

## The Bride's Book Planning Pages

### Wedding Tip Sheet

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1. **Don't Skimp on the music! Most brides surveyed after their wedding said they wished they had spent more on the entertainment/music.**
2. **Don't assume that the photographer knows what you want! Spell it out very clearly in writing so that he/she know the exact photos you are looking for. Many bride's like a combo of photojournalistic photos and posed photos.**
3. **No matter what they say...if you do not hire a professional videographer...MAKE SURE you have a back up battery and an extra tape.**
4. **For candelight ceremonies talk in great detail to the photographer about how much light he needs and if he has the proper equipment so as not to disturb the ambience of your ceremony**
5. **Make sure you have a wedding emergency kit with you at all times. If you did not hire a wedding coordinator appoint a responsible and trusted person to carry this with them to the church and the reception. An emergency kit contains: Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen back up stockings, needle and thread, a bottle of water, crackers, bottle of orange juice, wedding schedule, copy of all vendor contracts, phone #'s, etc... directions from hotel to Ceremony and reception sites. List of songs for band/DJ, list of photos to be taken by photographer, Key people's cell phone #'s, a cell phone, touch up make-up, nail polish, face powder, brush, hairspray, disposable camera, curling iron.**
6. **If you plan on a lengthy photo shoot between the ceremony and the reception don't forget about the guests. Make sure food and beverages and some type of music is provided in the meantime.**
7. **Planning an outdoor wedding? Have a colorful supply of umbrellas on hand to help ward away the rain.**
8. **Practice wearing your wedding shoes before the big day.**
9. **If you're planning on candles, be sure to appoint someone to light them.**
10. **Leave your honeymoon itinerary with a family member**
11. **Ask your bridesmaids to place their bouquets around the reception area as additional decoration. They'll be thankful not to hold them during the celebration.**
12. **Select a special gift for your parents as a gesture of thanks. Present it to them the morning of the wedding.**
13. **Send a romantic telegram to your fiancé just before the ceremony.**
14. **Enjoy a light snack before leaving for the ceremony. Many brides never taste the food at their reception.**

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- 15. Be sure to get a good nights sleep before the wedding. You'll be glad you did!**
- 16. Be sure to have your gown cleaned after the festivities. Stains that may not be visible now may yellow later.**
- 17. Make sure a picnic basket is prepared for you and your husband before you leave the reception site. Have someone place it in your getaway car about 30 minutes before you leave or sent to your room in advance.**