

THE GALLANT GROOM



The Gallant Groom Checklist

A Gallant Groom is:

- * Attentive
- * Spirited
- * Stylish
- * Confident
- * Noble-minded
- * Amorous

Are you a Gallant Groom?

We've put together a checklist to help you become all of these things to your soon-to-be bride. Working well together in the planning of one of the most important days of your lives will be a testament to your future.



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The Engagement

- Select the engagement and wedding rings.** Consider your bride's tastes. Is she modern, or more traditional in her personal style? The rings will say much about her; they will reflect her personality for a lifetime.
- Create a proposal-evening out.** Consider buying flowers, making a reservation at a fine restaurant and securing transportation.



The Planning

- Help plan a wedding budget.** Be prepared. Her budget will be higher than yours, and in today's world, her family is not necessarily responsible for everything she desires in a wedding. (Yes, you may be able to purchase a used Ferrari with the amount you might have to spend, but you love her!)
- Make a list of family, friends and co-workers you would like to invite to the wedding and give it to your bride in written or typed form.**
- Help choose the location of your wedding.** Whether it's a church or an event venue, you will want to see it in person.
- Schedule meetings** with the officiating pastor and/or other officiants.
- Offer to call vendors to set up appointments.** (Check out our list of preferred vendors at www.GallantGrooms.com.) The groom (and/or groom's family) is responsible for the rehearsal dinner. You will need to choose the menu and consider your budget constraints for the evening. Offer to help with the choice of the wedding cake, wedding food, etc.

- Consider whether to buy or rent your formalwear.** Coordinate the style of the men's clothing to fit your bride's vision.
- Choose a Best Man, Groomsmen and Ushers.** Purchase thank-you gifts to acknowledge those involved.
- Help choose the boutonniere style.** You may also be responsible for the cost of the mothers', grandmothers' corsages and the bridal bouquet.
- Help choose your first dance song,** and consider taking dance lessons.
- Work with your bride to select the music and musicians for your ceremony/reception.**
- Plan the Honeymoon.** (Yes! This is on you!)
- Choose a special gift for your bride to give to her on her wedding night.**
- Help create your wedding vows.** A Gallant Groom is a communicator. Write vows that speak from your heart.
- Plan your bachelor party.** Consider creating an event that will become a lasting memory for those men who are the closest to you. Focus on activities you all enjoy or have always wanted to do.
- If you are having a wedding in a hotel,** a wedding package often includes the suite accommodations for the married couple, which is convenient. However, if you will be taking flight on your honeymoon the next morning, you may want to book a wedding suite in a hotel that is close to the airport.
- Book transportation early,** such as limousines, vintage vehicles and coaches. Waiting until the last minute will reduce your options.
- Set up a time when you and your bride can obtain and pay for the marriage license.** The license may be required to be purchased in the county in which your ceremony will take place. Don't leave this important task to the last minute.

- Work with your family to reserve a rehearsal venue and organize dinner activities,** plus secure food and spirits for the evening.
- Secure a professional photographer for the engagement and wedding.**
- Schedule a professional shave and haircut prior to the wedding.** (Make sure your best man and groomsmen do the same.)
- Write your Wedding Toast and/or Thank-You speech.** Make a list of people you would like to thank publicly before or after the Toast. Her parents should be at the top of the list, then your bride, your parents, best man and groomsmen
- Review seating arrangements** for the ceremony and reception.
- Pay for and/or arrange payment** (via the Best Man) of the pastor/officiant's fee, musicians, tips and other miscellaneous expenses.



The Big Day

- Place important papers in your breast pocket.** Hand payment envelopes to your Best Man the moment you see him.
- Don't forget the ring!**
- Treat your bride like she's a queen --** with respect, honor and the love that she deserves. You are marrying her because you have chosen to be with her for a lifetime.
- Breathe!** Smile, relax and enjoy every minute. Find special moments to take mental snapshots. It's your day, too!