

Wedding Invitation Overview

One of the first decisions you make when planning your wedding is what type of invitation and save the date cards you want. There are literally hundreds of thousands of different invitations out there for you to choose from and picking just one can be extremely difficult. Invitations are an important part of the wedding. This is the first time many people will hear about your upcoming nuptials.

Wedding invitations should match the theme of your wedding. And while you probably do not have the actual wedding planned yet, you most likely have some idea of the type of wedding you are going to have. Is it going to be traditional, casual or modern? Give this some basic thought before you choose your invites. Once you have decided on the kind of wedding you will have it will be much easier to choose the invitation that is right for you because you will have eliminated many of your options. Wedding invitations come in all shapes, sizes and form and in different styles and colours. No matter what style you choose there are some things that will remain the same. You will need to list who is getting married, as well as when and the time and place. Wedding Invitations should be ordered when you have all the details of your wedding set... place, time of ceremony and reception as well as your guest list.

Plan to place your invitation order at least 3-4 months in advance; some companies may require 4-6 months. Especially, if you are ordering custom made invitations or handmade invitations and coordinating ensembles. Depending on the intricacy of your design and because they are not mass produced, but rather assembled one by one it can take anywhere from 4 to 10 weeks for your order to arrive. It is best to send out-of-town guests their invitations 8 weeks in advance, as this will allow for making travel arrangements. Consider sending out-of-town guests save the date cards earlier, with information on hotels, flights and car rental.

Keep in mind that you will need time to address your invitations. Do not use labels, as it should be more personal. You ask family and friends for help, but be sure they have nice handwriting. While doing it yourself is the most cost effective way, you can also hire people to do it for you. Consider doing so if your handwriting is not very clear or you just don't have the time