

Saving your wedding

No need to spend big bucks - these cool, chic, and cheap summer wedding tips will keep costs down

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Chic and cheap summer wedding tips

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Cake: Cupcakes are less expensive than cake. But, take it a step further with something that looks more expensive than cake and is cuter than cupcakes - ice cream cone cakes. Your baker can fill goblet cones with cake. Frost to make them look like soft serve. Enjoy with a glass of happy budget. (Supplied)

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Your summer wedding. You want it to be perfect. But you're afraid. It's not cold feet you fear; rather, it's the soaring humidity and the dwindling bank account.

No matter what your budget, here are some fresh suggestions that are cool, chic, deceptively expensive-looking – and secretly cheap.

For the bride: You want to be beautiful, but to do this you need to be comfortable. Forget blisters and aching feet. Fancy flip-flops, flat or platformed, are key. (For my wedding, I chose white ones, and embellished with pearls and ribbon. So, that day, I literally - and figuratively - felt like I was walking on a cloud.)

Next - the most important purchase for your big day - your gown. Focus on the cut and fit. Find what looks good on you. Wedding gowns can be like white, weighted saunas, even the fitted ones. You may want to look for dresses with sheer or light materials.

And, never feel wrong asking for a deal; it is the best way to get a good one.

Finally, the best advice to anyone getting married is to be prepared for things to go wrong, and just accept it when they do. In retrospect, those things make for the coolest memories anyway. And that is priceless.

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