

What's Your...

# Wedding Planning HOT Button?

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You've been dreaming about your wedding day since you were five...



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COLLECTING MAGAZINE PHOTOS FOR IT SINCE YOU WERE SEVEN, AND NOW THE BIG DAY IS ON THE HORIZON. AS YOU PUT TOGETHER ALL THE PLANS, WHAT'S YOUR WEDDING **HOT** BUTTON?

**Dress Darling.** Your dress is your main gig for your big day. You don't care if your reception flops and it pours rain, as long as you have the perfect dress! You know what kind of fabric, lace, and style you want down to the number of sequins and you won't settle for less. You've taken your mom to 21 bridal shops where you've tried on 123 dresses and bingo, you've finally found one to rival any gown out there. You're definitely a *Dress Darling!*

**Flower Finesser.** You've loved flowers since you were three, planted them with your grandma in her garden, attended every garden walk in your city for ten years in a row, and kept all the photos in an album for reference. Your wedding bouquet and flowers will be colorful, over-the-top blooms of beautiful abundance and everyone will say they are so very you. You're definitely a *Flower Finesser!*

**Cake Contessa.** You wouldn't think of hiring Mrs. Duncan Hines to bake your wedding cake! You want your cake as high as the Leaning Tower of Pisa and as artful and colorful as one of Monet's best paintings, and you'll pay beaucoup bucks to get it. Think luscious Snicker bar filling, sweet butter cream icing, and a cake topper to die for. At your ten-year wedding anniversary party you want your bridesmaids to say, "Remember that awesome wedding cake you guys had?!" You're definitely a *Cake Contessa!*

**Catering Queen.** You've been cooking and setting artful dining tables with your mom since you were a girl and have been to every

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restaurant this side of the Mississippi, not to mention every bistro in the Midwest. You love good food and a beautiful presentation, and you want your catered meal to rival that of a five star chef who can also present it like a Four Seasons Restaurant. You're definitely a *Catering Queen!*

**Music Maven.** Move over, Elvis, because the Music Maven is in town! You've made a list of every song at every wedding you've ever attended and recorded them in a little black book to help you choose your music for your own big day. You've searched the internet for just the right lyrics so your fiancé will know he's the prince you've been waiting for your whole life. You're definitely a *Music Maven!*

**Bridesmaid Babe.** You've asked every playmate and girlfriend since you were in preschool to be one of your bridesmaids and they've all said yes. Now you've got

a bridesmaid lineup like a chorus line and you're tickled pink to take them shopping for a dress and matching parasol that you just know they really will wear and use again! You're definitely a *Bridesmaid Babe!*

**Honeymoon Honey.** Forget the mile-long wedding dress train, flowers that might wilt, and a wedding cake that could topple in the heat, because what you're really looking forward to is the honeymoon. You've been traveling since you were old enough to say "airplane," collecting brochures for your honeymoon since you were six, and storing them in a shoebox in alphabetical order. You're your very own travel planning service, and you and your groom are off to the Amazon Rain Forest followed by a stint in Cairo. You're definitely a *Honeymoon Honey.*

**Hair Heiress.** Attending bridal hair

shows with your Auntie the hairdresser since you were a teen has been your hobby; your girlfriends don't call you "Betty Bouffant" for nothing! Now's your chance to show off what you've learned. You've got a silky brunette French Roll up your sleeve with curling blonde tendrils framing your sweet face and your favorite flowers woven in with diamond hair clips. You're definitely a *Hair Heiress.*

**Shoe Sugar.** As long as you get to wear your favorite white shoes (which you think of as art and not something to house your tootsies), you'll be a blushing bride on your wedding day. You've been shoe shopping since you were old enough to pronounce "stiletto," and since your shoe collection rivals that of a department store shoe department, you know you'll come up with the perfect pair for your big day. You're definitely a *Shoe Sugar.*

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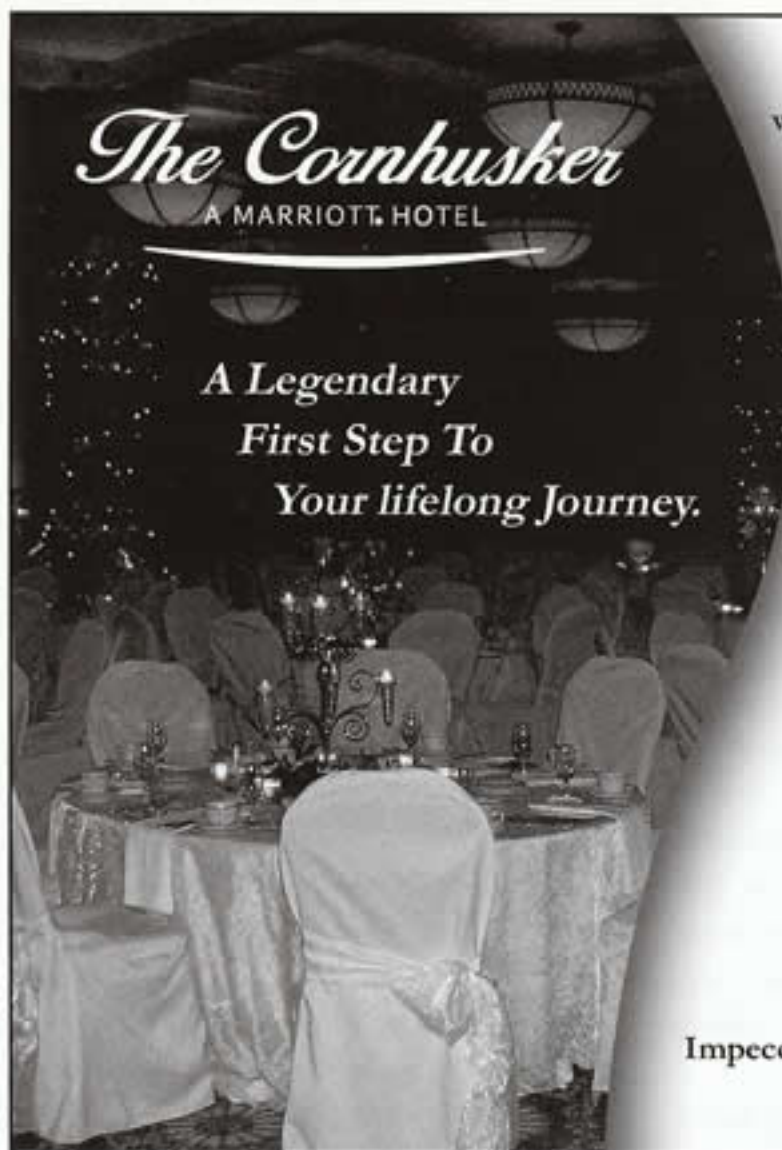
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**Video Vixen.** Forget photographs for your big day – you've found a videographer who's going to create a movie production to rival *Gone With the Wind* using your wedding as the stage. Think sound effects, steamy kissing scenes with your groom, and up close and personal shots of your fun-loving guests. You're definitely a *Video Vixen*.

**Decorating Diva.** When prom time rolled around, you were the girl who beautifully decorated the entire dance floor single-handedly. Now you're using your decorating skills for your big wedding day and you can't wait to show what you're made of. Look out, Martha Stewart – the ice sculpture gal is in town. You're definitely a *Decorating Diva*.

**Color Cookie.** You've been experimenting with color crayons and paints since you were three and you love bright colors with a passion. No boring silver at your wedding – you're going to bring vibrant pink, bold orange and dark purple to every part of your wedding celebration, and you'll do it with style and flair. You're definitely a *Color Cookie*.

**Photo Feline.** You think gorgeous wedding photos are the cat's meow, so you've interviewed every wedding photographer this side of the Rockies and have invested in five couture wedding albums. You'll be showing your grandchildren your wedding photos at every holiday dinner by the time they can say the word "picture." You're definitely a *Photo Feline*.

Now that you know your personal "Wedding Planning HOT Button," you'll be sure to add even more personality and zest to your wedding plans and liven up your special day! 

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