

The Bride's Manifesto

Comparison is the thief of joy: stop comparing yourself to other brides.

Your wedding is not a beauty contest.

Planning a wedding can last a year, while your wedding lasts only a day; **enjoy the process.**

Stress is *not* a requirement for planning a wedding.
♥ *Let your heart guide you.*
It is the best compass.

Don't lose sight of the best thing about your wedding: you are marrying the love of your life.

Stand TALL in your truth - even if that means running off to the far ends of the earth to get married. Or to your local courthouse.

Pay for your own wedding and you'll have control of the guest list.

Don't invite guests simply out of obligation. **SIMPLICITY IS CHIC.**

Your guests will love you even if your stationery doesn't match your linens; *if they don't, you're inviting the wrong people.*

Some of the most beautiful weddings have the smallest budgets.

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Think outside the Mason jar.
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BREAK THE RULES IF THE RULES DON'T SUIT YOU.

Be kind to your bridesmaids; they are your allies.

Invite your dog. Dogs have a really good time at weddings.

When people say: "What can I do to help?" they mean it. Take them up on it.

You are not alone; the groom is in this too. Let him know how he can be helpful.

GOOD FOOD MATTERS.

Hire the BEST PHOTOGRAPHER you can afford.

Don't go into debt to pay for your wedding.

It's DIY (do-it-yourself), not DYI (do-yourself-in). Choose your DIY projects wisely.

Don't base your wedding decisions on how many 'likes' they receive: two 'likes' are all that matters - yours and your future husband's.

GO BOLDLY IN THE DIRECTION OF YOUR OWN WEDDING DREAMS. *There's always Paris.*

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