Bridal Customs
(Who Pays For What?)

Pre wedding Parties
* Bride or groom’s family plans and hosts engagement party;
  if there is more than one, bride’s family hosts the first one.
* Groom’s family plans and hosts the rehearsal dinner.
* Bride plans and hosts bridesmaids’ luncheon.
* Groom hosts and plans bachelors’ dinner.
* Maid of honor and bridesmaids host shower.
* Best man and ushers host bachelor party.
* Friends may throw additional engagement parties or showers.

Ceremony
* Bride and family pay for church or synagogue, sexton, organist, etc.
* Groom and family pay for marriage license and officiant’s fee.

Rings
* Bride and/or her family pay for groom’s ring.
* Groom and/or his family pay for both of the bride’s rings.

Flowers
* Bride and family pay for arrangements for church and reception, plus bouquets and corsages for bridesmaids and flower girls.
* Groom and family pay for bride’s bouquet and going-away corsage, boutonnieres for men, and corsages for mothers and grandmothers.

Honeymoon
* Groom and family pay for complete honeymoon.

Photography
* Bride and family pay for all wedding photos and video.

Reception
* Bride and family pay for all professional services, including food, drink, decorations, and music.

Clothes
* Bride and family pay for bride’s dress, veil, accessories, and trousseau
* Groom and family pay for groom’s outfit.
* All attendants pay for their own clothing (including shoes).

Stationery
* Bride and family pay for invitations, announcements, and wedding programs.

Transportation
* Bride and family pay for wedding transportation of bridal party to and from ceremony and reception.