



MOTHER OF THE BRIDE *survival guide*

Check out our Mother of the Bride/Groom Survival Guide.

Everything you will need to know from the time she says "I do" up to the wedding day.

CONGRATS! *the engagement*

- If you are contributing financially** to the wedding, make sure the soon-to-be weds are aware of any concerns you may have and which venue choices are practical for an monetary limitations.
- Help your blushing bride choose her perfect dress!** Remember to be supportive, but honest. She trusts your opinion more than you know!
- If you are having a large wedding**, allow yourself enough time to make a guest list. Give yourself time to review it and be sure you did not exclude anyone unintentionally!
- You can also** start organizing addresses & phone numbers.
- Start to contact hotels** that are convenient to get to from the wedding venues for quotes on lodging for our of town guests.
- Guests will most likely be contacting you for **gift information**, so be prepared to guide them on where the bride is registered.

3-6 MONTHS BEFORE: *the fun stuff*

- Get together with the bridal party** to see if they need any help with the bridal shower.
- Your guest list should be finalized.** Feel free to include secondary name and addresses if you want to fill spots if some guests are unable to attend. You may be in charge of handling RSVP's, so create a system to keep yourself organized to get an accurate headcount for the venues.
- If the venue of the ceremony does not provide **a place for the bridal party or groomsmen to get ready** before the vows are taken, try to locate a place that is convenient for everyone. Make sure there is access to a restroom and power outlets. Arrange for some neat finger foods and champagne to ease nerves...but no red wine!
- Chose comfortable shoes**, no one wants swollen feet two hours into the celebration!

6-10 MONTHS BEFORE: *choosing your dress*

- You want to love how you look** 20 years from now. The goal is to feel as beautiful and comfortable as possible. There is no need to feel to look matronly on the big day, but it is definitely important to look appropriate.
- Choose complimentary, classic colors.** Stray away from trends. Most detail in your dress should be from the waist up to bring attention to your face, especially in photographs.
- When you buy the dress**, it should fit you the day you buy it. You can always have it taken in or out

1-3 MONTHS BEFORE: *rehearsal dinner dress*

- Don't forget** your dress for the rehearsal dinner.
 - Rehearsal dinner dresses** are the perfect opportunity to dress in something a little bit more modern than you may have chosen for the wedding day.
 - Let us help you** select the perfect, up to date style for the rehearsal dinner.
- PS:** Start thinking about alterations. Leave plenty of time for fittings and changes wished to be made to the dress.