



Grooms Get Involved

The days of the groom being responsible for the rehearsal dinner and showing up on time for the wedding are long gone. Today's groom is involved in almost every aspect of the wedding plans.

With today's belief that marriage is an equal partnership, most men believe wedding responsibilities should also be shared equally. Beginning with the engagement announcement, more and more newspapers feature photographs of the couple instead of the traditional bride-to-be.

Many newlyweds today not only both work full-time but they share housekeeping duties as well. Because of this, the groom is being included in many bridal showers. Theme showers which include interests of both the bride and groom have become very popular. Be sure to invite his male relatives and friends.

The groom is also becoming more involved in the financial aspects of the wedding. With couples marrying at an older age, many are paying for their own wedding or contributing towards the parents' wedding expenses.

After the wedding, the groom may take on the responsibility of writing thank you notes to his family and friends. The bride will send thank you notes to her family and friends.

The bride is not required to change her name after the wedding; many retain their maiden name or use both names hyphenated.

We are seeing a "Best Woman" in place of the traditional "Best Man," female, ushers and groom/male only bridal showers. This crossing of traditional barriers is allowing today's brides and groom to share everything about their wedding, their life and their love.