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A Letter to a Future Bridezilla

By Anonymous

Congratulations, you're getting married! Let's get ready, there's plenty for you to do in the next few months. Do you have your checklist? Okay, here we go:

Wedding date. Budget. Venue. Guest list. Save the Date cards. Photographer. Videographer.
Engagement pics...are you getting all this?
Have you chosen your bridal party?
What about his groomsmen? Good!
Invitations. Caterer.
Oh, dresses, you'll need a gown! How could I have forgotten that?
Wedding website. Accommodations for out-of-town guests. Cake tasting. Seating chart. Escort cards. Décor, décor, décor.
Officiant – you're going to need one of those too, very important.
Florist. DJ. Entertainment. Hair. Makeup.
What about a photo booth? Everyone loves those, they're so fun!
And the list goes on, and on, and on.

I'm a florist by trade. I meet with hundreds of new brides every year. I handcraft exquisite pieces to add color and beauty to your lifetime achievements and treasured moments. And I love my job, which is why I feel obligated to call you out on a few little peeves of mine, before you get started. Okay?

I do not have a tattoo on my forehead that states that I am the embodiment of Mother Nature. Stop asking me if you can have blooming branches in November. Have you ever seen a cherry tree blossom in the fall? It just doesn't happen.

On the same note, peonies don't bloom in August. Period. Yes I can order them, but no, that doesn't mean that you'll want them after they've been shipped, out of water, from halfway across the planet. Here's a hint: If you want a perfectly romantic, to-die-for, springtime bridal bouquet, then get hitched in the spring. It's really that simple.

And, no, this very specific variety of Hawaiian dendrobium orchid does not come in blue. Very few flowers actually bloom in a shade of blue that matches a Tiffany's gift box, perfectly. Try

complementary colors, you'll have a much easier time of it and I promise you'll love the outcome.

As long as we're on the topic of color, pull out the closest box of Crayola crayons you can find. They're all in there. That's not watermelon, it's pink. I don't care if your dress is Palm Beach Coral or Pool Blue. Those names mean nothing to me and they look an awful lot like salmon and turquoise.

I know. I know. You can't help yourself. The internet is flooded with wedding blogs and bridal style. Pinterest has become the bane of my existence. You found four hundred pictures you love? You want me to copy them? Fantastic, so you're saying you're looking for exactly the same bouquet that has been made a thousand times before? Yep. I got you covered. Can do.

I understand that stress can make you a little nuts, I was a bride once too. Believe me, I get it. Coordinating the details of your special day can be overwhelming, to say the least. But don't lose sight of why you're in this – you are pledging a lifetime of love and dedication to your partner. It may seem like you're putting on a great production for everyone else's benefit, but truth is, you're not. So loosen up a bit. Let go of the checklist and the unrealistic expectations and hire a coordinator. Make sure you have a team of qualified professionals. Let us get a feel for you and your dream wedding, and then let us get to work. It's what we do best.