

Your Wedding Budget

I recommend setting up your budget on a spreadsheet program that will automatically add up columns for you. (Why drag out the calculator if you don't have to?) Use the following worksheet as a guideline to create your own; or, if you're computer averse, cut along the dotted lines and do it the old-fashioned way. (Copy the pages first;

your budget will go through many rounds of drafts.)

You won't necessarily need all the line items listed here. Likewise, you might need to add certain things that are personal to *your* wedding. Catholic brides might need rosary beads for the walk down the aisle; Jewish couples will want to budget for a ketubah.

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	ACTUAL COST	DEPOSIT	NOTES
Essentials				
Ceremony location				
Reception location				
Food and service				
Beverages and bartenders				
Officiant fee or donation				
Marriage license				
Wedding night hotel room				
Honeymoon				
Travel				
Lodging				
Meals				
Other				
Gratuities				
Catering staff				


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ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	ACTUAL COST	DEPOSIT	NOTES
Catering manager				
On-site coordinator				
Bartenders				
Coatroom attendants				
Bathroom attendants				
Drivers				
Musicians				
Hairstylist				
Makeup artist				
Miscellaneous tips				
Wedding planner				
Wedding insurance				
Honeymoon insurance				
Stationery				
Save-the-date cards				
Wedding invitations				
Wedding announcements				
Calligraphy				
Postage				
Thank-you notes				
Programs				
Menus				

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	ACTUAL COST	DEPOSIT	NOTES
Seating cards				
Place cards				
Table numbers				
<h2>Rings</h2>				
Rings—his				
Rings—hers				
<h2>Attire</h2>				
Wedding gown				
Alterations				
Shoes				
Headpiece and veil				
Lingerie/foundation/hosiery				
Jewelry				
Handbag				
Other bridal accessories				
Tuxedo for groom				
Shoes for groom				
Shirt for groom				
Other accessories for groom				
Bridesmaids' dresses (if you're paying)				
Groomsmen's tuxedos (if you're paying)				

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	ACTUAL COST	DEPOSIT	NOTES
Beauty				
Hairstylist(s)				
Manicure and pedicure for bride				
Makeup artist(s)				
Facials and other spa treatments				
Flowers				
Ceremony flowers				
Bridesmaids' bouquets				
Boutonnieres				
Corsages for mothers				
Cocktail flowers				
Reception flowers				
Postparty (lounge) flowers				
Wreath and petals for flower girl				
Miscellaneous flowers				
Chuppah				
Photography and Videography				
Photographer				
Additional prints and albums				
Videographer				
Additional copies of video				

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	ACTUAL COST	DEPOSIT	NOTES
Music				
Ceremony				
Cocktail hour				
Reception				
After-party				
Rentals				
Tent				
Chairs				
Tables				
China				
Glassware				
Flatware				
Dance floor				
Furniture				
Portable toilets				
Miscellaneous rentals				
Linen rentals				
Napkins				
Chair covers				
Chair sashes				
Seating-card table linens				


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Cocktail table linens				
Cake table linens				
Reception table linens				
Décor				
Aisle runner				
Candles				
Lighting				
Other				
Reception				
Coat check				
Paper cocktail napkins				
Guest towels for bathrooms				
Guest book and pen				
Cake				
Gifts				
Bridesmaids' gifts				
Groomsmens' gifts				
Flower girl gifts				
Ring bearer gifts				
Parents' gifts				
Shower hostess gifts				

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	ACTUAL COST	DEPOSIT	NOTES
Gifts for ushers and other helpers				
Favors				
Welcome gifts for out-of-towners				
<h2>Transportation</h2>				
For couple				
For bridal party				
For guests				
Valet parking				
<h2>Other Entertaining</h2>				
Bridesmaid luncheon				
Rehearsal dinner location				
Rehearsal dinner invitation				
Rehearsal dinner flowers				
Rehearsal dinner food				
Rehearsal dinner beverages				
Rehearsal dinner music and/or favors				
Additional rehearsal dinner expenses				
Day-after brunch location				
Day-after brunch catering				
Day-after brunch flowers (if not reusing)				
Other day-after brunch expenses				

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	ACTUAL COST	DEPOSIT	NOTES
Destination Weddings <i>(additional costs)</i>				
Scouting costs				
Long-distance transportation				
Local transportation				
Lodging				
Shipping supplies to site				
Miscellaneous				