

Do-It-Yourself and Save Cash with Microsoft Office 2008 for the Mac!

In today's tough economic times, brides everywhere are finding fresh, creative ways to cut hundreds of dollars from their wedding budgets -- from dreaming up inexpensive wedding favors, to arranging their own floral bouquets. In fact, new figures from the Wedding Report reveal that approximately two-thirds of brides are cutting back on their wedding planning budgets due to the economy.

But arranging flowers isn't the only way to save money on your wedding -- did you know you can create save-the-dates, wedding invitations, reception place cards, guest lists, bridal budget trackers, wedding favors, and more with Office 2008 for the Mac? At a fraction of the cost to have them professionally made, Microsoft's step-by-step DIY instructions are helping budget-conscious brides create elegant and affordable wedding materials without the high price tag*. Check out <http://www.artoffice.com/> for some creative examples and tip sheets to help you get started. None of your guests will be the wiser!



In addition to helping you create inexpensive wedding materials, Microsoft is running an "Office for Mac DIY Wedding Contest" for all brides-to-be on top DIY site WeddingBee.com, with a grand prize package that will help fund and design the most memorable day of their life. The winning bride will receive:

- \$1,000
- A New MacBook
- Office 2008 for Mac Software

The contest runs through Friday, May 8, and winners will be chosen at random. Simply comment below the blog posting to enter and tell WeddingBee.com why you deserve to win. And even for those brides that don't take home the grand prize, it's a great time to purchase the software to create their own wedding assets, as shoppers purchasing a new Mac can save 50% on Office 2008 for Mac Special Media Edition and save 10% on Office 2008 for Mac Home & Student Edition through June. Or, you can win a copy of Office 2008 for the Mac through your favorite bridal magazine, *Bride & Groom!*

For spring savings information, visit Mactopia: <http://www.microsoft.com/mac/default.mspc>.

*Data from the 2008 Wedding Report averages the cost of these materials at \$800.