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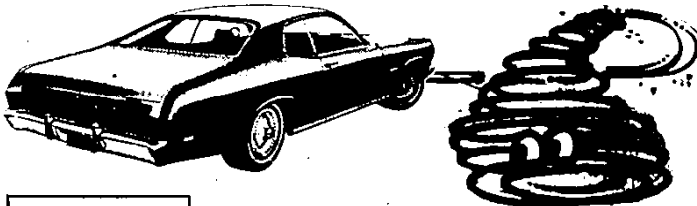


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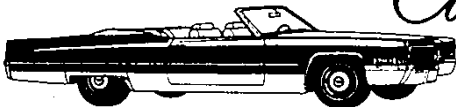
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The Wedding Expenses . . . Who Pays What?

The kind of wedding you ultimately have depends on how much it will cost. Wedding expenses are divided according to custom. Even if the groom's family is wealthy, it is improper for them to assume expenses traditionally the responsibility of the bride's family.

The bride (or her family) usually pays for:

- Invitations, announcements, and enclosure cards
- Bride's personal trousseau (wedding gown, headdress, veil, accessories, and going-away outfit)
- Engagement and wedding photographs
- Rental fee (if any) for the church
- Music at church and reception
- Fees for the organist, soloist, sexton and choir
- Rental of aisle carpet, canopy, and other equipment
- Bouquets for maid of honor, bridesmaids, flower girl
- Transportation of bridal party to ceremony and reception
- Entire cost of reception, including food, beverages, music, decorations, wine, and professional services
- Groom's wedding ring (for double-ring ceremony)
- Wedding gift for the groom
- Present for her attendants
- Accommodations (if necessary) for her out-of-town attendants
- Bride's personal stationery, calling cards
- Her medical examination

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The groom (or his family) usually pays for:

- Bride's engagement and wedding rings
- Marriage license
- Minister's fee
- Boutonnieres, gloves, ascots, or ties (for the men of the wedding party)
- His wedding and travel clothes
- Wedding gift for the bride
- Complete wedding trip
- Gifts for his ushers and best man
- Accommodations (if necessary) for out-of-town ushers
- Bachelor dinner

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Expenses which are optional or set by local custom:

- Bride's bouquet and going-away corsage, traditionally a gift from the groom, may be purchased by her family as part of her outfit
- Flowers for the two mothers and grandmothers are usually provided by the groom, but the bride may buy them for her own mother and grandmother
- Rehearsal dinner, usually the responsibility of the bride's family, may be paid for by the groom's family
- Bridesmaid's luncheon, ordinarily given by the bride, may be given by her attendants and relatives
- Attendants' dresses are usually paid for by each girl but the bride may bear this expense for them if she wishes

If The Wedding Is Postponed . . .

. . . you send an announcement to all the guests and keep the presents you have already received. But when a wedding is canceled, every gift must go back. A note expressing gratitude and explaining that the wedding will not take place accompanies each one, but no reason for cancellation need be given.