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devil in the detail

Get all the small things right on your wedding day

Just when you think you've got every box ticked, someone reminds you of something you've forgotten.

We asked Gloria Robertson from Weddings Parties the Lot for a list of ideas that might just come in handy on your big day:

Feed your DJ!

It's amazing how many people forget to bring their MC, musicians or DJ a plate of food or a cool drink during the event. Make sure you put someone in charge (a bridesmaid or groomsman) of looking after them.

Don't risk blisters

Ban the blister by wearing your shoes in before the day, picking up some gel cushion inserts from any good shoe shop (or buy online www.divaemporium.com.au) and packing a stash of Band-aids.

Compromise

This is your day so do it your way. Listen to advice and ideas but don't get too distracted by others' view of what your wedding should be like. Always remember it's your partner's wedding too, so consult him or her.

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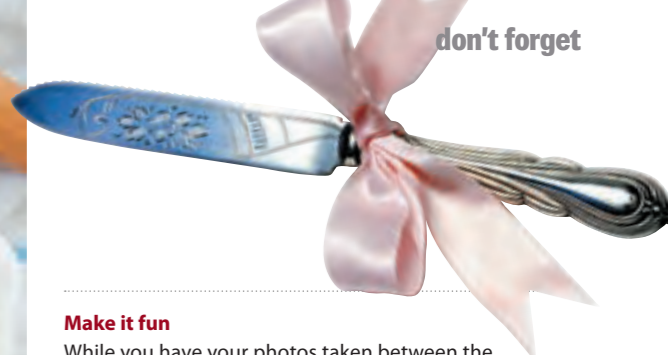


Budget

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Book me in at the reception

Consider having your guests' name cards in the form of bookmarks. It saves spending large amounts of money on gifts for your guests and at the same time gives your guests something to remember your day. Ask your wedding stationer to give you a quote.



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Make it fun

While you have your photos taken between the ceremony and the reception, what will your guests do to occupy themselves? What about giving them a fun time? Go to your nearest toy store and buy some kiddie games such as hop-scotch, basketball or football or an egg and spoon race. Have these set up at the venue and have your bridal attendants oversee the games. Your guests will have a ball and best of all they potentially won't consume as much champagne!

Save the date

Have you set a date but not a venue? Send out Save the Date cards. These are very useful if you have interstate or international guests attending because they can plan their holidays in advance while you finalise your venues.

Stay beautiful

Do not have a facial the day before your wedding! Any reputable beautician will tell you that you need to start your beauty regime weeks before your wedding. Your skin can erupt into nasties after treatment, so get over this before the wedding!

Groom rules

Do not send your groom to have a haircut the day before the wedding! He will look like a plucked chicken with either a short back and sides or a way-out gelled masterpiece you will forever regret! ☹