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## Wedding Flower Checklist

By Jen Carter

You think you've thought of everything, but it's always better to be safe than sorry. Weddings, although they're meant to be joyous, can often be very stressful. Here's some advice: make checklists. Although it may seem a tad corny, a wedding checklist can provide you with peace of mind. You won't have to wonder if everything's been taken care of. You'll be able to use each checklist as a confirmation.

One of the most important wedding checklists is a wedding flower checklist. Consider your bouquets. Make sure you have the following bouquets: Brides bouquet, bride's toss-away bouquet, bridesmaids bouquets, Maid of Honor's bouquet, and the flower girl's bouquet or floral basket. While this may sound like a lot to consider AND arrange, we've only just begun!

Corsages are required for the bride's mother, the groom's mother, and the grandmothers of both the bride and groom. Well the ladies are taken care of, but what about the men? Do all the gentlemen have a boutonniere? It's tradition for the groom, the groom's best man, the ushers, ring bearer, the fathers (of the bride and groom), and both grandfathers to wear floral boutonniere's to the wedding ceremony. Typically, the colors of these flowers coincide with the corsages worn by the ladies.

Finally, everyone in your immediate family and wedding party should have some sort of floral arrangement. Once you've confirmed that with your checklist, you can begin planning and confirming your floral decorations and centerpieces for the wedding.

Start at the beginning: the rehearsal dinner. You'll most likely want a floral centerpiece for the table. If it's an extended table with many family members, you may want to consider two centerpieces. Presentation is everything. Next, you'll want to make sure that you have all of the flowers for your wedding reception. Some things to consider are: the head table centerpiece, gift table centerpiece, buffet table centerpiece, and bar centerpiece.

You may also want to place a floral arrangement on the table that informs guests of their seating arrangements. In addition, some floral ideas such as aisle runners and floral headpieces can be considered. Believe it or not, many couples give thank you' floral arrangements to their parents and

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out-of-town guests. It's become a very modern tradition that has been embraced by many young couples. Most importantly, don't forget to write down the number of centerpieces you will need to make a gorgeous impression.

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### **Why Wedding Checklist Is Important?**

**By Mary Williams**

Is a wedding checklist important? Why do you need it? Do you think everything you have on your mind will be ready on your big day? Don't you think of the opportunities of missing something? If you don't have a wedding checklist you're asking for trouble. No matter how good your memory is you'd be very unwise to rely on it for every little detail you have to remember concerning your wedding.

In such an important day for you, it would be a crying shame if it was spoiled simply because you failed to plan properly in the first place – and a properly constructed checklist is the very best way you can ensure that all of your wedding plans come to fruition.

Creating a wedding checklist tailored to your specific needs and desires will certainly help to relieve the inevitable stress, particularly as the special day gets closer. Having a well thought out wedding checklist will ensure that you don't forget anything and will enable you to relax, safe in this knowledge, and enjoy the day itself.

Here are some of the things you should put on your checklist are setting the wedding date and time, reserving the date with a florist, photographer and DJ; reserving the church and reception location. These are the first things that should be done in the planning stages six to twelve months before the wedding day itself.

Other important things for your checklist include planning a budget, choosing the wedding party and ordering the invitations. You also need to make arrangements for a wedding dress, hairdressing and makeup. Not forgetting that you also need to arrange for co-coordinated clothing for your wedding attendants and, of course, you need to arrange the all-important wedding rings with a jeweler.

It is necessary that all of the above major things should be arranged as early as possible so that you have plenty of time for the small details later.

Reminders are helpful. Don't forget to ensure that you put reminders on your list for closer to the date. Reminders for ordering your wedding flowers, the wedding cake, addressing and sending invitations, a final fitting for the wedding dress and groom's outfit and placing a wedding announcement in the local press etc.

About a month to six weeks before your big day you should go over your wedding checklist to make absolutely sure you haven't forgotten anything. There are, of course, many more things than those

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listed above that you will need to put on your specific wedding planning checklist that are personal to your wedding, but the above will give you an idea of the things you need to include.

Being well-organized with your checklist will help you having plenty of time to complete each task. With this checklist, your wedding will be as what you have dreamed!

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