

Invitations GUIDE



Welcome to my new guide!

A quick intro - hello, I'm Amy!
I proudly own and run Beloved Creations.
My passion is creating personal, sustainable
wedding stationery and signage
that your guests will love as
much as you do.

I'm best known for my wildflower seeded
plantable card (it's the most popular choice!)

In this guide, I'll be discussing all the basics
you'll need to know before sending out
your wedding day invitations.

I hope it makes the process a little easier for you.

Love,
Amy

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Format

Weddings are usually big events, meaning LOTS of information to tell your guests.
Below are two popular ways to format your invitations.



A5 / 5 x 7 in

INTRODUCTION & NAMES

DATE & TIMINGS

CEREMONY & RECEPTION ADDRESS

RSVP & EXTRA DETAILS ON
WEDDING WEBSITE

Benefit:

Minimalist & modern feel.
Less material = more sustainable.
Space for unlimited info on website.



A5 / 5 x 7 in

A6
or smaller

INTRODUCTION & NAMES

DATE & TIMINGS

CEREMONY & RECEPTION ADDRESS

RSVP & ALL DETAILS ON
SEPARATE PAGE

Benefit:

A more traditional feel.
Simpler for guests to access information.

TIP: Make it clear when guests should arrive before the ceremony.

Invitation

Here're some wording prompts & two different examples for inspiration.
Invitations should be sent around 3-6 months prior. Remember to keep it 'you'!

TOGETHER WITH THEIR PARENTS/FAMILIES/FRIENDS,
[NAME] & [NAME]
JOYFULLY/LOVINGLY/ARE DELIGHTED TO INVITE YOU/[GUEST NAME(S)]
TO THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR MARRIAGE/WEDDING

ON [DATE]
AT [LOCATION]

CEREMONY AT [ADDRESS]
FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION AT [ADDRESS]

[INSERT ALL DETAILS]

or

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PLEASE SEE DETAILS CARD/WEDDING WEBSITE [WWW.]

PLEASE RSVP BY [DATE]
TO [EMAIL/PHONE NUMBER/WEDDING WEBSITE]
WITH ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

CARRIAGES/TAXIS AT [TIME]

RELAXED

Please join
Sam & Charlotte
For a day of love, feasting & dancing
at Guilders Farm
Surrey, GU8 6DA
on 20th May 2024
arrival at 2pm
Please RSVP by 1st February
to joneswedding@gmail.com
with any dietary requirements

TRADITIONAL

Dear [individual guest name]
Together with their parents,
Isabella Emily Hart
&
Jake Michael Parker
Invite you to join the celebration of their marriage
On Saturday 2nd February 2025
At one o'clock in the afternoon
The Manor House
Gloucestershire, GL3 5TA
[Separate RSVP/details card]

TIP: Order 3-5 more than you think you'll need (for last min guests/your photographer on the day).

The Details

Not everything here will be relevant but have a peruse
and see what extra information you could provide to your guests.
In my experience as a guest, *more is more!*

- Logistics; parking / transport / directions / map
- Reception start & end time
- Local accommodation / if you have reserved rooms at your venue
- Arrival time (usually 30-60 mins before the ceremony)
- Order of the day (not essential but handy for guests)
- How to RSVP & send dietary requirements
- Pre / post wedding events
- Children or no children - be clear with this one
- Dress code specifics / will there be a cloakroom?
- Local taxi numbers
- Contact number for any issues on the wedding day
- Gift / registry information

*TIP: Check the venue address is correct in Google Maps before giving it to your guests.
Adding signage near the venue is always helpful too!*



Did you know RSVP is a French abbreviation?
'Répondez, s'il vous plaît' translates to 'Respond, if you please'.

There are 3 main ways for you to receive guests' RSVPs; via post, online or phone.

Always set your RSVP deadline around 4-6 weeks before your wedding.
(You need time to chase stragglers, create a table plan and let your caterers know details).

No matter how you choose to receive them, bear in mind
that people have busy lives and need clear, easy instructions.

MODERN WAYS

Include a section on your invite or details card letting your guests know how to RSVP.
You can:

- Create a wedding website with an RSVP section
e.g. www.withjoy.com/theparkerwedding24 (other popular sites include sayi.do / [theknot](http://theknot.com))
- Create a new email address and ask people to email you
e.g. parkerwedding@gmail.com
- Supply a number and ask to be contacted by phone/Whatsapp

THE TRADITIONAL WAY

Include a physical, separate RSVP card which guests return to you by post.
(Always include an addressed, pre-stamped envelope too).

e.g.

Will you be joining us?

We kindly request your reply by 28th April 2023

Guest Name(s): _____

☐ happily accepts

☐ sadly declines

Meal Preference: Meat ☐ Vegetarian ☐

Dessert: Chocolate Tort ☐ Pavlova ☐

Gifts

I understand it can sometimes feel tricky to word this part, especially if you'd like cash! Find some handy phrases below...

Firstly, it's important to remind guests that they are important to you and your main priority is that they attend your celebration.

If you do request money, then explaining what it will be used towards is a nice touch and makes the gifting feel more personal. E.g. home improvements, a honeymoon etc.

Remember to provide an area at your reception for cards and gifts, and don't forget to send a personal thank you note within 8 weeks of the wedding!

EXAMPLES

- Please do not feel obliged to buy us a gift, all that we are expecting is you. If you would still like to give us something, a contribution towards our honeymoon would be very appreciated.
- Your attendance will be special enough, but should you particularly wish to buy us a gift and would like some ideas, please see our list with [insert website here].
- As we've lived together for a while, we don't really need anything new. However, if you wish to give a gift, we would absolutely love a small contribution towards our house renovations. Thank you!
- All we really want for our wedding day is for you to be there to celebrate with us, but if you'd like to give us a present, we have a gift list at [insert here]. Our gift list reference is our surname.
- If you were thinking of something to help us on our way, a gift of money towards our honeymoon would really make our day, however if you would prefer a present, please feel free to surprise us in your own special way.

How to order

I hope you've found this guide useful! As mentioned, this is just a starting point. Remember that as long as the essential information is covered, you can be as creative as you like with design and wording. Make it personal to you!

If you'd like me to help you create your wedding invitations, you can choose between my;

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One of a kind design including Amy's illustrations & calligraphy

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Love,

Amy

