

- 1. Number your RSVP cards so each one corresponds to a guest.**
- 2. Make a new email account or website specifically for wedding planning.**
- 3. Check out wedding resale sites or Facebook groups to buy secondhand wedding items for much cheaper.**
- 4. Seal a envelopes with water and a foam brush.**
- 5. Pack a day bag including needle and thread, water, cell charger, tissues and makeup.**
- 6. Use a personalized return address stamp (or stickers) to save tons of time.**
- 7. Wedding/bridal shows offer tons of free giveaways and access to vendors.**
- 8. Figure out your seating chart with color-coordinated sticky notes.**
- 9. Register someplace that lets you exchange duplicates or unwanted gifts for cash.**
- 10. When you're unwrapping gifts, ask someone else to write down givers' names on sticky labels so you can keep track.**
- 11. If you're invited to a wedding, set the date as a recurring calendar alert in your phone.**
- 12. Have activity books on hand to entertain squirmy kids.**

13. Attach tiny weights to the bridesmaids' hems to keep their dresses from flying up on a windy day.

14. Use veil weights to keep the bride's headpiece from flying away.

15. If there's a chance it could be hot during the ceremony, make or buy programs that double as fans.

16. A little baby powder on your inner thighs helps curb sweating, squeaking, and chafing.

17. Prevent heels from sinking into the ground with Solemates.

18. Make a comprehensive list of people who can handle issues the day of (excluding, of course, the bride).

19. If guests are giving checks as gifts, ask (politely!) that they be made out to just one member of the couple, or to both with "or" rather than "and" in between.

20. Have guests fill out envelopes with their addresses at the reception to make thank-you notes that much simpler to send.

21. Invest in a garter flask or flask for groomsmen.

Weddings can be stressful – remember the reception is to enjoy yourself and celebrate!

1. Consider choosing a singular location that offers hotel accommodations, as well as ceremony and reception capabilities.
2. Get married in an (almost free) space. Some public sites like parks or gardens allow you to tie the knot there in exchange for a small donation. Be aware that public spaces are truly public.
3. If you're willing to be flexible on your exact date...wait until four to five months before your desired wedding month to book your venue.
4. Ask to see how your ceremony and/or reception site will be set up in the event of inclement weather.
5. Attend bridal shows and expos early on in your engagement.
7. Book as many services as you can with a single vendor.
9. If you don't have a wedding planner, consider hiring a day-of coordinator.