

Sally's unapologetic rant about all the crap you don't need to buy.

Some of this is aimed at DIY'ers as a lot of this comes as standard when you book packages at venues, but even then some things are optional extras.

What you do need is really simple.

A celebrant – or it's not a wedding.

A photographer – because they will be better than your cousin's iPhone and photographers know a lot of stuff about weddings. Ask them lots of questions.

People you love – because they are who will make the memories for you, not clothes or flowers or cakes or vintage cars.

What you don't need that just makes everything more expensive.

Bridesmaid/Groomsmen proposal boxes – FFS it's a huge honour to be in someone's wedding party. Do not throw money at monogrammed socks, bathrobes, soaps, coat hangers, make-up bags, pens, shaving kits or confectionary. You and your crew are still going to have a fab time without this stuff.

Charger Plates – a plate to put your plate on? Who made that a thing? If you've ever been in a Facebook wedding group you see a lot of people trying to sell off their kit after the day has been and gone. If you must buy them, source them second hand.

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Wedding signs – while a seating chart is useful, place cards will do the same job. If your friends aren't smart enough to find the loo or the bar without a sign directing them to the correct area how do they function in society?

“Welcome to the wedding of Bill and Fred, February 29, 2024”. Really? So the people rocking up on your big day aren't sure who is actually getting married and what day it is? Or is it that they won't feel welcome if they haven't seen a welcome sign. Signage is one of my pet peeves, can you tell?

Matching bows on all the chairs (to match the linen napkins that match the charger plates). Venues will have bows and napkins, I understand that, but if you're having the ceremony in a park and the reception at home, it's another one of those things that strike me as a bit over the top.

If you're doing your own styling, buy a few metres of linen (and it doesn't have to be real, expensive linen just some sort of open weave fabric), tear it into squares and fray the raw edges a bit more so it all looks deliberate and voila! Beautiful rustic boho linen napkins. I have a few good sources for bulk fabrics if you'd like to message me about it.

If you doubt my wisdom talk to your grandparents. Ask them what they remember about their own wedding and I guarantee it will be how they felt and who was there; not what colour the candles on the main table were.

Some things to think about.

- Are you having attendants (the wedding party)
- How are you going to make your entrances
- Do you want your photographer to capture a "first look"
- Are you going to be escorted by someone
- Poems or readings for the ceremony (song lyrics can be very useful)
- Music for the ceremony
- Music for before the ceremony while the guests arrive
- Things you've seen at other weddings you want to avoid
- Things you've seen that you think are cool
- How far outside the square? The legal bits need to be done in the stipulated order, but NOTHING else is compulsory
- PLEASE DON'T WASTE YOUR MONEY ON PARTY FAVOURS. 75% of people forget to take them home.

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**SALLY-ANN INCORPORATED THEMES
BASED ON MY NOW WIFE AND I SHARED
INTERESTS AND HOBBIES WHICH MADE
THE WEDDING EVEN MORE
PERSONALISED AND SPECIAL.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND HELP
ON OUR WEDDING. WE APPRECIATE IT!
(SARAH S)**



**WOW - AMAZING. I REALLY APPRECIATE
THE EFFORT, CARE AND ENORMOUS
ATTENTION TO OUR LITTLE DETAILS.
SUCH A LOVELY SCRIPT! WE WILL
ABSOLUTELY LOVE IT ON THE DAY
(RAF L)**



**I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND SALLY TO
ANYONE SEEKING A TRULY UNIQUE AND
PROFESSIONAL CELEBRANT WHO WILL
WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO CREATE AN
UNFORGETTABLE CUSTOM WEDDING
SERVICE.
(ROB R)**

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