

# MOTHER OF THE BRIDE CHEAT SHEET

## Prewedding

- Host an engagement party (bride's family traditionally gets the first opportunity)
- Help couple decide on sites and/or make other big planning decisions
- Usually contributes to wedding budget
- Help bride put together family's guest list
- Offer suggestions for special family or ethnic ceremony traditions
- May help bride shop for her wedding gown
- Chooses own wedding-day outfit (may consult with mother of the groom about formality)
- Along with maid of honor and bridesmaids, may plan and host a shower
- On wedding day, help bride get ready
- May accompany daughter and husband to ceremony

## At ceremony

- Are escorted by an usher (sometimes your son or husband) to your seat directly before the cer-

emony begins, if it's a Christian ceremony; in a Jewish ceremony, walk in procession with your daughter and husband and stand underneath huppah

- Walk in recessional with your husband if it's a Jewish wedding; in a Christian wedding, are escorted out after wedding party

## At reception

- Greet guests in receiving line
- May be announced with your husband
- Sit in an honored place at parents' table
- May help coordinate vendors

## Postwedding

- May host a post-wedding brunch

## Other \_\_\_\_\_

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# FATHER OF THE BRIDE CHEAT SHEET

## Prewedding

- Along with your wife, host engagement party
- Contribute to the wedding budget
- Help couple decide on sites and/or make other big planning decisions
- May help choose hotel for out-of-town guests and reserve a block of reduced-rate rooms, create maps to be included with invitations, or anything else couple asks for help with
- Rent your own formalwear (talk with couple if you're to coordinate with wedding party)
- Help pick up out-of-town guests from the airport; may also arrange transportation to and from the wedding (vans, bus, and so on)
- Typically travel to ceremony with bride

## At ceremony

- May escort your wife to her seat directly before a Christian ceremony begins; walk your daughter down the aisle in a Christian ceremony; in a Jewish wedding, walk with your daughter and wife and stand under huppah

- Walk in recessional with your wife in a Jewish wedding; in a Christian wedding, escort mother of the bride out after wedding party

## At reception

- Greet guests in receiving line
- May be announced with your wife
- May make a welcoming speech
- Sit in an honored place at parents' table
- Toast the newlyweds after best man makes his speech and groom responds
- Do father-daughter dance with bride
- May take care of vendor balances at the end of the reception

## Postwedding

- With wife, may host a postwedding brunch

## Other \_\_\_\_\_

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