

**18. TUXEDOS – CHEAT SHEET**

	Notes
<b>Tips For Shopping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Take your time to find the style that all the groomsmen and best man like and that works best with the bridal party's attire. Just as with the gowns, you can get a good idea of available styles by looking at bridal magazines.</li> <li>➤ To find a tuxedo rental shop, you might have a family member or friend that was recently married who could provide you with a good recommendation. If not, you can always check your local yellow pages or conduct research online. When renting tuxedos, you want the nicest quality possible without spending a fortune since it will just be worn one time.</li> <li>➤ It is important that you not wait until the last minute to start shopping for the tuxedos, especially if you were planning a summertime wedding when many couples are being wed. Therefore, start your search a minimum of six months from the wedding date and work with just one company for all of your tuxedo needs.</li> <li>➤ The reason is that renting from more than one shop puts you at risk of having variation in style and colour, even if the two shops say the tuxedos are identical. You can be sure they may look similar but upon closer examination, you will see differences. On average, a tuxedo will run anywhere from \$50 to \$300, depending on the style.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuxedo Styles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Double-Breasted.</li> <li>➤ Cummerbund.</li> <li>➤ Lay-Down Formal Shirt.</li> <li>➤ Notch Lapel.</li> <li>➤ Peak Lapel.</li> <li>➤ Shawl Lapel.</li> <li>➤ Single-Breasted.</li> <li>➤ If you were planning an ultra conservative and formal wedding, you could go with a White Tie Tuxedo.</li> <li>➤ The Black Tie Tuxedo can also be worn for formal weddings but has a less elegant appearance.</li> <li>➤ Just be sure all the groomsmen agree so everyone is happy with the final choice.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuxedo Fitting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Typically, the best man will take over responsibility for rounding up all the groomsmen and getting them to the tuxedo shop at the same time.</li> <li>➤ After the tuxedos are rented, one or more of the groomsmen may need a little alteration done. If so, the best man is again responsible for ensuring this is done.</li> <li>➤ The groomsmen and the best man also want to match the cummerbund or shirt, coordinating with the style of the groom as well as the colour and theme of the wedding. While the tuxedo rental shop will carry the cummerbund, you can probably save money by having the men all buy their shirts at a local department store. These are generally less than \$20 each and can be worn again after the wedding.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In addition to the best man and groomsmen wearing the same shoes and tuxedos, if the wedding is formal, then the fathers and the ring bearer should match. Although it is not required, if there are grandfathers attending the wedding and again, if the wedding is very formal, it would be considered an honour to have them in tuxedos as well.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Now, sometimes, couples have friends or family members that come from out of town to be in the wedding. For this situation, you can have them visit a tailor where they live and then provide the measurements to you. When the best man takes the other groomsmen to rent tuxedos, he can give the tailor at the tuxedo rental shop those measurements to set aside the extra tuxedo. Just make sure you have the measurements for the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pant waist.</li> <li>○ Pant length.</li> <li>○ Shirt neck size.</li> <li>○ Sleeve length.</li> <li>○ Jacket length.</li> <li>○ Jacket size.</li> <li>○ Shoe size.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Shoes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As with the maid of honour and bridesmaids, as long as the shoes are all the same colour or similar colour, finish and style, they do not have to be identical, unless you want them to be. For instance, if you or the groomsmen are on a budget, they might be able to use dress shoes they already have as long as they meet the criteria you set.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ However, keep in mind that if they need to get shoes, they can also rent these from the tuxedo shop for a very affordable price. That way, you know that each person will be wearing the exact same shoe. For the shoe rental, you can expect to pay as little as \$20.</li> </ul>



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