

Wednesday Weddings - How to Put Together Your Guest List

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You're beyond excited about your wedding and are dreaming of the perfect wedding every night. However, there are some things you need to take care of at first that may not be quite as fun as decorations, but are even more important. The first of these is your guest list.

Picking who to invite and who to cut from the list is not easy. We are not here to tell you that putting together your guest list will be simple. However, we are offering some tips to help you make this as easy as possible, and to ensure you have the people you want to witness your special day.

Group 1: Friends

You probably have a number of friends you would like to invite to your wedding. But before you get invite-happy, think about these people in the long-term. Ask yourself questions such as:

- When was the last time you saw/spoke with this person?
- Do you picture yourself going out to dinner alone with this person in the next year?

If you're struggling to answer those questions, then put that friend to the side. No need to make it final and cross their name off the list, but put them in the secondary group of guests.

Group 2: Relatives

While it's obvious you will be inviting all of your immediate family such as siblings, parents, grandparents, cousins, etc., your more distant relatives create some gray areas. It is typically best to invite everyone or no one. Picking and choosing which distant relatives to invite can cause a great deal of drama - the last thing you want and need at this time.



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Group 3: Colleagues

Similar to the concept above about distant relatives, colleagues should all be invited, or none at all. The only exception to this is if you have an office wife that you hang out with often outside of the office.

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Group 4: Your Boss

This depends upon your relationship with your boss and whether it is a more personal, close one. Also, if your wedding is an intimate one, it's okay to leave your boss off the guest list. However, if you are planning a large wedding that your boss has likely been hearing about for a while, then it is best to invite him/her to avoid any office drama.

With these "rules," creating the best guest list will be much easier. It's better to get your guest list sorted out early on, so you know what to expect when moving forward with other areas of your planning. Also, taking care of it earlier allows you to focus your attention on more fun things, like your dress and cake!