

15 WEDDING PLANNING HACKS THAT WILL HELP YOU AVOID SOME UNNECESSARY HEADACHES

1. USE A SPONGE OR A GLUE STICK TO SEAL YOUR ENVELOPES.

Instead of licking your wedding invitation envelopes, use a wet sponge or a glue stick to seal the envelopes. It helps you avoid paper cuts or the aftertaste that comes from licking 100 envelopes!

2. GET ON THE CALLIGRAPHER'S SCHEDULE EARLY.

Planning to hire a calligrapher to address your invitation envelopes? Get on the calligrapher's schedule before you order your invitations. Some calligraphers take up to three weeks to address up to 100 envelopes, and their schedules book months in advance.

3. KEEP TRACK OF YOUR RSVP RESPONSES.

Before stuffing, sealing, and mailing your invitations, write a tiny number on the back of your RSVP cards. The numbers on the cards should correspond with your numbered wedding guest address list. This will help you when guests forget to write their names on the RSVP card, and it will help you decipher difficult-to-read responses.

4. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A MULTIPLE WEDDING VENUE.

If your wedding venue hosts multiple weddings each weekend, ask your venue coordinator what rentals (e.g., chiavari chairs, chargers) the other couples are using during your wedding weekend. Their rentals may fit with your wedding day design, and you may be able to save some money by splitting the cost with the other couple(s).

5. STAY ON TOP OF YOUR THANK YOU NOTES.

Purchase thank you notes when you order the wedding invitations. Then, write your thank-you notes as your bridal shower and wedding gifts come in. Try not to get behind or you may spend your honeymoon with pens, stamps and lots of stationery.

6. AVOID SLIPPERY WEDDING DAY SHOES.

Unless you are wearing "red bottom" shoes, score or sandpaper the soles of your shoes to avoid slipping on the slick ballroom floors.

7. KEEP YOUR SHOES FROM SINKING IN THE GRASS.

Purchase the clear, plastic heel protectors to keep your high heels from sinking into the grass or dirt during your wedding ceremony or reception.



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8. KEEP A CROCHET HOOK IN YOUR WEDDING DAY SUPPLIES.

Your bridal party may have freshly manicured nails on your wedding day. So, keep a crochet hook in your bridal suite. It's a great tool to use for buttoning wedding gowns and bustles.

9. ACCOUNT FOR THE TIME IT TAKES TO BUSTLE YOUR DRESS.

As you create a schedule for your wedding reception, remember to account for the time needed to bustle your wedding gown. You don't want your maid of honor feeling pressure or rushed!

10. USE A DRYER SHEET TO KEEP THE MOSQUITOS AT BAY.

Having an outdoor wedding? Place a non-scented dryer sheet in your bra or in your suit pocket. The bugs will stay away, and you don't have to worry about scents interfering with your favorite perfume/cologne.

11. ORDER TWO BOUTONNIERES FOR YOUR WEDDING DAY.

If you are planning to take most of your wedding pictures after your ceremony, consider requesting a duplicate boutonniere for the groom in your floral order. More than likely, the groom's first boutonniere will get smashed from all of the family hugs, and it won't be very presentable for post-ceremony pictures.

12. PRE-LIGHT YOUR UNITY CANDLES TO ENSURE THEY WORK.

Are you planning to light a Unity Candle during your wedding ceremony? A pre-burned wick is easier to light, so consider pre-lighting the wicks of your unity candles in advance.

13. KEEP "NON-MESSY" SNACKS ON HAND THROUGHOUT YOUR DAY.

Stock up on plenty of "day-of" snacks for you and your wedding party. Get snack-sized versions of your favorite (and non-messy) snacks to munch on throughout your wedding day, such as getting ready, driving time, and in between takes at your pre- (and post) ceremony photos. Stash some snacks in your hotel suites, in the limo, and with some members of your wedding party.

14. PREPARE IN ADVANCE TO STORE THE TOP TIER OF YOUR CAKE.

Planning to keep the top tier of your wedding cake? Ask your baker to include a box for the top tier with your wedding cake delivery. When it comes time to freeze your top tier, you will have a box that fits it perfectly!

15. STASH SOME RECEPTION SUPPLIES AT YOUR SEAT.

Have your planner or your honor attendant stash your lipstick, a compact mirror, and your dancing shoes on your seat at dinner. That allows you to reapply your lipstick or change into your dancing shoes without having to go back to your wedding suite.



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