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CARMEN ELECTRA

# How to have a celebrity wedding for less!

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## the dress

**STAR SPLURGE:** Carmen Electra looked stunning in her \$25,000 strapless, beaded Badgley Mischka gown with hand-embroidered ivory silk when she walked down the aisle to marry rocker Dave Navarro last November.

**BARGAIN:** For around \$900, you can get the same look with an ivory silk charmeuse bias-cut gown with slender straps and Shirred back detail from Watters Brides, Watters.com.

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Every bride is the star of the show on her wedding day, but here are a few ways to look just as glamorous as Hollywood's most famous brides — without the million-dollar price tag!

## the jewelry

**STAR SPLURGE:** With the help of wedding planner Mindy Weiss, Tori Spelling went for a 1920s look for her recent wedding to Charlie Sheen. She borrowed two-carat platinum-and-diamond earrings and a platinum deco-style bracelet with 15 carats of diamonds from Neil Lane jewelry. Lane won't say, but insiders estimate the price of the two pieces to be more than \$3 million!



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**BARGAIN:** Emissions jewelry recreates the vintage look at a fraction of the price. Manolo's long art-deco pavé dangle drop CZ earrings made with sterling silver and Edwina's CZ are \$96, and the sterling art-deco bracelet is \$150. Emissions.com.



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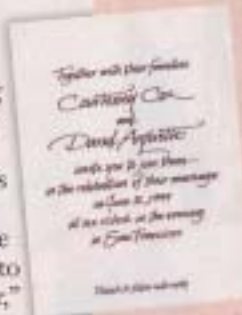
### the bouquet

**STAR SPLURGE:** Jessica Simpson's huge bouquet for her 2002 wedding to Nick Lachey was made up of stephanotis flowers by designer Mark Held of Mark's Gardens in Beverly Hills. "These flowers grow on a vine and it's very time-consuming to put a bouquet like this together," Held tells *In Touch*. "The bouquet is the centerpiece for most brides and it's important that it enhances the look of the dress." Jessica's flowers matched her lacy Vera Wang gown perfectly, but with more than 3,000 blossoms used to create the unique look, it was estimated to cost \$4,000! "Our wedding left us bankrupt," Jessica jokes.

**BARGAIN:** To get the same look for about \$250, Held recommends mixing stephanotis with roses and using ribbons as streamers instead of costly flowers.

## More saving secrets

**DRINKS** Celebrities often choose expensive Dom Perignon Champagne at \$100 a bottle. Save bundles by using Mionetto Prosecco sparkling wine (\$9-\$20 a bottle) and by creating a signature drink instead of offering an open bar. J. Lo's drink, the Something Blue, is made with 2 oz. HPNOTIQ liqueur, 1 oz. white wine and 1 oz. ginger ale.



**INVITATIONS** For her 1999 wedding, Courteney Cox chose elaborately engraved invitations that cost over \$5,000! As a budget alternative, try thermography, a form of printing that simulates the raised look of engraving but is much cheaper.

**SHOES** When Bachelorette Trista married Ryan Sutter, she wore Stuart Weitzman platinum-and-diamond-encrusted sandals estimated at \$50,000. "This was Trista's dream shoe," says Weitzman. He also sells an affordable crystal imitation called Brazen for \$375.



### the cake

**STAR SPLURGE:** Jennifer Lopez's cake, which fed 110 on the day of her nuptials with Marc Anthony, featured a custard cream with layers of chocolate — and it cost \$1,700! "It's made to look like the fishtail of her Vera Wang dress," says Jane Lockhart of Sweet Lady Jane in West Hollywood.

**BARGAIN:** If you want an expensive cake, wedding planners suggest getting a smaller version of it, along with an inexpensive sheet cake. This copy from Elegant Cheesecakes feeds 50 people and costs \$500. [Elegantcheesecakes.com](http://Elegantcheesecakes.com)



JENNIFER LOPEZ



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