

MULTITUDE OF QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED PRIOR TO WEDDING DAY

# Are you puzzled? Try this bride's guide



Long experience in the east and most courteous way of doing things has developed many of our bridal traditions. Here are the answers to questions most asked by brides about the all-important arrangements for a wedding. These are the rules in general practice.

However, there are variations in different communities in different sections of the country. So use it as a guide, to be changed if necessary as your personal circumstances dictate.

**Q. The groom has been married previously but the bride has not. May she wear white?**  
A. Yes.

**Q. Which ring is worn first on the third finger, the engagement or the wedding ring?**  
A. The wedding ring. Engagement ring is removed at ceremony so wedding ring can be slipped on.

**Q. The bride has been married previously. May her children attend her?**  
A. If she is a widow, yes. If she was divorced, no.

**DRESS LENGTH**  
**Q. The bride is wearing a long gown. May her attendants wear ballerina or street length dresses?**  
A. Yes.

**Q. Both bride and groom have been married previously. What kind of ceremony may they have? Is a reception in good taste?**  
A. The ceremony, whether it is religious or civil, should be simple. As a special occasion, may be of any size.

**Q. Are engraved invitations sent to attendants and members of the groom's family?**  
A. It is not necessary but they may be sent as a matter of sentiment - preferably with a friendly note of explanation.

**MOTHERS' DRESS**  
**Q. How are the mothers' costumes decided upon?**  
A. They should confer and the bride's mother has first choice of color. Their gowns should be similar in style - both short or both long - complementary in color, and suited to the hour of the ceremony.

**Q. Who pays for the reception?**  
A. Traditionally the bride's family. Depending on circumstances the groom's family may offer to offset some of the expense if it is a problem.

**Q. May the groom's family give the wedding if the bride's family is not in a position to do so?**  
A. Yes. This is acceptable.

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However, the Stewart Memorial Health Centre at Tyne Valley ran it a close second, with 27 boys and 28 girls.

when the bride works in the city of the groom and her family is at a great distance or abroad, or if she has no family.

**Q. How soon should invitations and announcements be ordered?**  
A. Three months in advance of wedding date.

**Q. Must invitations be engraved?**  
A. Yes. Some simulated processes look like engraving but are cheaper.

**Q. How soon should invitations be mailed?**  
A. No later than three weeks before ceremony.

**Q. What is the difference between an invitation and an announcement?**  
A. The announcement goes to persons who could not be invited to the wedding because of cost or distance. It is sent a day or two after the ceremony.

**DIVORCED PARENTS**  
**Q. Are divorced parents of the bride seated together in church?**  
A. No. The mother sits in front pew, the father in the third.

**Q. If the bride's parents are divorced who makes the announcements and arranges the wedding?**  
A. Generally the bride's mother. If she is remarried, invitations are worded, "Mr. and Mrs. George Smith request your presence at the marriage of Mrs. Smith's daughter, etc."

**Q. Does a divorced father who has remarried ever give his daughter's wedding?**  
A. Yes. He may issue the wedding invitation alone if the bride wishes or with his wife. However the reception invitation must be issued both in his name and that of the stepmother as hosts.

**Q. If the reception is given by the bride's divorced father, what is the mother's role?**  
A. She may attend as honored guest if relations are friendly. If her presence would cause strain, she should remain away.

**Q. May a divorcee have a church wedding?**  
A. If her church permits. But she should never wear white or a veil.

**Q. When should the bride's photographs be made?**  
A. Formal portraits should be made if possible at the final fitting for her gown, or at her home a few days before the wedding. A dummy bouquet may be used similar to the flowers she will carry.

**Q. To whom is the wedding gift addressed?**  
A. All gifts should be addressed to the bride prior to the ceremony; afterwards to the bride and groom.

**Q. Continued on page 4-A**

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## Couples spurn June for weddings on P.E.I.

Changing times and fashions no longer agree with the old song "Happy the bride the sun shines on today" in referring to the merry month of May. In fact, even the long-time favorite, June, has fallen into disfavor.

Whatever the reason, Island brides have a definite preference for late summer and fall months, as shown by cold statistics which strip the glamour from mayflowers, and June brides, and reveal a tendency to wards late-in-the-year weddings.

**JULY TOP LIST**  
Last year, more Islanders were married in July than any other month, when 101 couples took their vows. The other months were strictly also-rans, as the nearest was August with 86. Strangely enough, the cold month of November was in third place with 76 marriages, while September had 73.

Traditional June saw only 55, as it fell to sixth place and May was down to 41.

March is consistent in being the least-favored month, as it was in last place in both 1960 and last year.

According to the provincial department of health's division of vital statistics, marriages were down last year with 619, compared to the 655 of 1960.

It is interesting to note that of the 619 marriages, 368 were by

dos. The checked fabric illustrates the trend to decorative and textured fabrics for a summer. It would be a prized addition to a new bride's honeymoon wardrobe.

licenses and 251 by publication of banns.

**JUNE BIRTHS LEAD**  
But if spring months have lost their appeal for brides, the same cannot be said for new arrivals in this world. At least, the babies born on Prince Edward Island last year definitely approved the month of June.

Of the 2,764 births in hospital in 1961, no fewer than 272 occurred in June. March was in second place with 269, closely followed by July with 264, and May with 259.

The colder months were less favored, with October and January showing 201; November had 200, and December was in last place with 150.

Trend of the past several years towards having babies born in hospital continued in 1961 with 99.3 per cent of 2,783 births there.

Of the total born last year, there were 54 twin births, 122 illegitimate births, and 46 stillbirths.

Boy babies outnumbered girls

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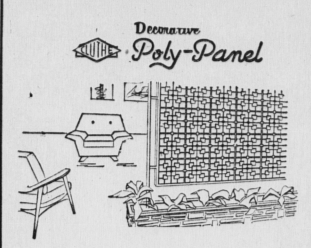
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