



## How to Create Your Own Wedding Album

Photographer's wedding albums are very expensive and often leave out many photos of your wedding. Make your own personalized, inexpensive album.

Instructions:

### Step 1

Choose whether you'll hire a photographer or only use photographs from family and friends.

### Step 2

Assemble mementos such as your guest list, gift registry list, the list of gifts you received, paperwork about the flowers and dress, passages you've chosen for the ceremony and other items you can place in your album.

### Step 3

Keep two copies of your wedding invitation. Plan to use one on the cover and the other inside.

### Step 4

Keep your place cards from the reception, a copy of your wedding program, your announcement in the newspaper, the papers you wrote your personalized vows on and a copy of the lyrics of the song you danced to together. Save all of the cards you receive on your wedding day in case you'd like to include a few.

### Step 5

Obtain photographs from friends and family.

### Step 6

Purchase proofs from your photographer. Proofs are small 3-by-5-inch photos you're supposed to use to choose the photos you want blown up.

#### Step 7

Select a few special photos to blow up, and use the proofs in your album. This way you can include every single photo that was taken, if you wish, and save a lot of money.

#### Step 8

Purchase a large album or scrapbook that will hold many items on a page. Make sure you use high-quality materials so it will last, and be sure that everything is acid-free.

#### Step 9

Arrange your photographs and mementos in any order you like. Consider decorating the margins of the pages with drawings or cutouts.

#### Step 10

Create a special cover for your album. When the wedding dress is altered you can ask for the material that's removed and use that to decorate the cover. Lace also enhances a wedding album cover.

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