

FORGET DIAMONDS:

Wedding Consultants Are A Bride's Best Friend

Have you ever begun a do-it-yourself project because you figured it would be too expensive to hire someone to do the work? You start off with good intentions, then find that your project is taking longer than you thought, you're not as creative as you thought, and you've spent more money than you thought. When you finally realize that you don't know what you're doing, you break down and hire a professional to do the job properly, which is exactly what you should have done in the beginning. Many brides-to-be endure similar hardships while planning their weddings. What they fail to realize is that like any other professional, a Wedding Consultant can save them time, stress and even money.

Our hectic lifestyles have most of us wishing that there were more hours in the day to accomplish what needs to be done. Factor in planning a wedding and you will be burnt out by the time your big day arrives. Wedding consultants can provide you with invaluable knowledge about vendors,

venues and pricing that will save you countless hours of surfing the Internet and making phone calls. They can also customize a planning schedule suited for your specific needs and keep you on track. Your consultant will do all of the legwork for you so that you can spend time enjoying your engagement.

A wedding consultant will also relieve you from a lot of stress by taking care of the little details. No bride should have to worry about whether the flowers have been delivered on time or if someone remembered to bring the unity candle. They take care of those things so that you and your family members don't have to. If you want your wedding to be a little unique, they will also help you to incorporate your own style into your day and make sure that everything happens just the way you want.

You may be thinking that you can't afford a wedding consultant. Well, I've got news for you. If you're on a tight





The Wedding Planner Interview:

- How long the planner has been in business?
- How many Weddings have you planned? Per year?
- Do you get any discounts? If so who and how much?
- How often do you update with me?
- Will you give a detailed time and money budget?
- Do you have more than one planning package? If so what are they and how much do each cost?
- Do you charge a flat rate, by percent of total cost or hourly?
- What is the cancellation fee?
- How many people will work on my wedding?
- Are you a member of any Wedding Associations? Which ones?

budget, you can't afford not to hire one. You see, many brides jump right into planning without knowledge of how much things will cost. They either have an unrealistic budget, or worse, no budget in place at all. Contracts start getting signed and they end up settling for inferior products and services or exceeding what they intended to spend. A consultant will not only work within your budget but show you how to avoid costly mistakes by directing you to

reputable vendors in your price range, getting you discounts that you would not be able to get on your own and showing you where to cut corners so you can still have the wedding of your dreams.

So, if you're a busy bride, a bride on a budget, or a bride who wants to be different, call and schedule a meeting with a wedding consultant and avoid experiencing a do-it-yourself nightmare. ☎️📅

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