

Although one mother-of-the-bride told her future son-in-law, “You only have one job: show up on time,” grooms have a few more duties on their list.



Select the engagement ring – although now-a-days brides may also be involved in choosing the engagement ring.

- Choosing his wedding party: best man, groomsmen and ushers
- Choosing the attire for the groom's wedding party – in keeping with the style of the wedding
- Selecting thank-you gifts for his wedding party
- Arranging – and paying for – lodging for his wedding party
- Selecting a gift for the bride
- Compiling the groom's part of the guest list and making sure that his parents provide their guest list.
- Planning the honeymoon – Today, this is more of a joint venture
- Choosing wedding bands together
- Arranging for and purchasing the marriage license
- Making arrangements for transportation from the ceremony to the reception site, if necessary
- Planning the bachelor party or event (if applicable)
- Giving the ceremony officiant the fee or donation, or arranging for the best man to present such fees
- Standing in the receiving line, if there is one, or - with the bride – being sure to greet all the guests at the reception
- Making toasts and responding to toasts at the rehearsal dinner and the reception
- Dancing the first dance with the bride, dancing with the couple's respective mothers and the maid/matron of honor
- Cutting the cake with the bride

