



# WHERE DO I *Start?*

WHETHER YOUR RESOURCES ARE LIMITED OR GENEROUS, it is wise to consider expenses before proceeding with wedding purchases. Two questions for bride and groom to discuss, together and with their families, may be:

1) WHICH WEDDING EXPENSES BELONG TO THE BRIDE'S FAMILY AND WHICH TO THE GROOM'S FAMILY, OR SHALL THE TOTAL BE DIVIDED EVENLY?

Traditionally in the U.S.A., the groom and his family assumed expenses for the rehearsal dinner and the honeymoon, while the bride and her family covered all costs for the wedding and the reception. However, as each situation allows, today's couples may feel perfectly free to make alternative decisions which are agreeable to both families.

2) HOW MUCH SHOULD WE SPEND?

A simple budget may be helpful to chart expenses. This list is not exhaustive, and some categories may overlap. These are only some possibilities for your consideration.

## WEDDING BUDGET EXPENSE CATEGORIES:

	Projected Amount	Actual \$\$ Spent
INVITATIONS & POSTAGE	_____	_____
RENTALS:	_____	_____
church	_____	
fellowship hall	_____	
sound system	_____	
tables, chairs, canopy	_____	

Projected Amount      Actual \$\$ Spent

CLOTHES: \_\_\_\_\_

fabric, notions, \_\_\_\_\_

dressmaker fees \_\_\_\_\_

dry-cleaning fees \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD: \_\_\_\_\_

groceries \_\_\_\_\_

catering \_\_\_\_\_

cake \_\_\_\_\_

FLOWERS & DÉCOR \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTOGRAPHY \_\_\_\_\_

THANK-YOU GIFTS FOR VOLUNTEER HELPERS \_\_\_\_\_

car parkers \_\_\_\_\_

cooks \_\_\_\_\_

coordinators \_\_\_\_\_

dressmaker \_\_\_\_\_

food servers \_\_\_\_\_

gift receivers \_\_\_\_\_

members of bridal party \_\_\_\_\_

ministers \_\_\_\_\_

photographer \_\_\_\_\_

registrars \_\_\_\_\_

singers, song leader \_\_\_\_\_

sound/recording managers \_\_\_\_\_

ushers \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER INCIDENTALS \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL WEDDING EXPENSES \_\_\_\_\_



# ITEMS TO PURCHASE



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# NOTES

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# CLOTHES & Colors

YOU WILL NEED TO DECIDE if you are going to have a color theme at your wedding. If so what will it be? Who will you pick out material for? You may feel that you cannot afford to buy fabric for all your helpers and family. Consider asking them if they mind purchasing fabric you have chosen.

FABRIC CAN BE HARD TO FIND (depending on where you live), so it is a good idea to contact fabric shops, tell them the colors you're looking for, and request that samples be sent to you.

SEWING IS SOMETHING THAT CAN be done while you brainstorm about other details of the wedding. It is a good idea to sew a few dresses for yourself and perfect your pattern before starting on your wedding dress. Of course, this effort can produce the happy result of having some new dresses in your closet waiting for the honeymoon! Getting this off your list gives you a good feeling and is sure to cut down on last-minute stress.

HAPPY SEWING!

the only love we keep is the  
*Love*  
we give away!





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# INVITATIONS

INVITATIONS ARE PROBABLY THE BIGGEST thing to get off your list. They can be time consuming, but it is very rewarding to have them done. First decide who all you will invite. Will it be just immediate family or all your friends and relatives? Will you include children?

IT IS A GOOD IDEA to send your invitations at least two months before the wedding so your guests are sure to save the date. It can take up to three or four weeks to get the invitations after you order them, so be sure to take that into consideration. Compiling all the guest addresses into this book should save a lot of time when you are ready to mail the invitations. A check mark beside the name indicates that an invitation has been sent to that person. Be sure to keep one out for yourself!

*I would rather possess* eyes that know no SIGHT,  
ears that know no SOUND, hands that know no TOUCH,  
than a heart that knows no

*love*





# INVITATION

*Outline*

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## *Example:*

GOD HAS LED TWO LIVES TO TAKE ONE PATH...

We,

*Beverly and Jerry*

With the blessing of our parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Friesen

and

Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Zimmerman

Invite you to join us  
As we become one in Christ.

Lord Willing...





NAMES AND ADDRESSES

INVITED

ATTENDING

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# CEREMONY

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SONG LEADER \_\_\_\_\_

DEVOTIONAL LEADER \_\_\_\_\_

MESSAGE \_\_\_\_\_

CEREMONY \_\_\_\_\_

MAID OF HONOR \_\_\_\_\_

BEST MAN \_\_\_\_\_

BRIDESMAIDS \_\_\_\_\_

GROOMSMEN \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST REGISTRARS \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM ATTENDANTS \_\_\_\_\_

USHERS \_\_\_\_\_

CAR PARKERS \_\_\_\_\_

SOUND SYSTEM MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_

*notes* \_\_\_\_\_

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