

Budget

Planning your dream wedding starts with the essential first step of setting your wedding budget. You'll want to take a look at what financial resources are available to you along with who else may be contributing toward your wedding expenses. Once you get the numbers down on paper, you can relax knowing that your wedding day will be beautiful and within budget.

budget considerations

- No matter how large, small, informal or formal your wedding will be, there's a price tag that comes along with it!
- Setting your wedding budget is the practical first step when planning your wedding.
- Sticking to your budget plan actually makes decisions and choices easier and faster.
- The cost of your wedding is determined mostly by the number of guests you invite.
- Keep in mind you'll need to include tipping in your overall costs.
- Decide ahead of time who is paying for what expenses – you may prefer traditional roles of who pays or change it to what makes the most sense in your personal situation.

Go to 1800Registry.com to let our Budget Calculator do all the math and instantly show you how different options affect your budget.

step 1: Decide on your TOTAL wedding budget. This is the realistic number that takes into account all of the financial resources available to spend on your wedding costs. Now write that number down and keep your eye on it!

Amount \$ _____ Source _____

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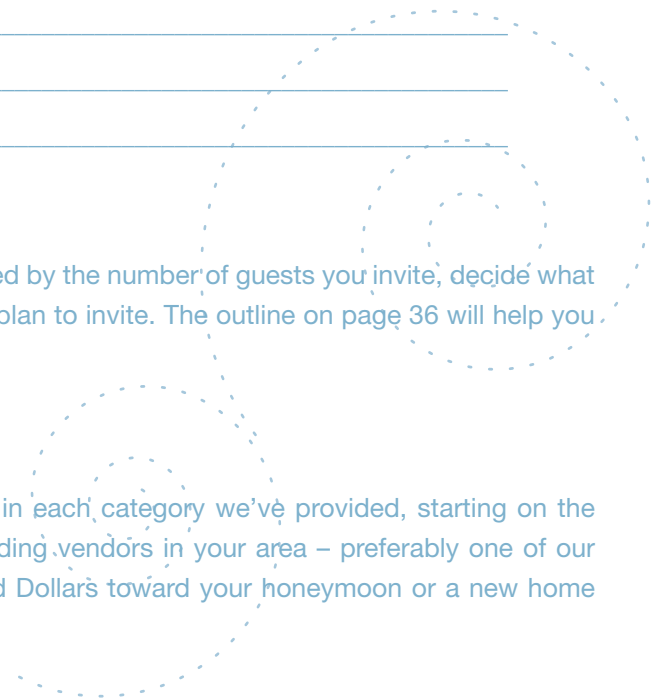
Amount \$ _____ Source _____

our total budget: \$ _____

step 2: Since most of the cost of your wedding is determined by the number of guests you invite, decide what size wedding you want and write down how many guests you plan to invite. The outline on page 36 will help you with your guest list.

our total number of guests: _____

step 3: Now go through the checklist of budgeted items in each category we've provided, starting on the next page. Begin gathering the costs for each item from wedding vendors in your area – preferably one of our Bride-Certified™ Wedding Vendors – so you can enjoy Reward Dollars toward your honeymoon or a new home down payment.



Budget

budget breakdown

Typically, this is how your wedding expenses will break down:

\$

our total budget (from page 15)

	Average %	Our Estimated Amount	Notes
Ceremony & Reception	40%	\$ _____	
Attire & Beauty	10%	\$ _____	
Photography	9%	\$ _____	
Flowers	6%	\$ _____	
Videography	5%	\$ _____	
Music	5%	\$ _____	
Parties	4%	\$ _____	
Stationery	4%	\$ _____	
Miscellaneous	4%	\$ _____	
Decorations	3%	\$ _____	
Rental Equipment	3%	\$ _____	
Gifts	3%	\$ _____	
Bakery	2%	\$ _____	
Transportation	2%	\$ _____	
Our Total Estimated Expenses		\$ _____	



For a budget breakdown of Honeymoon-related expenses, see page 112.

Budget Worksheet

ceremony & reception budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Ceremony Site Fee	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Officiant Fee	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Reception Site Fee	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Appetizers	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Main Meal/Caterer	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Liquor/Beverages	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Bartending Fee	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Corkage Fee	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Fee to Pour Coffee	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Musician	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Photographer	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Gratuity	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Party Favors	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Disposable Cameras	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Rose Petals/Rice	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Gift Attendant	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Parking/Valet	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other Service Provider	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
SUBTOTAL: \$ _____		\$ _____			
Our Reception Budget (from page 16)		\$ _____			
Difference from budgeted amount +/-		\$ _____			



Budget Worksheet

wedding attire & beauty budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Bridal Gown	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Alterations	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Headpiece/Veil	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Gloves	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Jewelry	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Bride's Wedding Ring	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Groom's Wedding Ring	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Garter/Stockings	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Shoes	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Hair Stylist	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Makeup Artist	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Manicure/Pedicure	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Facial	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Groom's Attire	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Groomsmen's Attire	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____

SUBTOTAL: \$ _____ \$ _____

Our Attire & Beauty Budget (from page 16) \$ _____

Difference from budgeted amount +/- \$ _____

Budget Worksheet

photography budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Bride & Groom Album	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Engagement Photograph	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Formal Bridal Photograph	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Parents' Albums	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Proofs/Previews	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Digital Files	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Extra Prints	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____

SUBTOTAL: \$ _____ \$ _____

Our Photography Budget (from page 16) \$ _____

Difference from budgeted amount +/- \$ _____

videography budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Main Video	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Titles	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Extra Hours	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Photo Montage	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Extra Copies	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	____/____/____

SUBTOTAL: \$ _____ \$ _____

Our Videography Budget (from page 16) \$ _____

Difference from budgeted amount +/- \$ _____



Budget Worksheet

flower budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
<u>bouquets</u>					
Bride	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Tossing	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Maid/Matron of Honor	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Bridesmaids	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
<u>floral hairpieces</u>					
Maid of Honor	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Bridesmaids	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Flower Girl	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
<u>corsages</u>					
Bride's Going Away	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Family Members	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
<u>boutonnieres</u>					
Groom	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Groomsmen	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Ushers	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Family Members	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
<u>ceremony & reception site</u>					
Main Altar	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Altar Candelabra	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Aisle Pews	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Head Table	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Guest Table	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Buffet Table	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Punch Table	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Cake Table	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Cake/Cake Knife	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Floral Delivery/Setup	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___

SUBTOTAL: \$ _____ \$ _____

Our Flower Budget (from page 16) \$ _____

Difference from budgeted amount +/- \$ _____

Budget Worksheet

music budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Ceremony Music	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Reception Music	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
SUBTOTAL: \$ _____		\$ _____			
Our Music Budget (from page 16)		\$ _____			
Difference from budgeted amount +/-		\$ _____			

parties budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Bridesmaids' Luncheon	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Rehearsal Dinner	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
SUBTOTAL: \$ _____		\$ _____			
Our Parties Budget (from page 16)		\$ _____			
Difference from budgeted amount +/-		\$ _____			





Budget Worksheet

stationery budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Save-The-Date Cards	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Invitations	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
RSVP Cards	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Reception Cards	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Ceremony Cards	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Pew Cards	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Escort/Place Cards	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Rain Cards	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Maps	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Ceremony Programs	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Announcements	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Thank-You Notes	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Stamps	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Calligraphy	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Napkins/Match Books	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___

SUBTOTAL: \$ _____ \$ _____

Our Stationery Budget (from page 16) \$ _____

Difference from budgeted amount +/- \$ _____

Budget Worksheet

miscellaneous budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Newspaper Announcements	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Marriage License	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Prenuptial Agreement	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Name Change Document	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Bridal Gown Preservation	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Bouquet Preservation	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Wedding Consultant	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Wedding Planning Online	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Taxes	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
SUBTOTAL: \$ _____		\$ _____			
Our Miscellaneous Budget (from page 16)		\$ _____			
Difference from budgeted amount +/-		\$ _____			

decorations budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Table Centerpieces	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
SUBTOTAL: \$ _____		\$ _____			
Our Decorations Budget (from page 16)		\$ _____			
Difference from budgeted amount +/-		\$ _____			



Budget Worksheet

rental equipment budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Ceremony Accessories	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Tent/Canopy	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Dance Floor	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Tables/Chairs	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Linens/Tableware	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Heaters	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Lanterns	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___

SUBTOTAL: \$ _____ \$ _____

Our Rental Equipment Budget (from pg.16) \$ _____

Difference from budgeted amount +/- \$ _____

gifts budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Bride's Gift	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Groom's Gift	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Bridesmaids' Gifts	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Groomsmen's Gifts	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Ushers' Gifts	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___

SUBTOTAL: \$ _____ \$ _____

Our Gift Budget (from page 16) \$ _____

Difference from budgeted amount +/- \$ _____

Budget Worksheet

bakery budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Wedding Cake	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Groom's Cake	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Cake Delivery Setup	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Cake-Cutting Fee	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Cake Top	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Cake Knife	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Toasting Glasses	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
SUBTOTAL: \$ _____		\$ _____			
Our Bakery Budget (from page 16)		\$ _____			
Difference from budgeted amount +/-		\$ _____			

transportation budget

	budget	actual	deposit	balance	due date
Limousine/Exotic Car	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Horse & Carriage	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
Other _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	___/___/___
SUBTOTAL: \$ _____		\$ _____			
Our Transportation Budget (from page 16)		\$ _____			
Difference from budgeted amount +/-		\$ _____			