Interview with Brittney 4/27/10:

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**I recently interviewed my friend Brittney on her wedding that took place last summer.  This interview page was her idea, so I thought it would be cool to interview her first.  Also, as some of you may know from reading my**[**blog**](http://weebly-link/51118415)**, I recently got engaged, and will have to plan a wedding at some point.  I thought this topic might help me out. =)**

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**Kabrisun89:**Well, first off, what kinds of things did you have to do to get ready for your wedding far in advance? Were there any things you had to do before that day that you didn't expect you would have to do?

**Brittney:**Well, obviously far in advance we had to do the basics. (where were we going to have the. Ceremony, reception, how many people to invite, then who to invite lol) we had premarital counseling too which we knew we would need to do. We kinda put it off last minute tho since we planned the wedding in about a month. Luckily my parents planned the food, and CJ & I picked out the cake. One thing i didn't really plan on was the pamphlet to give guests with everyones names in the ceremony. Stupidly I did them the night before and my bridesmaids helped fold them the morning of the wedding! But before hand there were a bunch of little things you don't think about. Like what colors you want the mothers to were, dresses for the girls, photographer and poses, The rehearsal dinner etc.

**Kabrisun89:**Wow, sounds like a lot to think about! Sounds like you had a lot of help though. What kinds of legal things do you have to do to get married? I know you have to get a marriage certificate, but how do you go about getting one?

**Brittney:**Well 2 weeks before the wedding we went to the courthouse and you go in and they take your social security numbers and other information and fill everything out for you except for the parts for the pastor. When you go in you can get married that day. It took about 45 minutes. Then the day of the wedding the couple signs the certificate and has witnesses sign along with the pastor. He fills out he date, time, place & other stuff. Then he will mail it in back to the courthouse and they certify everything in a week or so.

**Kabrisun89:**Awesome! Doesn't sound that complicated. So, about how much did you spend on the wedding total? What were the parts you spent the most money on?

**Brittney:**Oh my... Lol to be honest our wedding wasn't expensive. CJ and I are both cheap and we tire to as much as we possibly could on our own. Our cake was a gift, the photography was $300 (which was a steal! And my parents covered it) they also covered our food for the reception. My in-laws gave us the rehearsal dinner as a traditional gift. Cj payed for the pastor because that's traditionally done by the groom. I'm not sure the total of my ring lol. But it went over $400 I don't think. Um my dress was $416.09! Lol i remember because i payed for almost all if it but myself. The bridesmaids payed for there dresses they cost only $20 each. The boys rented their own tuxes. I bought the flower girl dress and ring bears tux. That cost around $80 total. ( they were communion clothes lol so it wasn't too much. I wanted them in white to match CJ and me) i bought all the decorations myself. Flowers, bouquets... My mom used to work at a floral shop in lagrange so she made the bows and bouquets andboutineers . I bought all the decorations pretty much for the reception. The center pieces I made, we bough sand and seashells and filled them up the day of the wedding. My mom bought the little candles for the tables those only cost around $10. We bought gifts for my bridesmaids and that only cost $30. Plus gifts for the ring bearer and flower girl that was around $20. I spent about $70 on my hair. $50 to get it styled and $20 on hairband, clips and veil. Oh our unity candle was $20, plus $6 on fake petals for the flower girl and for on the stage. But most of our major expenses were covered as gifts from our immediate family. CJ family oared for the cake and his grandma actually made it for us. The cake topper cost $12. Ummm... I'm sure there is mor elike my wedding day perfume, undergarments and stuff. Weddings end up being a ton of little things to make it a whole.

**Kabrisun89:**Where did you go to get your wedding dress, bridesmaids dresses, and flower girl/ring bearer outfits?

**Brittney:**My wedding dress came from a store in ft Wayne called wendy's bridal. The bridesmaids dresses came from debs in the glennbrook mall. And the flower girl/ring bearer outfits came from a western wear/ Hispanic store in sturgis, MI. I don't remember the name, but they were a catholic family run store so they had tones of beautiful communion clothes that were very affordable.

**Kabrisun89:**I've heard good things about Wendy's Bridal. That's where my mom got her wedding dress years ago. Do you have any advice about creating a guest list? I know there are some people I should invite to my wedding, but I'd rather them not be there. Did you have any dilemmas like that?

**Brittney:**Wendy's is amazing. They even offered to let me borrow a veil if I couldn't find one that i liked. (or one that i could afford loll)  Lol there are people you want to invite and people you don't. The way i looked at it was, would these people hold a grudge or is it mutual that we weren't or aren't that close to them.

**Kabrisun89:**Sounds difficult, and thats one part I'm not looking forward to dealing with. lol Well, I'm out of questions, Brittney.

**Check out Brittney's photography business called Peace, Love, & Photography by Brittney on it's [facebook page](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Center-Groton-CT/Peace-Love-Photography-By-Brittney-3/112692238760644).**