

TRADITIONAL ROLES OF THE WEDDING

The Bride

- primary wedding coordinator
- decides budget
- compiles guest list for her family
- shops for wedding gown, accessories, and required apparel
- selects bridesmaids and maid of honour
- chooses attire for attendants
- shops for gifts for bridesmaids
- arranges accommodation for out-of-town bridesmaids
- selects a wedding gift for the groom
- decides date, venue, style, caterer, florist, photographer
- chooses wedding rings with groom
- writes thank-you notes for gifts

The Groom

- decides budget
- compiles guest list for his family
- with the help of the bride, shops for wedding attire, accessories, and required apparel
- selects groomsmen and best man
- chooses attire for groomsmen
- shops for gifts for groomsmen and ushers
- arranges marriage licence and other documentation
- selects a wedding gift for the bride
- assists bride in selecting date, venue, style, caterer, florist, photographer
- chooses wedding rings with bride
- writes thank-you notes for gifts

The Maid / Matron of Honour

- assists bride with wedding preparations
- pays for bridesmaid gown, accessories, hair, make-up, but not flowers
- attends pre-wedding events
- selects bridesmaids' gift for the bride
- helps bride dress
- arranges bride's dress and veil
- holds bride's bouquet during the ceremony
- carries groom's ring during the ceremony
- signs marriage certificate
- stands in receiving line with bridal party
- hosts bachelorette party

The Bridesmaids

- assist bride with wedding duties
- attend pre-wedding events
- select bridesmaids' gift for the bride
- stand in receiving line with bridal party
- host bachelorette party
- pay for bridesmaid gown, accessories, hair, make-up, etc, but not flowers



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The Best Man

- attends to last-minute wedding details
- pays for groomsman attire
- attends pre-wedding events
- selects groomsmen's gift for the groom
- carries bride's ring during the ceremony
- signs marriage certificate
- stands in receiving line with bridal party
- hosts bachelor party

The Groomsmen

- attend to last-minute wedding details
- pay for groomsman attire
- attend pre-wedding events
- select groomsmen's gift for the groom
- stand in receiving line with bridal party
- host bachelor party
- decorate bride and groom's car

Parents of the Bride

- compile guest list
- attend pre-wedding parties
- help bride and groom arrange wedding details
- help bride choose wedding attire
- father (and possibly mother) escorts bride down the aisle
- stand in receiving line with wedding party
- keep parents of the groom informed of developing details

Parents of the Groomsmen

- compile guest list
- attend pre-wedding parties
- consult bride's parents before choosing wedding attire
- host the rehearsal dinner
- stand in receiving line with wedding party

