

A H. THE smell of love is in the air. Recognize that glazed and happy look? Good. The next thing you'll probably see is a wedding invitation, summoning you to be part of the supporting cast in the great drama of a wedding.

Whether you're a bridesmaid, an

usher, a parent of the blissful couple or just a fun-loving guest, you've got a role to play that will be captured in memories and photos for years to come.

Being invited to a wedding — or asked to be an attendant — can be fun as well as an honor. But according to

"Bride's Magazine," many attendants have one common complaint: The bride and groom never tell them exactly what they'd like them to do.

Here are some guidelines for accepting your bit part in the production.

USHERS:
Ask about wedding formal wear

you'll be expected to wear (and pay for). If you're in town, drop by the formal wear shop for a fitting. Out-of-towners can get a complimentary fitting at any formalwear shop in their towns and send measurements to the groom.

A resident usher may want to offer his home to groomsman coming from far away. If not, help them find rooms with a good view of the wedding.

stragglers for the wedding photographer, and play special host, keeping an eye especially on elderly guests.

One especially thoughtful pal drove guests to the reception, helped them get food and drinks and helped the bride and groom carry gifts to the car.

To minimize complaints voiced by bridesmaids to "Brides Magazine" and other publications, some sugges-

GUESTS

Another wedding for you means brush up on your guest etiquette to minimize the problems for the couple staging the drama. Keep in mind a few simple rules:

- Always respond to a wedding invitation.

- **A dress for everyone.** To try to appease everyone, take your maid of honor on honor shopping and narrow down the choices. Pick styles that flatter everyone's figure, and include a two-piece or shorter style that attendants can wear again.
- **Keep costs down.** Outfits, wedding and shower gifts, transportation and lodging can bust a budget. See if family or in-town friends can help put up bridesmaids, and provide meals when possible.
- **Don't let friendships suffer.** Many bride-maids complain that the bride is so involved with the wedding that she was no longer interested in them for a while. Sensitivity is the key. Be sure your bridesmaids know you haven't changed as a person because you're getting married.

- Send a gift if you don't attend and you're close to the couple.
- Send the wedding gift to the bride's home, not the reception.
- If you're dating someone, and he or she is not listed on the invitation, don't bring him unless it says "and guest."
- If you arrive late, stand in the back since the first person to be seated is the mother of the bride, indicating the ceremony is to begin.
- Arrive 10 to 15 minutes early for any wedding.
- Congratulate the groom, and offer best wishes to the bride in the receiving line. Do introduce yourself to anyone who doesn't know you.
- Mix during the party. A wedding should be remembered, and the guests

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