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How to Make Emily Post Proud

*Wedding invitation etiquette
made simple!*

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If you're looking at your guest list and feeling the overwhelm,
you're in the right place!

There are many different ways to address an envelope while we take into account the marital status, living arrangements, title, etc. of your guests.

But guess what: this task doesn't have to feel so daunting!

That's where I come in! I'll show you how to address your guests in a way that make them feel seen and known, without making you pull your hair out in the process.

So, without any further ado, here are a few tips to help you avoid some common wedding etiquette snafus!

Let's get started!

Names



- Children and Plus Ones are implied by the names on the envelope. No need to specify “no children” on the invitation.
- For an unmarried couple who lives together, their names should be written on two separate lines.
- Adults who are not romantically involved but live together (i.e. roommates) should each receive their own invitation.
- Children over the age of 18 (still living at home) should each receive their own invitation.
- If you know who your invitee will bring as a guest, write their name on the invitation instead of “and guest.”

Titles

- When addressing a married couple with the same last name, address them as “Mr. and Mrs.” followed by the husband’s first and last name.
- If a wife is a doctor, her full name comes first (“Doctor Lauren and Mr. Tyler Smith”). If the husband is a doctor, it should appear as “Doctor and Mrs.”. If both are doctors, “Doctors Tyler and Lauren Smith”.
- A single woman (unless she’s a doctor) should be addressed as Ms. If she is under 21, use Miss.



Details

- Registry information should not be provided on the invitation.
- You can take your envelopes to the post-office and request that they be hand-canceled. Hand-canceling prevents damage caused by the machines that print bar codes on your beautiful invitation.
- While “Mr.” and “Mrs.” are abbreviated, “Street”, “Post Office Box”, “Apartment” and numbers smaller than 20 should be written out in full.



Timing

- Save the dates are typically sent out 3-4 months prior to the event.
- The address on a wedding invitation should be hand-written and sent out 6-8 weeks prior to the event.
- Treat your Thank-You notes with a sense of urgency. Send them within two weeks of receiving your gift from a shower. Thankfully, you have 6 months for wedding gifts.



Well, friend, I hope this free guide to wedding invitations makes you feel 100% more confident in your journey towards tackling your wedding tasks and throwing the party of your dreams.

You deserve the absolute best, so don't be a stranger! I'd love to continue helping and serving you along the way.

Here's how you can connect with me!



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