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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.

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 temple dresses available at the temple. 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.
To enter a Latter-day Saint temple for a sealing, attendees must have a current temple recommend. Some couples have family members and friends who do not hold temple recommends, and it can be challenging for the bride and groom to tell them they cannot attend the sealing. However, it doesn’t have to be a stressful situation. There are ways to show love and keep family and friends involved.

Elder Cree-L Kofford, of the Seventy, in a 1998 Ensign article “Marriage in the Lord’s Way,” addressed this situation for couples. “First, be very understanding of their feelings,” Elder Kofford said. “And, as much as possible, help them comprehend what’s going to occur and why they can’t be with you.”

Bryan Briggs and his wife, Casey, were recently married in the Draper Utah temple. They had family who were of another faith that could not attend the sealing, but they included them in the wedding. Briggs made sure to first explain why the sealing was such a sacred experience.

“We told them that we had already been married in the temple, and that the ceremony in the temple seals us for time and all eternity, meaning that there is no ‘til death do you part’ statement,” Briggs said. “If we remain faithful, we can truly be together forever.”

Instead of holding a supplemental wedding ceremony, the Church suggests couples counsel with their bishop about holding a special meeting for relatives and friends who don’t have temple recommends. In this meeting those who were unable to attend the temple ceremony have another opportunity to learn about eternal marriage. Though no ceremony should be performed, it is appropriate to exchange rings at such meetings.

Briggs gave some advice for couples with family who will not be at the temple sealing. “Just be honest. This can be an awesome missionary opportunity and an awesome way to show people what the temple is,” Briggs said.

Advice for handling these types of situations can be sought from priesthood leaders like bishops and stake presidents. Helpful resources are available at lds.org/temples.
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The maid of honor is the bride’s right-hand, go-to-person, as is the best man to the groom. In recent years the roles and responsibilities of these two people have blurred. Do they have to attend all of the wedding events? Do they go shopping with the bride and groom for the wedding dress and tuxedo?

The maid of honor and best man’s responsibilities are similar. The question of who pays for the bridal party’s attire can be a source of confusion for both the bridal party and the bride and groom. In Ann Louise Peterson’s book “Your LDS Wedding Planner,” she noted common wedding etiquette for members of the bridal party is to pay for their own wedding attire. Travel can be a significant expense for the bridal party, so the bride and groom may consider choosing affordable attire to respect members’ budgets.
The maid of honor
• Assists in addressing the wedding invitations
• Throws a bridal shower for the bride
• Takes care of the groom’s wedding ring on the wedding day

The best man
• Returns the groom’s tuxedo
• Reminds the groom to bring the marriage license and recommends on the day of the wedding
• Gathers the wedding party for photos
• Is willing to offer the first toast or tribute, if requested, at the wedding reception
• Helps the groom plan any honeymoon details

Both party members
• Organize the bridesmaids’ or groomsmen’s attire
• Manage the bridal party’s duties
• Help diffuse potential problems in the bridal party
• Run any pre-wedding errands the bride or groom may need
• Keep track of the bride’s or groom’s personal items at the reception
• Be present at all wedding celebrations
• Help in any post-wedding cleanup
Flowers are a beautiful addition to any wedding reception. There are a myriad of types for couples to choose from, each with a unique color, texture and fragrance. Floral arrangements can help tell the story of a wedding by reflecting the personality of the couple.

“Flowers help create the overall feeling and provide the colored accents in photographs and your wedding memories,” said Michelle Virtue, manager of Campus Floral. “Take the time to research and enjoy the floral process.”

DIY or Professional?
Depending on a couple’s budget and creativity, they might decide to take floral arranging into their own hands. Websites like Pinterest and Martha Stewart Weddings offer tutorials for simple arrangements intended for flowers purchased locally before the wedding.

Couples may choose to work with a local florist whose work they admire.

“A trained designer has years of experience and training that will make all of the difference on wedding day,” Virtue said. “Be confident in your chosen designer and let them guide you through the process.”

Budget-Friendly Options
“If you are working with a small budget for wedding flowers, avoid using specialty flowers or flowers that are out of their natural season,” Virtue said. “Consider making a few substitutions, downsizing your bouquet or asking your florist for equivalent flowers in your price range.”

Arranging less expensive flowers in mass or monochromatic designs also creates visual impact without breaking a couple’s budget, Virtue said.

Beautiful Bouquets
A bride’s bouquet is featured extensively in her wedding photos, so it is very important to work with the florist to create a design that captures the feeling of the wedding and the couple’s personality.

“We are seeing a trend toward designs with a great deal of texture and interest,” Virtue said. “The typical bouquet is no longer cascading or a mound of solid roses – it’s full of seasonal cuts, garden varieties, succulents and natural movement.”

The thick, fleshy leaves of some succulent plants mirror the petal display of a flower while providing more voluminous shape. Tumbling lilacs, sweet peas and baby’s breath can also add movement and depth to a bouquet.
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Cake has a way of commanding a moment. Skeptics may say it’s just a dessert, but a beautiful and delicious cake creates a significant impact on a reception space. Couples can customize their cake to match their taste, both in design and flavor. Many trends provide inspiration the bride and groom can build off of to create a one-of-a-kind cake.

**Stacked Fondant**
"Stacking fondant cakes is very in right now, rather than having a cake with pillars like in the 1990s," said Heather Nord, a professional baker who owns The Pink Icing.

Couples can experiment with round or square layers to create a unique shape. They can also match the fondant to a color of their choosing. Nord suggests bringing a swatch of the desired color for the baker.

**Modern**
Many unique updates to the traditional wedding cake are available for couples to choose from. Options like chevron, glitter and metallic accents capture modern elegance. While these unique options stray from tradition, that does not mean couples should be afraid to try them.

“Remember that it is your wedding day—choose a cake that makes you and your fiance happy,” Nord said.

**Vintage**
“Ivory cakes with intricate piping capture an antique feel,” Nord said.

Because the word vintage might mean one thing to one bride and something else to the baker, Nord advises couples to bring pictures of...
designs they like to the consultation. Photos from websites like Pinterest and The Knot can serve as inspiration.

WHIMSICAL

Ruffles and romantic flowers can add a touch of whimsy to a cake. Couples should be aware that elaborate details may increase the price.

“Be up front with your baker about what you want and what your budget is so they can work with you,” Nord said.

Choosing the perfect combination can be tricky though. The chart below offers a variety of both traditional and unique selections for couples to consider and sample before making their decision:

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Tradition

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Tradition

Alternative

Bride’s Bouquet

A bundle of flowers wrapped with ribbon.

Kissing Ball: Sphere of flowers attached to a ribbon loop.

Tossing a Bouquet

Use the bridal bouquet or a special bouquet

Use a fortune bouquet: Four to six smaller bouquets, each tied with a fortune ribbon like “You will marry the man of your dreams.” This allows more girls to participate in the bouquet toss.

Wedding Dress

Bride wears one dress appropriate for both the temple sealing and the reception.

Buy two dresses: one for the temple and one for the reception. Temple garments should not be altered or removed to accommodate the style of either dress. The temple dress can then be used during subsequent worship.

Children at the Reception

Invited children can go to the reception, but they may become bored or get into trouble. Parents also might be stressed if they bring their children.

Provide a play area with games, activities and child-friendly food for guests’ children.

Cake

A multi-tiered cake.

Couples can serve pies, cheesecakes, cupcakes or even offer a dessert bar.

Sit-Down Dinner

Sit down dinners can range from a potluck to having professional caterers and waiters.

Buffets with light foods such as hors d’oeuvres and salads.

Departure of Couple

Throwing rice and/or releasing doves when the bride and groom depart for their honeymoon.

Guests throw flower petals, release lanterns in the sky, blow bubbles or wave sparklers.

There are many options for the future bride when she plans her wedding, and she doesn’t have to follow the traditions of her parents and grandparents. The reception is a time for both the bride’s and groom’s personalities to shine. The responsibilities of the families of the bride and groom are more flexible now than ever before.

The bride and her family traditionally pay for:

• Invitations and postage
• Groom’s ring
• Wedding gown
• Venue
• Food
• Flowers for reception and bridesmaids
• Photography

Traditionally, the groom and his family pay for:

• Groom’s tuxedo
• Bride’s ring
• Bride’s bouquet, men’s boutonnieres and corsages for mothers and grandmothers
• Marriage license
• Luncheon
• Honeymoon

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Getting the dress

Many Latter-day Saint brides choose to wear a traditional temple dress for their sealing and then wear a wedding gown outside the temple. Temple-appropriate dress standards can be found on page 5. Choosing a wedding gown can be an exciting experience for the bride, though it can also be stressful if she does not know what she wants. Learning about popular trends can help narrow the choices and help the bride discover her wedding style before she starts shopping.

SHORT

A short dress is a nontraditional option that showcases a bride’s fun side for the reception.

“Short dresses work really well for more of a party feel instead of a formal reception,” said Melissa Parry, assistant manager of Allyse’s Bridal.

The tea length style has a hem that ends right above the bride’s ankles, allowing her to walk easily and show off her shoes. Knee length dresses end after the knees, making them a great option to stay cool for outdoor receptions in the warmer months.

MODERN

The mark of a modern dress is its sleek design. Lux fabrics like satin and taffeta create structure or mold to the bride’s shape, depending on what she wants. Modern dresses exude a refined and unique look, which makes them ideal for trendsetter brides.

VINTAGE

Wedding gowns with vintage elements like lace, delicate embroidery and longer sleeves are a great option for brides. The subtle details and feminine feel of the vintage look enhance a bride’s natural elegance.

“Sometimes brides wear actual vintage dresses to their receptions too, which can be so pretty,” Parry said.

PRINCESS

“A princess dress has a full skirt with many details,” Parry said. “They often feature a drop waist or ball gown cut to emphasize the bride’s waist.”

The princess style is alluring and timeless. The larger skirt creates visual drama in photographs and will twirl nicely on the dance floor.
TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL BRIDAL GOWN SHOPPING

RESEARCH
“It’s good for a bride to have at least some idea of what she wants or must have,” Parry said. This doesn’t mean the bride needs to know all the details, but a general idea will be helpful for the consultants when they pull dresses.

COME PREPARED
“The best time to go shopping is in the morning when you’re well-rested and hydrated,” Parry said. Choosing a dress can be stressful already, so trying to make a decision on an empty stomach and not enough sleep makes the process painful instead of pleasant.

SMALL GROUP
“The first time it’s good to go with a small group to find out what they like and then invite the big group for the experience,” Parry said. The bride should bring her mother and one or two close friends the first round, and additional family and friends later if she wants.

BE OPEN
While the bride should have an idea of what she wants, the experience will be more enjoyable if she’s also open to other options.
Future brides daydream about the moment their groom will get down on one knee and present the ring they will wear for the rest of their lives. Each woman has her own taste and preference that make certain settings and stones appeal to her. These factors contribute to the overall look and feel of an engagement ring. The metal is also an integral aspect of the design because it does more than support the stones: it also determines what setting works best and it impacts the overall cost of the ring. Because there are endless options to choose from, here’s what every couple needs to know about engagement band metals:

**White Gold**

White gold is currently the most popular metal of choice. According to a survey by theknot.com, 70 percent of women’s wedding rings are white gold. White gold is on average the most expensive of the gold rings.

Tim Branscomb, founder and president of Sierra-West Jewelers, said, “White gold grew every year for about 18 years and it peaked … and it’s changing slowly.”

White gold is in a slower decline in popularity that the other golds.

**Rose Gold**

Rose gold has become increasingly trendy in recent years. Rose gold is also known as pink, antique or red gold. Rose gold is a copper and gold alloy with a 3-to-1 ratio of gold to copper, according to ross-simons.com. It can be made into karats as high as 22 kt and offers a greater vintage feel than white gold.

Branscomb credits the popularity of rose gold in jewelry stores to famous designer, Michael Beaudry. Rose gold typically peaks in popularity about every five years, and then declines in popularity.
Yellow Gold

Like white and rose gold, yellow gold is graded by karat values. The larger the karat value, the higher the percentage of gold in the ring and the more expensive it will be. The karat purity also determines hardness and durability of the gold. The most common karat values found in wedding rings are 10 kt, 14 kt and 18 kt.

“Yellow gold was popular for about 50 years and it started to sag about 15 to 17 years ago, while white gold got stronger, stronger and stronger,” Branscomb said.

Platinum

Platinum is an exceptionally white metal and is the most expensive band option for a ring. Platinum is harder than gold and won’t scratch or dent as easily. Because it is used in rings at almost 100 percent purity, there are no different values, and, as such, it is one of the most prestigious metals to use in a ring.
Since so many other factors of weddings have been evolving and changing, it isn’t a surprise that the attire of the bridal party is changing as well. It is no longer tuxedoes for all the groomsmen and formal dresses for the bridesmaids. There are less expensive and less formal options available that allow the party to use their outfits more than once.

**Groomsmen**

The groomsmen’s attire is less formal than the bridesmaids. A current trend is wearing slacks with a dress shirt, suspenders and a skinny tie or bow tie to create a retro feel. Some may pair a newsie-type hat with this outfit for an even more vintage theme. For a less vintage-themed wedding, the suspenders could be ditched, leaving just nice slacks and a skinny tie.

Another casual option for the men is having a cardigan or sweater over the dress shirt with a bow tie or regular tie.

Emily Davis and her husband, Brad, were married in December 2012. They decided to ditch the traditional suits for their wedding and had their groomsmen wear sweaters.

“Sweaters are way cooler than suits for winter,” Davis said. “They are much cheaper than suits.”

If the couple is more traditional, but doesn’t want a super formal wedding party with tuxedoes, the groomsmen can wear regular suits. This is a cost effective option that often saves money for the groomsmen because most men already have suits. The suits can be any color or pattern as long as the couple approves. To make the groomsmen look cohesive they could wear matching bow or neck ties.

**Bridesmaids**

Bridesmaids are able to be more creative and show their personality more with their attire than in the past. Having the girls choose what outfit they want to wear is a common trend. This allows the bridesmaids to buy dresses or skirts that fit their body shape. Along with choosing their outfits, brides have their bridesmaids choose different colors for their dresses, adding variety and uniqueness to the wedding party.

Another popular trend is pencil skirts with a cardigan over a nice blouse. This shows a semi-casual look for weddings that are less formal. Another option is having a cardigan over a cute summer dress.

Mary Blanchard had two bridesmaids in her wedding party in June 2012 – her sister and sister-in-law. Since there were only two bridesmaids there was more flexibility in choosing outfits. She implemented a few current trends in choosing the attire. Her maid of honor wore a different dress than her other bridesmaid. Her maid of honor also had a cardigan paired with the dress.

“I think having different dresses adds dimension to the bridal party, and looks less matchy and less cookie-cutter,” Blanchard said.

Shoes for the bridesmaids have become more causal as well. It isn’t uncommon for girls to wear Toms or Converse. A more summery option could be gladiator-type sandals.
Sweaters are a semi-casual look for the bridesmaids.

Blouse/skirt combinations allow your bridesmaids to choose clothing that is flattering to their different body types.

By matching skirt color to the men's suspenders, the color palette is reinforced.

The jewelry can correspond with the men's ties to unify the party.

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behind every place setting, bite of cake and flower display at the reception was the hand of a vendor, friend or family member. Expressing gratitude to the many people who contributed their time and talent to the big day is an important gesture for newlyweds. While thank you notes are recommended, there are additional ways to give thanks to the people who helped make the wedding wonderful.

PARENTS

Parents probably help the most with wedding planning, both financially and in terms of time. Newlyweds who live close to their parents can choose an evening to have them over for dinner. This gives the couple an opportunity to go through photos of the reception, talk about favorite memories and express their gratitude to both sets of parents. If parents live far away, the couple can write a letter expressing the same sentiments.

  Giving a framed wedding photo of the couple with their parents is also a thoughtful touch.

PHOTOGRAPHER, CATERER, OTHER VENDORS

Because couples pay their photographer and caterer, they are not required to give them anything else. But if the photos are spectacular or the food sublime, the newlyweds can offer to write an endorsement for the vendor praising the service and confirming how the product enhanced their wedding. Couples can also keep vendors’ business cards to give to family and friends who might use their services in the future.

WEDDING PARTY

Couples do not have to give their wedding party gifts, but if they want to, the options are endless. Inexpensive gifts for the ladies include nail polish, a bracelet that matches their bridesmaid gown or a coupon for a sweet treat from a local bakery. A few choices for the men are dress socks that match the wedding colors, a tie clip or cuff links. If the couple has a smaller bridal party, both genders would enjoy an invitation to a nice lunch or a gift card to their favorite store.
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Conflict is a natural aspect of married life. How you handle it will make all the difference in your marriage. "Numerous studies have shown that what distinguishes marriages that succeed from those that do not is not the amount of differences in the relationship; rather it is the way that differences are handled by the couple," said Jason Carroll, the Associate Director of the School of Family Life.

Carroll advises couples to think of obstacles as opportunities to strengthen their relationships. "Differences and conflicts provide us with opportunities to be truly responsive and selfless toward our spouse," Carroll said. "This is an important part of becoming eternal companions for each other as we change and grow in order to better fit what our spouse needs us to be."

When conflict inevitably arises, try to remember the following points of counsel from Carroll to resolve your problems in a healthy way.

**STAY FOCUSED ON RESOLVING THE PROBLEM**
When you are discussing a problem, the focus of your conversation should be on finding a solution. Leave past arguments out of your discussion. This will help you work together on reaching a solution rather than trying to win an argument.

**MANAGE YOUR EMOTIONS**
Don’t become emotional when addressing conflict, especially when you and your spouse are divided on the issue. "Research has shown that when spouses allow themselves and their partners to become flooded with emotions during discussions they rarely address their differences in a positive way," Carroll said. "Partners need to learn to bring up concerns in the
relationship in non-blaming ways and to find ways to soothe themselves and each other during discussions so negative emotions stay in check.”

MAINTAIN RESPECT AND CONCERN

“Marriage scholars have found that successful marriages are ones where spouses maintain high levels of respect and mutual regard for one another – even during an argument,” Carroll said.

When you are in the heat of the discussion, take a moment to consider the issue from your spouse’s point of view. Are you treating your spouse with the same level of empathy and respect you want to receive?

“Maintaining respect and concern for one another sends the message that your relationship is more important than the problems you are currently facing and that you are on the same side in finding ways to constructively deal with your differences,” Carroll said.

Trying to remember these attitudes can be difficult in the beginning, but learning to handle conflict in a healthy and respectful manner will strengthen your marriage in the long run.
Proposals Fraught with Mishap

Every man and woman imagines his or her proposal will be romantic and perfect, executed with precision, but sometimes it isn’t as perfect as imagined.

JAMES AND BETHANY

For James and Bethany Gardner there were mishaps – one right after another in their proposal. James proposed to Bethany in November 2011.

“The plan was to go on a sunset cruise in my small sailboat and have a picnic with a sparkling grape beverage, some nice cheese and breads,” James said.

When the couple arrived at Utah Lake, James noticed the rod that holds the rudder in place was missing from the boat. He called his dad to check for it at home. While they waited for his dad, James scoured the highway for a piece of scrap metal to use as the rod. His dad eventually showed up with a metal piece that could function as the missing rod.

To launch they had to walk the boat into deeper water because it was too shallow in their current location. It was late November so the water was very cold. There was not as much wind as James hoped, but regardless they continued. When they sailed far enough, they dropped the anchor and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

“It looked pretty, but we were pretty cold, especially since we were wet,” James said.

They didn’t have much of an appetite because they were so cold, so they skipped the picnic part. James then proposed and presented his grandmother’s ring. This ring was a placeholder until they picked out the real ring. Bethany insisted on putting the ring on, even though she had to force it. James became worried because cold weather makes fingers shrink, so he thought the moment her fingers warmed up she would not be able to get the ring off. To avoid that outcome he convinced Bethany to put her hand into the cold Utah Lake.

“At that point it was very romantic,” James laughingly said, “but we wanted to go back because it was so cold.”

The winds calmed, so James paddled his new fiancee back to shore.

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DEVIN AND EMMA

Emma Fuller and Devin Johnson got engaged in November 2012. Like James and Bethany’s engagement, there were a few hiccups in their proposal.

One Saturday, Devin told Emma that his sister in Springville invited them over to dinner. Beforehand, Devin took Emma on a drive through Hobble Creek Canyon.

“Apparently we passed his sister and brother (who were setting up the proposal site) as we were driving up the canyon, but I didn’t notice because I was asleep,” Fuller said.

The couple continued to drive until they arrived at a covered bridge. Emma noticed little candles lined on the bridge, but had no idea they were for her.

She then saw pictures of her and Devin and little mirrors dangling from strings. Devin got down on one knee and proposed.

“I was worried Emma saw my sister too, but luckily she didn’t,” Johnson said. “I was also wondering what took them so long. I thought something went wrong. I had like a hundred pictures to hang up, they only hung up 20 because they got all tangled in the back of the truck,” Johnson said.

After he proposed, it started raining. Luckily the bridge roof covered them. While they were taking pictures another mishap occurred: Devin got a bloody nose.

“It just got the blood flowing, you know?” he recalled. “I like to blame it on the fact Emma kissed me so hard when I proposed that she caused the bloody nose.”

The key thing to remember from both of these stories is a proposal may not always go as planned, but it will still be special in the end.
Wedding Budget Quiz

One of the first steps of wedding planning is determining your budget. Deciding on a budget early with your fiance and parents will save you stress and disappointment during the planning process. Once you have your budget, decide as a couple what areas you want to splurge on and the areas you can save on. Every couple is different and has unique interests, but this quiz can help you narrow down what those are:

QUESTIONS

When you are at a wedding, what do you notice first?
A. What beats the DJ is spinning
B. The tantalizing scent of those fresh hors d’oeuvres
C. The guests mingling
D. The beautiful dahlias in the bride’s bouquet

What’s your favorite wedding tradition?
A. The first dance
B. Cutting the cake
C. Wedding toasts
D. The bouquet toss

When you envision your wedding, where do you see your guests at the reception?
A. Partying out on the dance floor
B. Enjoying dinner together at the tables
C. Posing for pictures in the Photo Booth
D. Exploring the venue

If you were going to do one DIY project for your wedding, what would it be?
A. Making the reception playlist
B. Baking cookies for wedding favors
C. Choosing photos for the wedding slideshow
D. Helping to design your wedding dress

Choose one of the following words to describe your wedding style:
A. Fun
B. Unique
C. Personalized
D. Classic
If you chose mostly **A**s

Focus your spending on entertainment for your wedding. If you both enjoy live music, research local bands or artists to play your reception. Or if you’d rather listen to classic hits or a unique mix you create together, look into a professional DJ whose taste you trust.

If you chose mostly **B**s

Design your budget around your food. Evaluate your “tastes” as a couple then decide if you want to serve a full dinner, buffet, light fare or even a dessert bar. Maybe you want to splurge on a professional caterer or pay for a fancy wedding cake. If that isn’t your style, friends and family members can help make food to serve at the reception, ensuring your menu is unique to you.

If you chose mostly **C**s

Spend a portion of your budget on a professional photographer. While your wedding is only one day, the memories can live forever in your photographs. Find a photographer who understands your vision of the wedding day and makes you feel comfortable.

If you chose mostly **D**s

Decide on a few visual elements you want to devote your budget to. If the dress is an important part of your wedding vision, decide on a specific price range before you try on dresses so you can purchase your gown guilt free. Other visual elements to consider are flowers, invitations, reception venue, bridal party clothing and centerpieces.
### Wedding Checklist

#### When you get engaged

- Set wedding date, time and temple
- Schedule date and time for sealing and endowment with the temple
- Find out about guest seating in the sealing room
- Figure out your budget
- Determine who will contribute to each part of the budget
- Decide on theme and colors
- Select members of the wedding party
- Tell everyone
- Get engagement ring
- Choose photographer
- Take a temple preparation and marriage preparation class
- Tell your bishop about the engagement and meet with him often (he can sustain your efforts to remain temple worthy)
- Find dress, schedule alterations and fitting, make sure it is “temple ready”
- Get a temple recommend

#### 4 months before

- Take engagement photos
- Decide on apparel for bridesmaids and groomsmen
- Book the luncheon venue
- Book reception venue
- Gather guest lists and addresses
- Decide who is invited to the sealing, reception and luncheon
- Discuss finances, education and future life plans with fiancé
- Visit OB/GYN for a premarital checkup
- Schedule living ordinance recommend interview with bishop and stake president
3 months before
- Ask two people to be witnesses for sealing (usually fathers)
- Register for gifts
- Order announcements and thank you cards
- Order wedding cake
- Choose caterer
- Meet with florist
- Pick out decor for reception
- Arrange rental items needed
- Make honeymoon plans
- Choose wedding bands
- Schedule reception music

2 months before
- Start addressing announcements
- Pick out pictures for reception slideshow
- Decide on favors and order necessary items
- Shop for veil, comfortable wedding shoes and jewelry

6 weeks before
- Send announcements
- Take bridal pictures, if desired
- Determine where to live after you’re married
- Make hair appointment (appointment must finish at least 2 hours before the sealing)
- Purchase gifts for bridesmaids
- Decide on menu for luncheon 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 dress

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2 weeks before
- Follow up on reservations: florist, photographer, cake, reception music and honeymoon accommodations
- Meet with photographer to discuss your desired pictures
- Groom haircut
- Buy cake knife, cake server and guest book

Wedding day
- Eat light breakfast
- Go to hair and makeup appointments
- Be at the temple on time, or before if you're doing pictures
- Bring marriage license, temple recommends (including Recommends for Living Ordinances), rings and wedding dress
- Take bridal survival kit

After wedding
- Change your name on your driver's license, Social Security card and school records
- Change insurance coverage
- Change address
- Write thank you cards
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