

Bridal Registry – Reference Guide

BASIC TERMS

a cappella (italics)

aisle

altar

Biedermeier

bridal

bridesmaids' luncheon

buttercream frosting

cakes – “tiered” if more than 1 layer

champagne (NOT Champaign)

complement (bring to perfection)

compliment (expression of praise)

double-ring

double-decker bus

Dr. and Rev. (Don't use “THE” before)

fairy-tale

Father, not Fr.

flautist

flower girl

hors d'oeuvres

ganache

great-grandmother (hyphenate all forms)

groomsman/groomsmen

maid of honor

Monsignor (Catholic Priest – use only this title when used.) “Msgr.”

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith Jr. (no comma)

Ms.

oceanfront

petit four

ring bearer

sacrament of holy matrimony

second line

sixpence

The Old Capitol Inn

The Capital Club of Jackson

The couple resides

The couple is at home

The Very Reverend

CLOTHING

A-line

agata (type of beading)

Alençon lace (option + c for symbol)

ball gown

basque waistline (a cap B is a city)

Battenburg lace

bateau neckline

Belgian lace

Biedermeier

bobbinet

brooch

bustline

cathedral-length

chapel-length

Chantilly lace

crepe-backed

crisscross

crocheted lace

cummerbund

dropped waistline

duchess

dupioni shantung

fingertip-length

flared NOT flaired

Godarvi Dupion silk

godet

hand-beaded

handmade

hand-sewn

hand-tatted

hemline

illusion veil (not veil of illusion)

lamore satin

l'amour

lamé silk

Lhuillier, Monique

pavé

peau de soie

peplum

pick-ups

point d'esprit lace

portrait neckline

princess waistline

redesigned

redingote

re-embroidered lace

ruched

sabrina neckline

schiffli embroidery or lace

shantung

sheath

tricotine

Valenciennes lace

V-neckline

soutache

Swarovski

FLOWERS

boutonnieres

hand-tied

tussie-mussie

tussie-mussies

Capitalize only specific breeds:

Akito white (rose)

alstroemeria

American Beauty

aspidistra

bells of Ireland

bridal rose

bupleurum

calla lilies or calla lily

Carnaval

Casablanca lilies

cattaleya

Cool Water (rose)

chrysanthemums

Cymbidium orchid

Dendrobium orchid

Eskimo

Freesia or Freesias (pl.)

Gerbera daisies (not Gerber)

gladiola (sing.) galadioli (plural)

hydrangea or hydrangeas

hypericum berries

Konfetti

larkspur or larkspurs

Leonidas Rose

lily of the valley

lisianthus

long stem or long stemmed

lysimachia

Mokara orchid

Mona Lisa roses

oriental lilies or poppies

phalaenopsis

pittosporum

Porcelana

porcelain (roses)

Queen Anne's lace

ranunculus or ranunculuses

ranunculaceous

seloum

solidago

star-of-Bethlehem (a cap S is the biblical reference)

Stargazer lily

stephanotis

Tropicana

Tweedia

Vendela

viburnum

Vogue

NOTES

When a compound modifier (two or more words that express a single concept) precedes a noun, use hyphens to link all the words in the compound except adverbs that end in "ly." (i.e. bluish-green dress or asymmetrically draped bodice)

Don't indicate the state of Mississippi after towns that are in Mississippi.
Spell out the names of other states after the city. Do not use postal abbreviations.

Use an apostrophe in bachelor's degree

When a couple's name is listed together, the female's name goes first and the male's name goes next to the surname. (Melanie and Locke Ward NOT Locke and Melanie Ward)

Dates – write out the entire wedding date. (Not the 5th of July, should be July 5, 2008,)

Do not put commas in the dress descriptions.

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