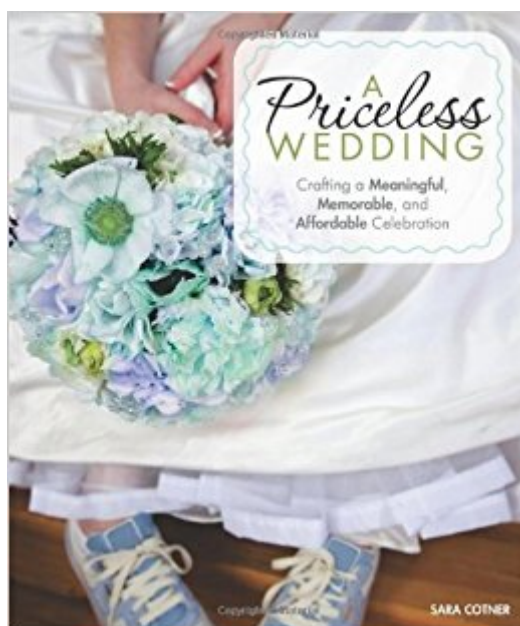


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# A Priceless Wedding: Crafting A Meaningful, Memorable, And Affordable Celebration



## Synopsis

How you and your partner plan your wedding can set a precedent for how you will be as a family. How do you work together to merge two different sets of ideas into something bigger and better? How do you disagree in constructive rather than destructive ways? How do you honor the input and experience of family members while simultaneously maintaining ownership of your lives and choices? In this part-memoir, part how-to handbook, popular wedding blogger Sara Cotner shares how you can resist the pressure to create the wedding of someone else's dreams and instead reclaim the real purposes of a wedding: community, connection, commitment, and fun. A Priceless Wedding covers all the basics: securing a location, finding a dress, deciding on flowers, selecting a wedding party, planning the ceremony, choosing rings, and everything in between, but it goes beyond the elements of a traditional wedding to help you plan an eco-friendly, hand-crafted, budget-minded celebration that will be both memorable and meaningful. Featuring do-it-yourself projects that help you create your own unique wedding favors, sew a homemade wedding quilt, and more, this book will inspire you to begin your own traditions and rituals that will clarify your values and let you live them out loud.

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This book is SO great & full of ideas for keeping wedding costs down (or whatever your budget). The author tells you how she made their wedding work, but there are tons of other ideas that let you add your personal wants/needs to make your own wedding work. There's also good relationship advice sprinkled in. I ordered a few other books for planning a low cost wedding, but this one is the most helpful so far.

Lots of ideas in here, many of which don't apply to the wedding we're planning, but lots of practical approaches. Especially love the "wedding vision," which is what many couples pass over before diving in to planning.

Very sweet book. I'll be honest, its a little too "hipster-y" for me, but the crafts are kinda cute.. i actually thought it was going to be a bit more about crafting for your wedding, but in actuality, its mostly a planning book-- and I've already got 99% of that finished, so I haven't gotten any use out of this.

A Priceless Wedding is a fantastic guide for the down to earth bride (or groom!) who wants their celebration to be unique and fun, but meaningful as well. Let's face it, weddings are complicated, expensive and very intimidating to plan. But this book gets past the zillion layers of tulle and lace that usually cloud the real meaning of your wedding day and helps you think about what's really important so you can stay sane, and organized and not compromise on what you really want. Most

of the advice is based on the author's own creative and memorable wedding, on a \$2,000 budget, and advice of those who also had meaningful and memorable celebrations of their own. The book is an incredible bargain in and of itself as its 200+ pages packs in worksheets, do-it-yourself (DIY) projects and crafts, checklists, and even sample wedding vows. For anyone wanting to stay sane while planning a wedding - no matter the budget - I highly recommend this book.

So often books that started out as blogs are nothing more than a printed-out version of the blog, but that is not the case with this wonderful book, which offers stories from the author's wedding, worksheets to help plan the wedding, advice for marriage beyond the wedding, and stories from other brides and grooms. I actually am not getting married and have no plans to do so anytime in the future, but I loved reading through this book. It's well-designed and easy to follow, and unlike most wedding books, it doesn't purport to have the ONE right answer for how to do everything for your wedding, but rather encourages you to plan what works best for you and your partner. I'm pleased that Cotner addresses same sex couples and ways to include family and friends other than simple bridesmaids and groomsmen. It is clear that this book was written with a great deal of love and passion, and it will be the first gift I reach for when friends get engaged. Truly a great book to help anyone planning a wedding or even interested in weddings. There's so much solid advice that goes far beyond just a one day celebration.

This book was such a fantastic read! It really drives home the point that a wedding is one day, it isn't about good impressions, or having all the right details it is about celebrating the joining of two people with those that you love. Two families becoming one. Finding a way to celebrate that is much easier than living up to today's wedding standards and lies. She talks about all the major parts and does so with tact and inclusions. This was the perfect pre-planning read. I can't wait to get started!

arrived on time, nice package, really like the product very sharp well balanced, good heft enjoyed using it very much OK. my family need it , very fast, receive it next day, recommend it to my friend.

I was surprised at how much I liked "A Priceless Wedding". Currently, I am helping a relative plan a wedding and this book has actually proved to be very helpful. We have a very small budget to work with. We have to take into consideration the likes and dislikes of the bride and groom, while at the same time taking into consideration their two very different families. At first all those factors seemed overwhelming, however, the book was able to provide us with some very helpful information. The

bride is into recycling and living within her means. The groom hates anything fancy and pretentious. The bride started with the Wedding Vision Collage project and soon found herself to be overwhelmed. That clearly gave us insight to the fact that we needed to keep things simple. The "Vision Setting Work Sheets" proved to be much more helpful in guiding her efforts to figure what she really wanted in her wedding. Also, the questions asked in that section encourage the bride and groom to think about things such as: "How do you want to spend your time in the days and hours leading up to your wedding, as well as in the hours and days following your wedding?" Well, once they thought about it, they decided that their somewhat complicated lives and miniscule budget meant that they should keep things very simple. We also liked the "Traditional Elements" checklist. It has elements such as dress, veil, bouquets, etc. The list keeps track of things that can sometimes be over-looked when deciding what to keep and what to reject. The book has a section that I found amusing that listed great reasons to reject high-ticket items. For example: Do you need the big crystal covered white puffy dress? It points out that it takes one or more people to help the bride put on that type of gown. It is also hard to dance in, expensive to buy, and you only get wear it once (unless you are really talented in garment reconstruction...then might not matter to you). I also thought that the "Partnership Assessment" was an interesting section to include in a wedding planning book. Anything that encourages couples to communicate honestly on their likes and needs is a great idea in my book. Better to know someone's likes and dislikes before you get married than to get a big surprise later on. "A Priceless Wedding" has some great suggestions and ideas in many aspects of a DIY wedding. This includes: entertainment, table décor, flowers, venues, etc. Overall, it has been a very helpful book. Bottom line, if you are looking for a \$45,000 wedding with all the frills, this book is not for you. However, if you are planning a small tasteful wedding that reflects the personality of the bride and groom within a reasonable budget, then this book will help. For my bride and groom, it is not about being cheap but about planning out the wedding carefully with a lot of love and laughs thrown in.

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