

Before You Begin . . .

You go, girlfriend! You are the chosen one – the one that the Bride has entrusted with assisting her with the wedding of the century (at least in her mind!) By the time the wedding is over, you will be a planner, an organizer, a referee, a weight-loss consultant, a therapist, a counselor, a day laborer, and a gopher - all in the name of the perfect wedding.

We are all adults here – so I can mention that sometimes the Maid of Honor is a thankless job. It can also be very stressful on a friendship. So how do you help her get everything she wants, make the day all about her, and not want to go running for the hills?

Easy! This Guide will help you know your job, when to speak up, and when to hide your head in the sand and hope for the best. Consider yourself the Bride's personal assistant. If this doesn't sound enjoyable to you, you may want to reconsider accepting. The Bride needs a good right-hand woman and she has chosen YOU! What an honor! So strap on those stiletto heels, some armor, and a good attitude because you're going to need it. Good luck and have fun!

Maid vs. Matron

So what's the difference between a Maid of Honor and a Matron of Honor? Easy; a Maid is unmarried while the Matron is married. You are starting to see both these days because it isn't

uncommon for a Bride to have two honor attendants. So, if you are the Matron, it isn't a cut-down. It just means you are already happy in love!