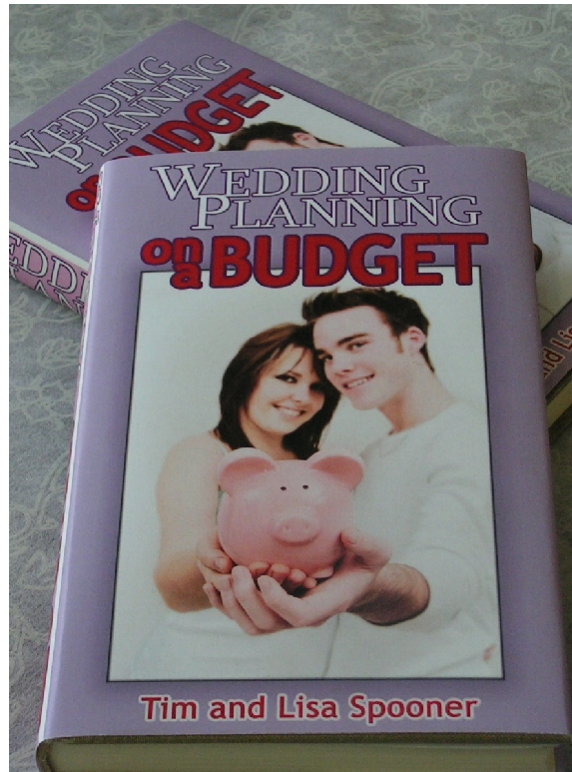


Wedding Planning on a Budget: Preview of the Book

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**We threw our dream wedding for less than \$2,000.
Learn how you can save a fortune on your dream wedding too!**

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Congratulations!

We congratulate you first and foremost on your engagement!

A committed relationship centered around unconditional love for one another is the most wonderful thing two people can experience together. We wish you much happiness in your new life together.

As of this latest revision of our wedding planner, we have been married for more than four years. It has been a wonderful experience. People who meet us have to assume that we are either dating or newlyweds because we have kept our love for one another fresh and bright.

We wish you the joyous pleasure that can be enjoyed by two lovers who have chosen to bind their hearts together in marriage.

We also congratulate you on choosing to plan your wedding without wasting your money on unnecessary expenses. Believe it or not, you really can have a wonderful wedding day without spending a fortune. A beautiful, dream wedding comes not from lots of spending; but from thoughtful planning and the wise use of all your resources – resources you may not even realize you have at your disposal!



How to Get the Most Out of this Wedding Planner

This wedding planner is meant to be much more than just an interesting read. Consider this to be your guide – your personal mentor – to planning a successful wedding on a budget.

To get the most out of this wedding planner, interact with the contents of the planner and use them as a springboard for planning your own successful wedding.

Before going on, collect some colorful highlighters and pens to mark and annotate the planner. If you are reading this on your computer screen, we recommend that you grab a notebook to make notes of key concepts or any great ideas that may come to you as you interact with the contents of this wedding planner.

Seriously! Stop reading until you are ready to take notes.



Capture those Ideas!

This wedding planner is going to trigger in you a new way of thinking. As you interact with the pages to come, ideas will seem to come out of nowhere. They will quietly float through your mind at the least expected times.

Those ideas can disappear right back into thin air. The trick is to capture those ideas before they float right back out of your mind.

Brilliant ideas are going to pop into your mind at the least expected times and if you do not write each idea down the very moment it comes to mind it will just as quickly disappear and never be found again.

Start carrying a pen and notepad with you at all times.

Even at night, keep a pen and notepad at your bedside so that you will be ready to write down the ideas that are going to start passing through your mind.

The ideas that will be visiting you are going to be unique to your wedding needs and if you are able to capture them and employ them, you are sure to have a wonderful wedding without burning up the cash you will need once you are married.



What's around the corner...

This book will outline for you several key principles to help you start thinking creatively about how to plan a beautiful wedding ceremony on a budget. We will discuss how to set up your budget and how to stick to that budget without compromising your wedding goals.

We do not want to simply list a bunch of ideas for you to try to fit into your wedding plans. Instead, we will share some specific ideas and help you understand why those ideas actually work. In fact, you will come to understand the powerful principles behind those ideas and be able to tap into that power to see your wedding planning in a new light. Fresh ideas will start pouring into your mind and you are about to plan the best wedding ever – your dream come true wedding!

Square pegs

You have probably heard the saying: “Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. But if you *teach* a man *how* to fish, he will eat for the rest of his lifetime.” In the same way, an idea given to you has limited use and may or may not work for you in the long run. A principle, on the other hand, will empower you to create ideas that are in perfect alignment with your personal goals and your particular situation.



Once you understand the powerful principles we are going to teach you, you will not have to try to fit other people's ideas into your wedding planning. You will not have to try to stick square pegs into a round hole.

It is of course possible to save some money and get the wedding of your dreams simply by using the various ideas found in this wedding planner but don't count on a bunch of ideas to carry you as far as the principles behind those ideas could carry you. Instead, you should aim to grasp the concepts of the principles we are about to teach you. Allow your imagination to go to work to put together the dream wedding you have always desired.



Tim & Lisa's Wedding Story

There is nothing more inspiring than to hear amazing stories of how people have hurdled overwhelming odds to achieve seemingly impossible goals. Such is the story of your mentors, Tim and Lisa Spooner.

On With Our Story . . .

We fell madly in love with one another in the winter of 2003. We quickly realized that we had found our lifetime soul mate and could not bear the thought of having to live the rest of our life apart.

On April 12, 2003, Tim asked for Lisa's hand in marriage. She happily accepted his proposal (and of course the ring).

Tim had just finished putting himself through college and had graduated from the university with very little left in savings.

Lisa was in the early stages of her bachelor's program at the university and did not have much in savings either.

Both of our parents were getting by okay but could not afford to pay for our wedding.

Although visiting the justice of the peace had crossed our minds, we knew that doing so would have been a big disappointment to our families and



that we might someday regret not having had a wedding ceremony with all the trimmings.

Planning Our Wedding

We were anxious to get married. We could totally sympathize with Harry in the movie “When Harry Met Sally”: “Once you figure out who you want to spend the rest of your life with, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible!”

We set the date for our wedding as September 20, 2003.

During that summer, Lisa did not take a job. Instead of earning a couple thousand dollars at some summer job; she spent her time saving us thousands upon thousands of dollars through her creativity and organizing skills in planning our wedding and acquiring garage sale furniture and other items for our apartment.

All told – and we are talking about every aspect of the wedding from the engagement ring to the honeymoon – we personally paid less than \$2,000 and anyone else contributing to the wedding (such as tuxes and bridesmaid dresses) paid less than that.



The Wedding

Thanks to our planning and work to which most of the credit goes to Lisa, our wedding turned out to be a masterpiece! It turned out just as we had dreamed – if not better – and many of our guests gave raving compliments. Tim’s great aunt even wrote his mother a letter the following week saying that it was the most beautiful wedding she had ever attended (and she has been to a lot of weddings in her life!).

We had the church decorated with flowers matching the bouquets. There were three bridesmaids dressed in beautiful periwinkle dresses. Tim and the groomsmen looked charming in their tuxedos. The father of the groom, the father of the bride, and the classical pianist also all wore tuxedos.

Lisa of course was the main attraction in her incredibly elegant wedding gown and veil. She received many compliments from people saying they had never seen such a nice looking bride’s gown before.

We had a pianist playing selected music before and during the ceremony. Our groomsmen doubled as ushers to greet and seat each of the approximately 150 distinguished guests in attendance.

We had a videographer and photographer to record our special day.



Our lovely mothers lit the family candles and later, during the ceremony, we joined the family candles at the unity candle.

Our minister gave a short, eloquent talk on the meaning of our union.

We added a special touch to our wedding by singing a duet to one another. We have been told that there was hardly a dry eye in the place during our sweet performance of "I Will Be Here" by Steven Curtis Chapman.

After we had kissed and the minister had prayed, we received each guest as they made the procession to the banqueting area.

The banquet was incredible! Our caterer outdid himself with an excellent dinner complete with shrimp and caviar! The maid of honor and the best man gave generous toasts and everyone enjoyed themselves celebrating Mr. and Mrs. Spooner's union in marriage.

We made the first cut into the wedding cake (with sparkling crystal love birds as the cake topper). We fed one another cake and then headed for the dance floor where we and our guests enjoyed dancing to our selected love songs.

Before long, we were off to our honeymoon location to enjoy a wonderful time together.



Now It's Your Turn!

That is our story! To this day, when we think of our wedding day, great big smiles of pleasure fill our faces. We had the wedding of our dreams and we did not break the bank to do it! How in the world did we have a wedding for less than \$2,000?

Don't worry, if you read on and apply the principles and ideas that are to follow, you will soon understand how it is possible for anyone who sets their mind to planning a wedding on a budget to keep within their budget as long as they apply the principles we are about to divulge.

You have your own love story. You have your own goals. You have your own hopes and expectations for your wedding. We will not expect our wedding ideas to fit your wedding needs. That is like expecting the piece from my puzzle to fit into your puzzle!

The principles we will share will free your mind to think of the perfectly shaped ideas for your puzzle. It takes some energy to apply these principles but remember this:

It is easy to go into debt on a wedding; but it is not easy living with debt in a marriage!



Financial problems are among the number one killers of marriages. Set your marriage up for success by starting from the very beginning with sound money-saving principles that will save you many financial headaches.

HERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES, TIPS, & GOODIES YOU'LL DISCOVER

- How to Obtain Affordable Professional Photography & Videography Services
- The Secret to Low Cost Catering
- Where to find Wedding Bargains
- Stunning Flower Arrangements at a Fraction of the Cost
- Where to get Discounted Services and Products
- How to Get Other People to Pay for Your Wedding
- Where to Get Free Wedding Tools and Things
- Get Your Wedding Dress at a Tiny Fraction of its Retail Value
- How to Pay Without Spending Money
- The Seven Key Principles to Budget Wedding Planning
- The Secret to Purposeful Wedding Planning
- How to Get Great Deals From Wedding Professionals



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Next, Letters from Brides and Grooms who read this book



"Everyone who's planning a wedding needs to read this book!!!!

My Husband and I were able to keep our wedding under \$2,500 using the techniques in this great book!!!!

This book is a must!!!!"

~ Sarah K. of Pottersville, MI

"Hello this is andrew and i just recently got married to the most amazing girl in the world on June 21, 2008, well im sure every man would say that about his girl.

Well I used this great Wedding Planner on a Budget and it was VERY helpful. WE had the most amazing wedding of our dreams and it only cost us \$1500.

We appreciate the time that was put into this Planner it was a great help."

~ Andrew S. of Lancaster, PA

"It has been very helpful. I absolutely love it. Thank you so much. I'm really enjoying the great ideas and websites that you have provided.

Thank-you! "

~ Sylvia B. of SK, CANADA

"I just recently purchased your book and already I feel like I am saving SO much money. Thank you SO much for sharing your ideas in your book.

My fiance and I are getting married May 29, 2010. Using the time I have to plan and the techniques in your book I know we will be able to stay within our budget of \$5,000."

~ Amanda H. of Bellbrook, OH



"This book has been an inspiration for me. This is my second wedding and I did not want to spend so much money this time around. I am sticking to 5K and I do not want to go over by a penny.

The information in this book is priceless when you compare it to the price you would pay for wedding books, manuals, even wedding coordinators! Not only is it priceless but you can download it instantly. I especially enjoy using the [wedding planning software] that your book suggests to use. It is AWESOME.

I thank you for sharing your testimony with the world."

~ Michelle C. of Tampa, FL

"I think it's terrific! I'm using it to help my daughter plan her wedding. So far, I especially like the organization and the suggestions about the flowers. It's the most helpful planner I've ever had thus far. I think I can apply many of the ideas to every day life. Thank you so much!"

~ Barbara T. of Stafford, VA

"It's very beneficial. I find myself referring to it often, especially if I want to impulse buy. Thanks so much."

~ NaJuan D. of Shreveport, LA

"It's been a God send! Thank you for writing this book."

~ Monica W. of Evansville, IN

"I found it to be very well put together and had a lot of helpful information in it. Thanks. "

~ Angie B. of Mesa, AZ



"I started reading the second I opened it. It is great! I started to ckeck out the sites you offered and guess what? I found two dresses for under \$300!

We set a budget for \$5,000 but we are noticing that we will not need \$5,000 for our wedding after all!

I am saving on a lot of things. The bridesmaids' dresses are under \$100. I am having 3 BMs. I got a photographer for \$500. The hall is \$1,500 with set up and servers plus bridal suite included. We are doing our own centerpieces. We bought 26 vases for about \$22.

After planning my wedding i will take classes to become a wedding planner."

~ Sandra L. of Philadelphia, PA

"Your book has been helpful so far. I am not super deep into planning just yet but I have found it to be helpful and has given me a lot of things to look into. Thank you!"

~ Mariah K. of San Diego, CA

"WE HAVENT STARTED PLANNING THE WEDDING, UNTIL LATER IN THIS YEAR SINCE WE MOVED THE WEDDING TO NEXT YEAR IN OCTOBER BUT WE WILL USE ALL THE TIPS AND ADVICE WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING WHICH IS SOOO GOOD. THANK YOU SOO MUCH!!"

~ Monica G. of Gardena, CA

"The planning is going very well. Our budget is \$7500. I was so surprised that I was able to rent a public park and building (owned by the city) for \$1900 for 10 hours. SHOCKED and AMAZED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

I would never even have searched that hard had it not been for your book. We may not even need our budget to be that big. Thank you so much!"

~ Jacquetta C. of Baltimore, MD



"I have been able to find this book to be very insightful. Thank You for putting together a book to help the rest of us."

~ Jenifer R. of Butler, PA

"The book you wrote is wonderful !!!!! I have gotten so many great ideas.

This book is a must, for anyone planning a wedding on a budget. The money I saved on my centerpieces alone was worth every penny"

~ Kim B. Carmichael, CA

"While searching for tips to help with planning my wedding, I came across this site and was intrigued by what I found. It sounded helpful, but I was extremely skeptical because it would only cost \$19.95. After debating what I had to lose, I decided to go for it simply because it was only \$19.95 and I certainly am glad I did!

The websites alone that are provided in the book are absolutely wonderful, not to mention the FREE gifts! In my opinion, the information and materials are worth a lot more than \$19.95 so I HIGHLY recommend this purchase!

Thanks to Tim and Lisa for sharing their story and being an inspiration to us all!"

~ Kim G. of Tallahassee, FL

"Thank you for compiling such useful information into one easy to use book."

~ Lisa C. of Acton, MA



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