

## *ELEVEN WEDDING TIPS*

**HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO ENSURE YOU ENJOY YOUR BIG DAY WITHOUT STRESS!**

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**Tip 1: Get a Wedding Planning Binder - it will help you keep things organised and it will become a beautiful keepsake later.**

**Tip 2: When getting your dress altered, make sure you can sit in it before it is made smaller.**

**Tip 3: If you can't decide on bonbonnières, donate the amount you would have spent to charity - The Starlight Foundation and RSPCA even print cards for your guests so they know it's gone to a good cause.**

**Tip 4: The easiest way to go to the toilet in a wedding gown is to sit on the toilet backward. Facing the wall. Weird!**

**Tip 5: If your venue doesn't allow paper or plastic confetti, ask if flower petal or leaf confetti is allowed - they are made from hole punching real flowers and leaves.**

**Tip 6: Use the Reading part of the ceremony to include a close friend or family member whom you were unable to include in any other way. They will treasure the fact that you asked them.**

**Tip 7: Make sure you and your photographer allow time for night shots if the location allows for it. Also, if it's raining, get photos in the rain -it's amazing what photographers can do with lighting and rain drops.**

**Tip 8: Decide who your witnesses for the ceremony will be and make sure they are aware. They need to be over 18 years old, and you need to provide their full names with correct spelling to your celebrant for the marriage documents. Traditionally it is the Maid of Honour and Best Man, but if you have decided to include someone else, make sure to discuss with your MOH or BM so there's no awkwardness on the day, as they may have assumed they would be signing.**

**Tip 9: If you've purchased suits, make sure to cut the thread on the flaps on the back - it will give you a nicer silhouette and allow you to sit more easily.**

**Tip 10: Allocate someone to welcome guests as they arrive at the ceremony and explain the seating plan (many people don't know if they are allowed to sit if seats haven't been specifically allocated), and ensure all of the important people are there before you walk down the aisle.**

**Tip 11: The Certificate you receive at your ceremony is not your legal marriage certificate, and you can't change your name with it. Keep in mind that the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages can take 4-6 weeks to send out your legal marriage certificate.**