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# What is your wedding style?

By George Meszaros

Early in the wedding planning process, you have to decide on your wedding style. Your wedding style shouldn't have anything to do with how much money you have, your occupation, or your age. Your wedding style is simply a reflection of who you are, and how you feel comfortable as a person. Don't let anyone dictate what style you ought to have. It is your wedding and it is your decision.

You may choose to have a formal, informal, or something in between wedding style. All of them can be enjoyable. A wedding in a church is always going to be more formal than a wedding in someone's house or a wedding on the beach.

Formal weddings normally take place in a church, a historical building or location, or a park. The bride and groom each has up to ten attendants. Formal attire is required, the bride wears formal bridal gown, and the groom wears cutaway or tailcoat. Attendees are required to wear formal attire. For men a white tie may be required. The formal reception is sit-down meal. In

some cases a buffet meal may be acceptable. Everything from the invitations to the transportations is formal. Instead of a DJ, a full orchestra or a live band is part of the formal wedding.

Informal weddings are becoming more-and-more popular. Informal weddings can take place in a house of worship, but a house, or a romantic beach location is more likely. The bride and groom may have one or a few attendants. The wedding dress is less formal, usually a shorter length gown. The groom and his attendants, normally wear suits or sport jackets. Women guests wear street-length dresses, while male guests wear sport jackets. Informal receptions can take place in a variety of different locations such as a house, a restaurant. If the wedding is held at a house, a caterer is usually hired. The food is normally buffet style. Music is provided by DJs.

Regardless of what wedding style you choose, you and your guests should have a great time. It is not the formality or informality that matters, but whether or not the environment you create for your wedding is a place that you enjoy.