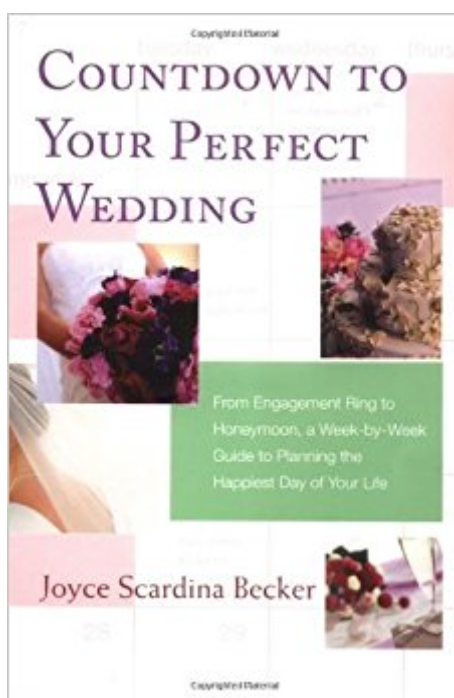


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# Countdown To Your Perfect Wedding: From Engagement Ring To Honeymoon, A Week-by-Week Guide To Planning The Happiest Day Of Your Life



## Synopsis

Planning a wedding can be an exciting, overwhelming, and time consuming endeavor.

COUNTDOWN TO YOUR PERFECT WEDDING will give brides the exact amount of information they need to plan the wedding they want. It breaks down pre-wedding tasks into manageable bits of information and serves as a point-by-point checklist so that nothing slips through the cracks and nothing is left undone. Unlike other books, COUNTDOWN is arranged on a 52-week timeline (one year is the average amount of time brides take to plan a wedding) that explains what needs to be done when. Each week will feature an essential aspect of a beautiful wedding and will include tips and insider information on how brides can get what they want, budgeting considerations, definition of terms, as well as feature information for "Brides On A Budget" and "When Money Is No Object. For brides who wish they could hire a wedding planner but can't afford one, this book will hold their hand through the process so they can plan the wedding of their dreams.

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## Customer Reviews

The Location. Flowers. Dress. Invitations. Linens. Food. China. Music. And, of course, the Cake. Once the proposal is accepted, the planning begins. To create a wedding that reflects your style and unique personality, you need a firm timeline showing exactly what needs to be done—and when. Let Joyce Scardina Becker, one of the world's leading wedding consultants, walk you through the process. That way, you're guaranteed to walk down the aisle stress-free—and in style. Countdown to Your Perfect Wedding gives you detailed and easy-to-follow instructions for perfecting all aspects of your wonderful event. It shows how to

customize each piece to create a day you will forever cherish. Organized around a 52-week timeline, which can be adjusted according to your own needs, each chapter features an essential aspect of planning the happiest day of your life. The book includes insider tips on how to get what you want, plan an appropriate budget, understand essential planning lingo, and much more. It also reveals some of the unique ways brides have accomplished a range of wedding tasks to fit everyone's pocketbook. From announcing your engagement to planning your honeymoon getaway and everything in between, *Countdown to Your Perfect Wedding* is the indispensable must-have guide for any groom and bride-to-be.

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After using this book as my bible in planning my wedding, I was just going to write a review about how valuable *Countdown to Your Perfect Wedding* was for me. But having just logged on and seen the previous 2 negative reviews, I now feel compelled to respond to those comments, because I strongly disagree with them. I think that the reviewer who trashes the book for not being "modern" is completely missing the point that the author is trying to make about music and entertainment - which is to consider alternatives other than the norm. I don't think the author was suggesting that a barbershop quartet or a fortune teller is a "modern" alternative - just something DIFFERENT to consider. But regardless of who's right or wrong about this one particular issue, this is just one issue on one page of a book that has almost 300 pages of great information and advice. Speaking in more general terms, this reviewer even admits that the book is "organized well and the timeline is nice," then gives it the lowest possible grade anyway. I'm glad this reviewer wasn't one of my college professors! Another reviewer offered the opinion that this book is not appropriate for those who are on a budget. Actually, there are numerous tips sprinkled throughout the book with a special heading "For Brides on a Budget". I greatly appreciated these tips and followed many of them, because I was on a budget too (who isn't these days?). This reviewer also seems upset with the amount of detail involved with the author's approach to wedding planning. Yes, there were a lot of details to deal with in planning a wedding, but if you don't have the time or interest in taking care of these details, do what I did - ask for help from friends and family. Or you can just ignore all those

details if you don't care whether your wedding day runs smoothly. Overall, I found Countdown to Your Perfect Wedding to be the best resource for planning my wedding. I picked up other books and read lots of articles online and in magazines, but this book helped me the most. The week-by-week approach really kept me on track. I had a wonderful wedding this summer, and this book really helped make it possible.

I purchased this book because I am getting into wedding planning events. I like the book. She does a great job in helping a bride or anyone else helping a bride navigate their way to a beautiful (stress free...well, as stress free as it can be) wedding. Good tools, easy to read. I would recommend this book.

I purchased this book in 2010 for my wedding and have since purchased it for every friend/family member that has gotten married. So well written, easy to read and very much simplifies what can be an intimidating process. Highly recommend!!

This book has helped guide me and my best friend (the bride) as we plan her wedding without the typically wedding planner.

Good info - but really really needs updating.

Great read!

This book was a gift purchase. I have not seen the book. Granddaughter says it is a good choice and thanked me.

if you are planning your own wedding, and you are on a budget i would never recommend this book for you. i found getting through the whole book while planning our wedding comparable to being force fed handfuls of discouragement. most noticeably, her priorities are so far from my line. after reading her suggestions figures and budget, were so far off from do-able in my area, that i am positively more concerned for my shortcomings than i am excited for our day. if you are looking for a book to absolutely nitpick every tiny little head aching detail and unnecessary expense, than this is defiantly the book for you. i am absolutely discouraged and absolutely frustrated after reading this. in my opinion, if you have a budget under \$20,000 do not read this book.

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