



## 7 WEDDING COST CUTTERS FROM BLACK BRIDAL BLISS

(SAVE MORE THAN \$10,000 BY INCORPORATING THESE TIPS INTO YOUR WEDDING PLANNING.)

**1 - Nix bridal party** Bouquets, boutonnieres and thank-you gifts can cost thousands when including bridesmaids, flowers girls, ring bearers, groomsmen, etc. in their nuptials. Don't fret about missing sentimental moments – your true blue amigos will still support you whether they're officially labeled a “bridesmaid” or not.

**AMOUNT SAVED: \$1,500**

**2 - Skip engagement session** Yes, they're fun and give you a chance to dress up during an exciting photo shoot. But chances are you guys already have dozens of cute pics together. There's not just the photographer's fee but also hair, make-up and possibly new clothing purchases.

**AMOUNT SAVED: \$1,200**

**3 - Serve only cocktails during cocktail hour** That's right; ditch the predictable serving of a massive amount of appetizers for the sixty minutes between your ceremony and reception. Guests may not even notice.

**AMOUNT SAVED: \$2,000**

**4 - Bypass Bentley** ...Or the Rolls Royce. Or stretch limos. If your ceremony and reception take place in same venue (which is another cost-saver), the need for fancy transportation lessens anyway. A simple yet sleek black SUV or luxury car rental will do the trick and cause a lot less damage to your bank account.

**AMOUNT SAVED: \$2,000**

**5 - Forgo programs, favors and save the dates** Lose 'em all. Many guests don't actually read their programs. Favors are a nice touch, but often guests forget take them. Consider a digital save the date instead of the traditional snail mail variety.

**AMOUNT SAVED: \$1,500**

**6 - Sip specialty cocktails** Limit guests to one or two specialty cocktails instead of having a full top-shelf open bar. You will get more bang for your buck and the creative drink names become conversation starters.

**AMOUNT SAVED: \$3,500**

**7 - Get married when most aren't** Marrying off-season is a great way to save since 70% of weddings take place between May and October. Another huge cost-cutter is jumping the broom any day *other than* Saturday.

**AMOUNT SAVED: \$5,000**