

# WEDDING SPECIAL

## Counting down to the big day

### 12 months before wedding

- Celebrate your engagement at a party with family and friends!
- Send engagement announcement to your hometown newspapers
- Determine wedding style, budget and allocation of expenses with your intended and all parents

- Purchase wedding rings
- Choose your attendants
- Consult with a wedding consultant or buy a planning guide
- Book ceremony and reception sites
- Book caterer, photographer, florist, videographer, bakery,

transportation, ceremony music and reception music

### 9 months before

- Begin shopping for wedding gown and accessories
- Choose and order bridesmaids' gowns and accessories
- Book rental services
- Meet with ceremony officiant
- Begin planning honeymoon and consult with a travel agent
- Choose groom's and ushers' formal wear
- Complete gift registry
- Begin guest list

### 6 months before

- Draft ceremony and reception outlines
- Choose decorations and music for both ceremony and reception
- Select and order invitations and stationery
- Begin planning rehearsal dinner
- Reserve hotel rooms for wedding party and out-of-town guests
- Arrange first fittings and alterations for the bride's and bridesmaids' gown

### 3 months before

- Finalize guest list
- Meet with hairstylist
- Set aside a day together to obtain marriage license
- Start addressing wedding invitations
- Order tuxedos for groom and ushers

### 2 months before

- Mail wedding invitations
- Purchase gifts for your future spouse, attendants and parents
- Final fittings and alterations for the bride's and bridesmaids' gown
- Attend bridal shower
- Choose and prepare programs and favors
- Record and acknowledge gifts with thank-you notes as received

### One month before

- Schedule hairstylist appointment for wedding day
- Schedule manicurist appointment for day before wedding
- Prepare wedding announcement for newspaper

- Confirm rehearsal and rehearsal dinner arrangements
- Send rehearsal dinner invitations

### 2 weeks before

- Confirm guest total with caterer
- Prepare reception seating chart and/or place cards
- Confirm arrangements with bakery, decorator, officiants, florist and ceremony and reception music
- Arrange for house- and pet-sitter

### One week before

- Enjoy your bachelor/bachelorette parties
- Have wedding gown pressed
- Pack for honeymoon
- Confirm honeymoon plans and reservations

### One day before

- Pick up tuxedos - Have nails done
- Decorate ceremony and reception sites
- Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner - Get plenty of sleep!

### The Big Day!

- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Have hair and makeup done
- Relax and have fun!

*Showcase. If you have looked and cannot find the headpiece that you want, try Dee's. You will save money and it is a great place to shop.*

*Dee's Bridal Headwear (719) 635-3748*

(719) 473-4424  
Fax (719) 633-6566

**NANA'S BAKERY INC.**  
**PANADERIA**

All Occasion Cakes  
& Mexican Bread

3255-I E. Platte Ave.  
Colo. Spgs, CO 80909

## Dee's Bridal Headwear & Silk Wedding Flowers

*Large selection of tiara's in stock.  
Very large selection of head pieces,  
veils mad to order.  
Some Veils in stock.*

*Good Prices. Lay-A-ways.  
Call for appointments*

**635-3748**

**Monday - Saturday.**

*Looking for Silk Wedding Flowers talk to Dee.*

**02 North Garo Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80909**

## Dee's Bridal Headwear

*Ask Dee about her sale prices and discounts on headwear and veils. She has lots of headwear in stock and veils are made to order. Those she does not make she can order in. Their prices are very reasonable, even better with discounts.*

*Ask Dee about her silk wedding flowers. She has many styles and colors in stock including those to complete the bride's bouquet, corsages, boutonnieres, the toss bouquets, flower girl hairpieces and others.*

*Call for an appointment, come in and see all that Dee has to offer. Appointments taken for Monday through Saturday.*

*Dee has been in business for over 20 years and is a member of Bridal*

## Wedding a personal touch

### Cont. from page 11

Take a stroll down the aisles of your local arts and craft store for inspiration.

For beach themed invitations, you might stamp the cards with palm trees or seashells or stencil on starfish.

Or punch a hole near the top and tie beach-themed cutouts or small charms to the card with thin satin ribbon.

For heavenly cards, choose blue or silver paper and use star and moon stamps. Drop a few loose silver stars in the card before putting it in the envelope.

For a beautiful white on white invitation for a winter wedding, place a snowflake stencil on top of a white card and "paint" with thinned glue. Remove the stencil and sprinkle with white iridescent glitter. When it's dry, shake off the excess and voila! A miniature winter wonderland to send to your friends and family.

Now that you've gotten into the excitement of doing it yourself, don't forget the smaller details.

Flower girl baskets, ring bearer cushions, guest books all add to the unity of your wedding theme and provide the finishing touches.

Many brides like to give favors to their guests. Three or four star shaped tea candles wrapped in tulle and tied with curling ribbon make useful gifts for guests at a heavenly wedding. Blow-up beach balls and plastic pail and shovel sets add a touch of whimsy to a sand and surf theme.

Or print thank you notes on parchment paper, roll them up and tuck into the necks of small glass bottles. Small snow globes make charming mementos of winter nuptials.

Whatever style you choose for your wedding, your guests are sure to appreciate the time and thought you have put into it and you will create memories for you and your family that will last a lifetime.

For more ideas that will help create the personalized wedding of the bride-to-be's dreams, log on to [www.michaels.com/weddings](http://www.michaels.com/weddings).

## At Tuxedo Junction

*you'll find the largest designer styles, expert fit, unparalleled service, with 2 locations in Colorado Springs.*

### Wedding Special

**\$59.95 Complete Tuxedo Rental**

**1739 Briargate Blvd.  
528-8488**

(just south of Chapel Hills Mall)

**The Citadel Mall  
597-2403**

(lower level next to J.C. Penney's)



**www.tuxedojunction.com**  
*America's Most Trusted Tuxedo Specialist*

## Cinco de Mayo Issue

**April 28th**

**Place your Advertisement Now  
Please call Bill @ 1-866-723-0222**