

# Before the Wedding

## Save the date card

A card which announces your wedding date.

**What is it for?** To ask your guests to keep the date of your wedding free. These are particularly useful if your wedding is on a busy summer Saturday, a Bank Holiday, a weekday or you are having a destination wedding. It gives people ample time to organise their calendars.

**Do we need it?** Optional, but it is useful for your guests.

## Wedding invitation

An card inviting guests to your wedding, usually to the marriage ceremony and reception.

**What is it for?** To ask guests to your wedding. A physical invitation is appropriate here. It also makes a personal keepsake for family and friends.

**Do we need it?** Yes

## Evening only invitation

A card inviting guests to your evening reception only.

**What is it for?** If you are inviting extra guests to the evening reception, they need a physical invitation. This also avoids any embarrassing confusion over who is invited to what part of the wedding.

**Do we need it?** Yes

## RSVP card with return address

A card enclosed with your invitation asking your guests to confirm their attendance at your wedding. It is returned to you.

**What is it for?** These prompt a quick response from your guests. You can add extras such as songs for the DJ, menu choices etc. They also provide you with a physical record of your attendees.

**Do we need it?** Optional but preferred, and is useful for keeping track of attendees.

## Guest information card

A card enclosed with your invitation which gives helpful information to your guests.

**What is it for?** To give your guests as much information as possible about the wedding day. It makes it easy for them to book hotels, taxis etc. You can also use them to specify a dress code or child 'policy' if you have one, and share your wedding gift preferences.

**Do we need it?** Optional but preferred, and it is useful for your guests.

## Small gift list card

A small card enclosed with your invitation outlining your wedding gift preferences.

**What is it for?** As it is seen as impolite to mention wedding gifts on the actual invitation, the details of any gift list, or alternative wedding present ideas can be written on this little card.

**Do we need it?** Optional, but it is polite and useful for your guests.

## Decorative Extras

Choices of: Wraps and wax Seals, ribbon bundles, Tassels and/or 'Belly Bands'

**What is it for?** To make your invitation as amazing as possible!

Wraps, ribbon bundles and belly bands keep your separate enclosure cards e.g invite, RSVP and information cards, altogether. It creates a stunning packaged effect.

**Do we need it?** Optional, but so pretty!