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Weddings And Wedding Coordinators; How To Trim Corners

By Charles Cater

So you have chosen to have a wedding in town. You have been watching all the latest reality shows

dreaming of that perfect wedding. Clearly as these shows have demonstrated with \$5000.00 and a few friends you should be able to put on a lavish affair. But wait who is that helping the friends and family put this affair together.

It's a wedding coordinator who is directing the picking out of the wedding dress, the location of the wedding, the color pattern of the event. She or He is directing everything these friends are doing. Now how much does that cost, and can I afford one.

That is a generally easy answer, the reality shows that you see have a top-notch wedding coordinator who will run you in the neighborhood of \$150 an hour in a rural setting and upwards of \$500 in a large city. These ladies and men know their stuff, where to get the best deals on items, what the current trends are for weddings. What the groom should do, what responsibilities everyone in the party has down to the friend who supervises the wedding book.

So again how much for that wedding that you see on the TV show. Making a couple of assumptions, you can easily see that the wedding coordinators on these shows would charge you somewhere in the neighborhood of (\$7500 rural \$25000 city) if they performed the same service for you that they perform on the television shows. So how do you get this same level of service for pennies on the dollar.

First item on your task list is researching the things that you can do on your own. Visit internet sites such as

<http://www.bridalblog.info>

and

<http://www.travelblogger.com>

to gather information from other

brides and grooms. These sites are indispensable when it comes to understanding what others are doing to trim costs from the wedding. They also give you ideas to use in your wedding and for your honeymoon.

Secondly talk with wedding coordinators in your area and look for day of packages. Many of the coordinators will give you these packages and then perform much more. From personal experience these packages are probably the brides best value and will range from (\$250 – \$1500) depending on the services that you select. The bride/mother-of-the-bride/and groom can all rest assured that the wedding day will flow smoothly. This will relax the bride to enjoy the day of the wedding and the complete event.

So be frugal and do most of the work yourself. The total coordination package can easily be put together by the Bride and Groom if they plan ahead. Contact your local wedding coordinators and ask them about the day of packages.

Finally enjoy your time planning the wedding it should only come around once in your life.

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<http://www.bridalblog.info>

<http://www.travelblogger.info>

<http://www.thewebllama.com>

Guide To Hiring A Wedding Coordinator/Planner

By Amy K. Spade

After reading everything in this book, you may be concerned that you don't have what it takes to plan your own wedding. Perhaps you feel that you're too busy or that you're just not creative enough. That's okay.

Finding help

Wedding coordinators and planners are professionals at making your special day memorable and stress free. They know the ins and the outs of planning a wedding. And since they're local for the most part, they also know what your city is like. They will know where the good places to have a reception are, or where the best catering can be found.

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They do the work for you and come back with options for you to select from. You work together until you find something that suits the both of you. They'll help you work within a budget, make all the calls that you need, and even remind you of things that only you can do.

They're really a day planner for your wedding day creation.

For the busy couple that doesn't have the time, or needs to travel a lot, a wedding coordinator or planner can provide a sense of security and ease. A good one will attend to your every need and desire in a beautiful wedding, while also relieving you of going through the motions.

Not for everyone

One of the main reasons that couples don't always enlist wedding coordinators is that they do charge a fee for helping throughout the process. This makes sense because it is their time and their livelihood. However, if it's an investment in your sanity, it may be well worth the extra check.

Another thing that you may want to consider before hiring someone to help you is whether or not it will make you less stressed. Those brides and grooms that enjoy planning and being in control of things may find it hard to relinquish that to someone else. They end up calling the planner constantly, making additional plans without their knowledge, and other destructive behaviors. This is why sitting down with a few different coordinators will help you to choose one that complements your personality and your wishes.

A wedding coordinator or planner will be with you from the first step to the last, helping you navigate the details and doing the busy work. If you're concerned that you'll fall behind on the wedding planning, or you just want someone else to handle it, interview a few wedding planners and see if there's someone who can help.

Amy Spade is an expert on planning weddings, and she has written an amazing totally free minicourse on how to make sure that you have the day of your dreams, and avoid wedding day disaster! Get the free course "Your Special Day from Start to Finish" now at at

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