

Interview Guide
Wedding Preparation in Remarriages Study

1. When some people become engaged, the man proposes to the woman with a romantic dinner. Others may decide to get married after a series of conversations, but don't have what they feel is a "formal" type of proposal. Can you tell me how what the experience was like for you when you and your partner decided to get married?
2. Please describe your wedding day to me. Is there a particular memory or memento that stands out in your mind from that day? If "yes," can you tell me why it stands out for you?
3. How did you plan your wedding? How did you and your partner carry out all the different tasks?
 - a. How did you decide who did what?
 - b. What things were you in charge of (e.g., making sure it got done)?
 - c. Were there any special accommodations you had to make for others (e.g., relatives, divorced parents)?
 - d. How did you feel while doing the planning?
 - e. Were you surprised about anything your partner did during the planning (e.g., not wanting something or wanting to do something, such as a bachelor's party)?
4. In planning any event, there are always situations that involve give and take- some things may go the way you prefer and some things may go the way others prefer. Can you tell me about any situations (probes: planning the reception or ceremony, creating the guest list, deciding what to wear, etc.) where you and your partner had to do some negotiating with each other (or with others involved in the wedding)?
5. Now that your wedding is over, is there anything in the planning or about the day itself that you would have done differently? Please tell me about that.
6. (when applicable- for those who were previously married) Can you briefly tell me about your first wedding- what was it like, and what kind of planning did you do for it? (emphasize that the question is about the wedding, not the marriage)
7. Is there anything else you would like to add or ask?