful and fun designs.

WHEN TO MAIL
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WHO DO YOU SEND IT TO?
Divide potential guests by categories: family, friends, colleagues, acquaintances, etc. If the list needs to be reduced, it is a good rule of thumb to only invite those with whom you will have a relationship five years later.

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LETTERPRESS
Leland Rowley, owner of Rowley Press in Provo, is a graphic designer who uses letterpress to make custom invitations. Letterpress leaves an impression in the paper and Rowley does each by hand. “The main thing people like about the letterpress is the fact that it’s pressed into the paper, and it looks really nice,” Rowley said. “If you want something a little cheaper, most of the time you’ll do an offset printing press or even a digital offset print right from the computer. Letterpress can be a bit more expensive, though, because you are paying for the quality of print and paper.”

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- Snell Roundhand
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- Bauer Bodoni
- Garamond No. 3 Italic
- Adobe Jenson

Sans Serifs to Use

- Futura Light
- Gill Sans Light

Never Use

- Bembo
- Times New Roman
- Papyrus

Combine a script with a serif for elegance.
Couples must not only be sure that they get along with each other before marriage, but also with each other’s families. Both relationships are vital to the success of a healthy marriage.

Stephen Duncan, professor in the School of Family Life, said marriage is not only a time of transition for the couple but also for parents. In-law relationship expectations should be discussed when couples talk about finances, expectations in the home and parenting.

“The in-law relationship can either enhance or hurt newlywed adjustment,” Duncan said.

To create a loving and healthy relationship, Duncan said newlywed couples should create boundaries and talk about expectations of the in-law relationship.

“Couples need to, in kindly ways, draw the boundary: ‘Mom we’d love to come to...”

In-law relationships work best when both children and parents guard against unhealthy dependence without thwarting harmonious contact and when they develop the kind of relationship that is comfortable for all parties.

Patricia Russell, Building Good In-Law Relationships, Ensign, March 2000
Christmas, but this year we are forming our own traditions on Christmas Eve. We would love to come be with you on Christmas evening and have a dessert,” he said.

Belinda Spencer, from Glendora, Calif., understands the importance of having a good in-law relationship.

“It helps with the relationship you have with your spouse because things come up,” Spencer said. “If your spouse is really connected to their family and you are not, you might have a lot of problems.”

Spencer said she enjoys spending time with her in-laws, and they regularly do activities together like go to movies and have family dinner.

Duncan and Spencer agree flexibility is key to any relationship.

Certainly a now-married man should cleave unto his wife in faithfulness, protection, comfort and total support; but in leaving father, mother and other family members, it was never intended that they now be ignored, abandoned, shunned or deserted. They are still family, a great source of strength, a refuge, a delight and an eternal unit. Wise parents, whose children have left to start their own families, realize their family role still continues, not in a realm of domination, control, regulation, supervision or imposition, but in love, concern and encouragement.

Elder Marvin J. Ashton, He Took Him by the Hand,” Ensign, Jan. 1974
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RELIGION
What will we do for family scripture study?
What will we do for family home evening?
Will we pay a full tithe?
How often will we attend the temple?
What are appropriate Sunday activities?

PERSONAL INTERESTS
How much time will we devote to personal interests?
Do we want to cultivate interests in the same hobbies?
Do we want different hobbies?
How much money will we devote to personal interests?

HEALTH
Are there any potential health problems?
How committed are we to staying healthy?
What types of food will we eat?
Will we use any forms of birth control?

CONFLICT & COMPROMISE
How do we resolve disagreements effectively?
What issues are worth discussing and what issues do not really matter?
Will we discuss personal marital issues with family or friends?

CHORES
Who will do what chores and yard work?
What level of cleanliness is appropriate for our family?

EXTENDED FAMILY
How much interaction will we have with our immediate families or extended families?
How involved will the in-laws be in our family?
Will we spend holidays with family?
What past family dynamics might affect our marriage?

CHILDREN
How many children do we want?
When do we want to begin having children?
How much space do we want between each child?
How do we want to discipline our children?
Who will discipline our children?
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When selecting wedding colors, it is important to keep in mind the setting and style of the reception center as well as the mood and season of the wedding.

Tessa Woolf, editor for a local bridal magazine, said the mood and atmosphere are the most important factors when picking colors. “Do you want the setting to be romantic, classic, festive, modern? Select colors that reflect these moods,” she said.

It is best to choose a venue with neutral colors. Working against colors in a room can be difficult, said Lorna Reid, wedding planner at Design Elite in Layton.

Reid recommends a maximum of three colors. However, different shades of the same color can still be considered one color.

“Woolf suggests using paint swatches and online color generators or searching magazines and blogs for unique color palettes and inspiration boards to help in selecting colors. Reid said her favorite place to look at different color style boards is on dessy.com.

When deciding to use either bold or pastel colors, Woolf said it depends on the mood and style the bride is trying to create. “If you want a more vintage look, soft pastels and more muted colors will work better than primary colors or bold hues,” Woolf explained. “If you want a festive, carnival-themed wedding, bright reds, yellows and blues would be a better route.”

One way a bride can personalize her color palette is to use her favorite color. Different colors can represent certain personality traits, Woolf said. Pick the colors that represent you!
When that big day arrives with each detail set in place, it may only be hopeful that all will turn out as flawlessly as planned. Sometimes, things change – creating wedding day mishaps we can laugh about later – sometimes much, much later.

“I had a bustled dress with a lace-up back that was dry cleaned after my bridal photos. The laces were placed in their own little bag and got left at home! My dad suggested safety pins; my mom, shoelaces. Luckily, my aunt drove three cities away to a craft store and bought ribbon just before the store closed. I entered the reception five minutes fashionably late.”

Dani Strong, married 2 months

“My photographer showed up at the wrong temple. I went to Provo and he went to Timpanogos. He eventually got there.”

Deborah Gardner, married 9 years

“I overslept and had to do my makeup in the car on the way to the temple.”

Angela Ewell, married 7 years

“I wanted ‘Michelle, My Belle’ to play when I danced with my dad. The lead singer, who assured me he knew the song, made up gibberish during the French part.”

Michelle Steele, married 2 years
**The Then, the Now**

“**My dress was altered, and I never tried it on until two days before the wedding. I starved for two days! Every time I gave a hug, I felt a little rip.**”

Gayle Allen, married 42 years

“**We left the temple to go to the luncheon, and I got lost. My wife was crying hysterically, and my ego was bruised. We finally arrived two hours late. They thought we had bailed for the honeymoon. It was embarrassing, and my wife still hasn’t forgiven me.”**

Shayne Durrant, married 18 years

“**I spent my wedding night timing alternating doses of Advil and Tylenol and on the phone with urgent care centers, while my spouse shivered under piles of covers with a burning fever. It was finally concluded he had a viral infection caused by the mice in our new apartment where he’d been staying for the last month!”**

Morgan Pugh, married 9 months

“**I got a haircut the day before my wedding. Needless to say, it was cut a little too short, and my wife was rather displeased with our photos.”**

Gary Allen, married 42 years

“**My friends covered our car in Vaseline and shaving cream, and there was a blizzard outside. Windshield wipers don’t work well on Vaseline.”**

Rich Evans, married 35 years

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4 MONTHS BEFORE

☐ Set date, time and place
☐ Schedule time for sealing at the temple and endowment date and time
☐ Find wedding planner
☐ Figure out budget
☐ Decide who is paying for what
☐ Decide on theme and colors
☐ Select and reserve place for reception
☐ Choose photographer
☐ Take engagement pictures
☐ Find dress and, if needed, alter to temple standards
☐ Select and reserve place for luncheon/pre-wedding dinner
☐ Start to gather guest lists and addresses (keep a copy for thank you notes)
☐ Decide who you want at temple sealing (check for number of people that can fit) and luncheon
☐ Ask two people to be witnesses at wedding (usually fathers)
☐ Discuss finances, transportation, education and long- and short-term plans with fiance
☐ Schedule temple recommend interview with bishop and stake president

3 MONTHS BEFORE

☐ Pick out and order announcements
☐ Order wedding cake
☐ Choose caterer
☐ Meet with florist
☐ Pick out decorations for reception and arrange for any rental items needed
☐ Decide on wedding party
☐ Pick out or order bridesmaids’ dresses
☐ Find tux store
☐ Schedule reception music
☐ Choose groom’s ring
☐ Plan honeymoon and make reservations

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2 MONTHS BEFORE
☐ Start addressing announcements
☐ Register at two or three stores
☐ Pick out pictures for reception slideshow
☐ Find place to live
☐ Decide on favors and order necessary items
☐ Make pre-marital checkup appointment
☐ Shop for veil, comfortable wedding shoes and jewelry

6 WEEKS BEFORE
☐ Send announcements
☐ Take bridal pictures
☐ Make hair appointment (appointment must finish two hours before sealing)
☐ Trial run for your hair appointment and bring your veil (perhaps on the same day you take bridal pictures)
☐ Purchase gifts for bridesmaids
☐ Decide menu for luncheon/pre-wedding dinner and reception

1 MONTH BEFORE
☐ Get marriage license (no more than 30 days before wedding date; licenses and/or Social Security cards may be needed)
☐ Schedule makeup appointment or experiment with how you want to do your makeup
☐ Dry clean gown

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- Follow up on reservations: florist, photographer, cake, reception music and honeymoon accommodations
- Meet photographer about specific pictures you want
- Have groom get haircut
- Pick “get-a-way” outfit
- Buy cake knife, server and guest book

1 Week Before
- Get manicure and pedicure
- Pack for honeymoon
- Pick up tuxedos

Day of Wedding
- Eat light breakfast
- Go to hair and makeup appointments
- Be to temple when specified (usually one hour early)
- Don’t forget your marriage license, temple recommends, rings and wedding dress
- Take survival kit (needle and thread, extra bobby pins, safety pins, bottle of water, etc.)
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After the Honeymoon
- Make sure to change your name on your license, Social Security card and on school records
- Change address
- Write thank you notes

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