

## **A MATTER OF ORDER**

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**Angela** of Arranged by Angels, has delighted brides for many years with her beautiful arrangements, perfectly matched to the brides personal taste. A host of décor options including vases, candles, draping and fairy lights are available. Angela's work shows that every wedding can be unique.

"Years of experience has taught me that the single biggest mistake made by couples is to arrange the details for the wedding in the wrong order."

- The most important and first priority is to book a venue. Without this, you will just remain engaged and will not have a place and a time where and when you will be getting married. The venue also sets the ambience and tone of your wedding, whether it be a country venue or at a more formal hotel.
- The second thing to consider, in order of priority, is the wedding dress. Will it be elegant, romantic or a medieval themed dress? This further sets the style of the wedding.
- The third most important thing is the floral decorations, which should tie in with the colours and style of your venue and dress. Let me include a few of my experiences:

A Bride consulted me, rather late in her planning procedure, and informed me that her bridesmaids were in blue and her flower girls in yellow. However, her venue was the Bryanston Country Club and the reception room was decorated with red, green and pink striped wallpaper. Do you now put yellow and blue flowers into that room as a mismatch, or do you give the attendants pink and red flowers? This was simply due to the wrong sequence of organisation.

One another occasion a bride came to be wanting tulips for her wedding because they were already printed on her invitations. Unfortunately, she was getting married in December and tulips are only available in South Africa in the winter months. Again the wrong sequence of booking.

All the other things are really stand-alone items and can be booked later as they don't affect anything else. Such items are the music, photographer, videographer, cake (which must tie in with the flowers) and the invitations (which must tie in with the flowers, theme and colours).

It's really worthwhile getting a good venue and experienced specialists to make your big day really memorable. Good luck and enjoy the excitement of planning your beautiful wedding.