



## For The Groom

Grooms Task List  
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## Six to Twelve Months Before:

- Purchase the bride's engagement ring.
- Choose the date and type of wedding with your fiancée.
- Start making your guest list.
- Choose best man and ushers.
- Start planning the honeymoon.
- Make arrangements for your home after the wedding.

## Four Months Before:

- Select wedding rings with your fiancée.
- Complete your guest list.
- Check requirements for marriage license.
- Select and order men's wedding attire.

## Two Months Before:

- Meet with officiant to finalize ceremony details.
- Assist parents with plans for the rehearsal dinner.
- Arrange accommodations for out-of-town attendants.

## One Month Before:

- See that all attendants have been fitted.
- Purchase gifts for best man and ushers.
- Purchase wedding gift for fiancée.
- Add bride's name to insurance policies, medical plans, and bank accounts.

## Two Weeks Before:

- Locate necessary documents and get your marriage license with fiancée.
- Arrange wedding day transportation.
- If moving, give change-of-address card to post office; arrange to have utilities turned on in the new home.
- Have your hair cut.

## The Week Before:

- Pick up and try on wedding attire.
- See that attendants get their wedding attire.
- Pack clothes for honeymoon.
- Confirm all honeymoon reservations.
- Make sure your attendants are at the rehearsal and know their duties.
- Go over special seating or pew cards with ushers.
- Arrange for gifts brought to the reception to be taken to your new home.
- Make sure luggage is in the car or the hotel.
- Attend rehearsal dinner.

### **The Wedding Day:**

- Be sure to eat something in the morning.
- Allow plenty of time to get dressed (start one hour before ceremony).
- Get to the ceremony location on time.
- Give the best man the bride's wedding ring.
- Place the officiant's fee in a sealed envelope. Give it to the best man so he may present it after the ceremony.
- Take the marriage license to the ceremony, or make sure the best man will bring it.
- Have the best man and maid of honor sign the wedding certificate as witnesses.

### **The Day After the Wedding:**

- Send flowers or a telegram to the bride's parents thanking them for a beautiful wedding and reception.

# Tips For Choosing Your Formal Wear

With all "the todo" about which gown your bride will wear, it's easy to think your own ensemble can fade into the background. Not so! All eyes will be on you as much as on your beautiful bride, so it's important that you look your best, too. For many grooms, this means suiting up with a tuxedo. Here are ten tips to boost your tux know-how, so you'll look dashing on your wedding day

## **1. Plan Ahead**

Don't wait till the week before your wedding to figure out what you're going to wear. Start investigating your tux options about four to five months before the big day. You'll need to decide whether you'll buy or rent and determine which style you'll be looking for. Plan on purchasing or reserving your formalwear around the three- or four-month mark.

## **2. Co-Ordinate**

Since the bride's gown traditionally is kept a secret from the groom, you might think this will be a difficult task. But you don't have to spoil the surprise -- just talk to your bride about what kind of tuxedo you plan to wear. Trust us, she'll steer you in the right direction

## **3. Know your style**

Different types of weddings call for different versions of formalwear. In addition to the bride's attire, the clothing you wear will depend largely on the time and location of your event and the size of your guest list. All of these things will determine whether your wedding is informal, formal, or ultra-formal, and the goal is to wear a tux that is in tune with the formality of your affair

## **4. Wear the right tux for your body type**

Believe it or not, certain tux cuts are best suited for certain body types. For example, you may think a double-breasted jacket is super stylin', but, if you're husky, it may add unwanted bulk around the middle. Ask your local tuxedo stores for suggestions.

## **5. Go For A Professional Fitting**

Your wedding day is not the time for straining jacket buttons or too-tight trousers. Your formalwear dealer should know how to measure you properly (inseam, waist, jacket size) and give you a proper fitting during your appointment. Pay attention not just to what looks good but also to what feels good, and choose your formalwear for style and comfort.

## **6. Organize The Grooms attendants**

Generally, if you're wearing a tux, your groomsmen are, too. Around the same time you start deciding on your own attire, think about what you'd like your groomsmen to wear, and make sure and check with your bride to see if she has any designs on coordinating some part of their attire -- bow ties, cummerbunds, etc.-- with that of her bridesmaids. Two to three months before the wedding, prep the guys with all the info they need, including styles, colors, and even store suggestions, to rent or buy their own tuxes.

## **7. Make A Statement.**

With you and the guys all wearing tuxes, you might wonder how you'll stand out in the crowd. You are the groom, after all. You can exercise some personal style in a few different ways: vary the cut of your jacket (if you're wearing single-breasted, ask your guys to wear double), try a tie or cummerbund in a different color from that of the guys, wear a vest, or don an extra-special boutonniere

## **8. Accessorize**

It's not just the tuxedo -- it's the stuff that goes with it. When shopping for a tux to buy or rent, don't forget all the accessories you need: bow tie, cummerbund, vest, cuff links, shirt studs, even shoes. Finalize these details about two to three months before the wedding. Even if you already own these items, locate them and keep them organized -- no groom wants to spend the morning of his wedding scrambling around looking for those heirloom cuff links.

## **9. It Pays to Ask**

We know, weddings are expensive -- for both the couple and the bridal party. Be sure to ask your formalwear retailer about special deals for the groom or the groomsmen. Some stores will offer a discount to the groom if all his groomsmen rent or buy their tuxes from the same store, or even a discount for each groomsmen. It doesn't hurt to ask. If your groomsmen can benefit, too, they'll be grateful.

## **10. Final Check**

During highly stressful periods -- say, the months leading up to a wedding -- men and women alike may lose or gain significant amounts of weight. So, one to two weeks before your walk down the aisle, try on your tux to make sure it still fits properly. That way, if your body has morphed at all (or, heaven forbid, the wrong jacket is in the garment bag, or the trousers were hemmed the wrong length), you'll still have time to rectify the situation with your tux retailer or renter.

# Formal Wear Worksheet

The purpose of this page is to have a record of the designer/manufacturer, style, color, fabric and accessories of the men's formal wear for your wedding. Individual sizes and other necessary information concerning each attendant is found on the **Groom's Attendants Worksheet** in Chapter 7—Wedding Attire

## STORE DETAILS

Name of Tuxedo Shop \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Date Tuxedo's Reserved \_\_\_\_\_

Pickup Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Important Information

Address of main warehouse \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Alterations included in rental fee Yes No

Security Deposit Required Yes No

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## Groom's Formal Wear

Designer/Manufacture \_\_\_\_\_

Description/Style \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Fabric \_\_\_\_\_

Accessories \_\_\_\_\_

Shoe Style \_\_\_\_\_ Shoe Color \_\_\_\_\_

Total Rental Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit To Reserve \_\_\_\_\_

### Groomsmen Formal Wear

Designer/Manufacture \_\_\_\_\_

Description/Style \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Fabric \_\_\_\_\_

Accessories \_\_\_\_\_

Shoe Style \_\_\_\_\_ Shoe Color \_\_\_\_\_

Total Rental Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit To Reserve \_\_\_\_\_

### Ushers' Formal Wear

Designer/Manufacture \_\_\_\_\_

Description/Style \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Fabric \_\_\_\_\_

Accessories \_\_\_\_\_

Shoe Style \_\_\_\_\_ Shoe Color \_\_\_\_\_

Total Rental Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit To Reserve \_\_\_\_\_

### Fathers' Formal Wear

Designer/Manufacture \_\_\_\_\_

Description/Style \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Fabric \_\_\_\_\_

Accessories \_\_\_\_\_

Shoe Style \_\_\_\_\_ Shoe Color \_\_\_\_\_

Total Rental Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit To Reserve \_\_\_\_\_

