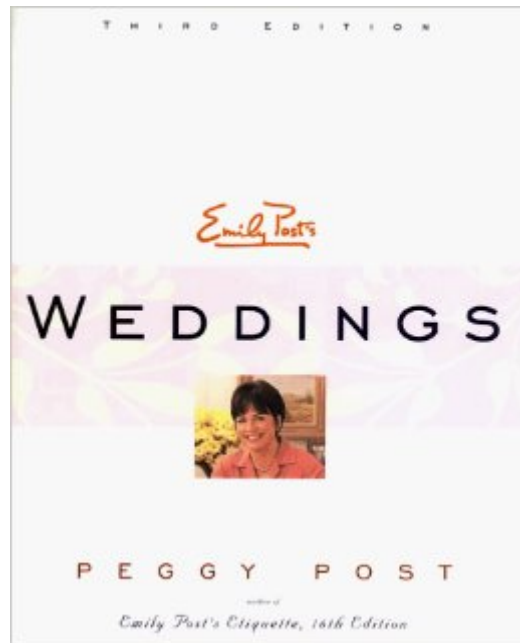


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Emily Post's Weddings



Synopsis

Is there a correct time for the length of an engagement? Where do divorced and remarried parents sit at the ceremony and at the reception? May a bride who's been married before wear white? A wedding is a tradition that never goes out of style; but times do change and today's traditional weddings are more complex than ever. Peggy Post, America's etiquette authority, tackles wedding questions both old and new in this indispensable, comprehensive guide to today's weddings. Emily Post's *Weddings* continues to provide tried and true guidelines for planning (and enjoying!) your wedding from announcing the engagement, to budgeting for the ceremony and reception, to choosing the perfect caterer, florist, photographer and music. In this fully revised and updated edition, Peggy provides expert advice on contemporary issues including multicultural ceremonies, extended families, theme and destination weddings, the revival of old customs, and much more. Full of ideas for adding personal touches to your ceremony, Emily Post's *Weddings* will help you create a unique and special event that you and your guests will never forget. "You are at one of the most joyous milestones in your life. While stress may accompany both the big decisions and the little details, it shouldn't interfere with the sense of adventure and fun as you prepare to celebrate your love and share your joy. " Peggy Post

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Customer Reviews

My fiance and I were just beginning the wedding planning process, and neither of us had had much experience with weddings. We wanted to know more about what is supposed to happen (ideally) and who is supposed to do what (ideally): who pays for which expenses, who performs what roles

during and before the ceremony, what kinds of extra-ceremony events to consider having (shower, bachelor party), etc. We are not ultra-conventional people and not slaves to tradition; however, we did at least want to know what the traditions were before breaking them. This book was perfect for that purpose. Peggy Post has done a wonderful job of presenting the basic facts about the traditional American wedding while also pointing out the many, many areas where those traditions are surprisingly *flexible*. Thanks to this book, we were able to plan a wedding that was both socially correct AND perfectly suited to our own particular values, sensibilities, and budget. The book is easy to use, well-organized, and has an excellent overall tone--unlike the Martha Stewart wedding planner, which although very well-organized is rather brusque in tone and not user-friendly. Also unlike the Stewart book, the Post book does NOT require that you be rich. Most of the advice in the Emily Post wedding planner can be followed with low dollar amounts as well as with high dollar amounts. Thank God! It was a big relief to know that a wedding can be perfectly gracious and correct without necessarily being ridiculously expensive. The planner was also useful for resolving disputes: we bought copies for our parents as well, so that if there was ever a question or debate, we could simply refer to page whatever and that would be the end of that. Heaven knows there is no more authoritative source on these matters than Emily Post!

I would recommend this book because it gives great cost-saving ideas as well as tips on dealing with sticky situations that are bound to come up when planning a wedding. It covers every topic imaginable with enough depth to be helpful, but not overbearing.

This is an excellent wedding planner. Its a good balance of etiquette, advice, information and a planning workbook. The only drawback was that I could not record the complete guest list in the planner itself, but considering how often my guest list changed during planning this was not such a bad thing. The organization is excellent - everything you need to know about flowers plus space for your notes is in one place so you don't have to flip back and forth when you're at the florist. If you want the most proper wedding, this book will tell you how. If you want something less formal, this is still the best book out there.

I used this book as a reference and kept all my receipts, etc in a 3-ring binder. (No book will have everything.) Also, I could read the chapters in the 20+ minutes I had to devote to reading about them! The best part of this book was it didn't let you forget that you're throwing a party for everyone else to come and celebrate with you. I've been to so many weddings where folks sat with their chin

in their hands and I felt this helped me give my guests a good time by focussing my spending on what really mattered- the ceremony for us, the reception for our guests. Folks responded so well to our party too- looking around, I saw NO chins in hand! Some great cost cutting tips too!

Even though this book has etiquette pointers, it doesn't have enough space to write down things. Sometimes you are directed to make a copy of a page so you will have enough pages. There is only two pockets to keep receipts, etc. Each section does have very detailed questions to ask vendors, photographers, etc. Instead of putting theses within the chapter, they should have been in an appendix so you can easily locate all the questions. My advice is to buy the Emily Post Wedding Etiquette book (which I did) and find another planner.

This book is simple and elegant - you can judge it by its cover. It takes the wedding planning process step-by-step, helping you decide each aspect of your wedding by offering the full range of choices, down to veil styles. The vendor questions were extremely helpful, and due to the color and size of this book I did not feel silly taking it with me to appointments. It has adequate space to write but is more of a workbook style, with lists and notes throughout instead of all in one place. I did not use this book all the way through my engagement because I needed more detailed, personalized information. It was excellent for planning. It was definitely our number one resource for etiquette and formality questions.

I am a huge fan of Emily Post's Wedding Etiquette book and it has helped me be a better bride, bridesmaid, and wedding guest. It is well organized and lays the proper etiquette for every possible scenario. It's wonderful. I wish I could say the same about the planner. I was a little disappointed. Although it lays out the same etiquette tips as in the book there is little writing room for notes and if you use pencil the paper does not take kindly to eraser. It would be nice if the book had pockets to carry brochures and other paperwork that wedding venues are so liberal to hand out. They also need a "matrix" of some sort to compare certain venues. Perhaps this planner was not useful for me as my reception venue was all inclusive, but I would recommend making your own. Many wedding planners should be personalized and should meet your specific needs.

This planner guide is beautiful. I love the binding since it is easy to browse topics without the book flipping closed. It covers various information and check lists that are useful to first-time brides (or mothers of the bride). I appreciate the simplicity and the inclusion of Post's infamous manners to

help me plan a proper wedding. The big drawback is that the book is so crisp and worth saving as a memoir of the planning process and 'big day' that I am timid to write in it and make full use of its pages for fear I'll mess it up. Otherwise, it is a classic and simple gift for a newly engaged couple.

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