

Her World Brides Feature: Bride on a Budget

Description

Can you hold a (budget) wedding without looking cheap?

The answer is, yes!

See what our wedding looked like in the exclusive 6-page feature in Her World Brides (September 2017 issue), where we share some sneaks into our wedding, as well as how we went about planning it on a budget. In addition, I was also asked to contribute an article specially for **Bride(s) on a Budget** and how you can hold your own dream wedding for a fraction of the costs (and most importantly, without looking cheap)!

You can find this on the cover story of the magazine: 7 smart ways to save.

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This issue also comes together with peeks into Jesseca Liu and Cheryl Wee's wedding, which are absolutely gorgeous as well. In our feature, I also open up for the first time about How I Met My Husband! You'll find exclusive photos of our wedding, including the morning tea ceremony and the lovely bridal silk "kua" I donned, which was the very same one my husband's mom got married in.



checklist

- VENUE**
Solemnisation and dinner: The Chapel @ Imaginarium (www.imaginarium.sg)
- WARDROBE**
Wedding and evening gowns: The Warehouse Bridal (www.thewarehousebridal.com); groom's suit: StitchWell Clothiers (6235-2326)
- HAIR & MAKEUP**
Joanna Tay of Team Bride SG (9005-2599)
- WEDDING DAY PHOTOGRAPHY**
Back Alley Creations (www.backalleycreations.sg)
- WEDDING DAY VIDEOGRAPHY**
Cepheus Chan (www.cepheus.me)
- DECOR**
Bouquet: Inside the Knot (www.insidetheknot.com); flowers: Floral Artisan (6853-1568)
- CATERER**
Manna Pot Catering (www.mannapot.com.sg)
- SPECIAL THANKS TO**
Our bridal entourage, Belicia from Manna Pot Catering for coordinating such a massive set-up, The Warehouse Bridal for rushing my evening gown, My Baking Story for the wedding cake, Jovial Photography for covering the banquet, and Zake Photography for the wedding video.



10&12 The colour theme channelled elegance and added a contemporary European touch. **11** The buffet **12** was limited by an **11** office **12** introduction. **12** The couple designed the **11** for **12** of long tables indoors to their family and left it up to the rest of their guests to decide where they wanted to sit for dinner. **13** The couple dancing the night away.

OPPOSITE
The Warehouse Bridal designed her Cinderella-esque midnight blue evening gown.



BUDGET TIPS Instead of signing up for a pre-wedding shoot package, you can source for affordable gowns, decor and artificial bouquets for your pre-wedding shoot at Taobao. Then you only need to hire a photographer for the pictures. And, instead of a hotel celebration, do as we did – rent a venue and hire a wedding caterer. To ensure you get a good wedding caterer, plan way in advance for food tastings, and read online reviews from other like-minded budget brides. Budget tips aside, remember to enjoy the process. 🍷

Go grab a copy of the magazine to read the full story! (There's 2 Budget Babe articles in this issue.)

The reason why I decided to share our story is because I want to show you guys that in today's era of Pinterest-perfect and Instagram-worthy weddings, you don't have to feel like [you need to spend a bomb](#) in order to have the wedding of your dreams.

Let's define what makes a successful wedding. Traditionally, weddings were held to celebrate the

union of a couple in the presence of their family and friends. By that definition, any wedding (regardless of scale or cost) where the couple gets legally wed can be said to be a successful one.

However, over the years (and especially today) [weddings seem to have evolved into some kind of competition to see who has the most Insta-worthy wedding](#). It is no longer enough to have a wedding – your wedding needs to look good for social media as well. Custom themed-decor, photo booths, professional emcee services, band performances and 5-tier cakes aren't even enough; have an overseas engagement party! Buy lavish gifts for your bridesmaids, or even better, pamper them with a spa session beforehand!

Now, there's absolutely *nothing wrong* about throwing a big grand party *if you can afford it*. The problem is when you can't, and borrow or [rely on your guests to help cover the costs for you](#).

We didn't want to put such a pressure on them. We wanted them to just come and celebrate with us.

On top of that, I just don't see the point of blowing an entire year worth of salary on a one-day affair. I'd rather spend the money on travelling or getting our house – in other words, stuff that would add more value to my marriage, rather than a one-day show for the whole world to see.

I talk about all these issues, together with tips on how to plan and stick within your budget. Details about our wedding and the lovely vendors (I sourced from over 100+ vendors before deciding on the ones we used in the end, which I felt offered really good value-for-money) we worked with, as well as full transparency of our costs, are all provided within the magazine!

If you would rather get the digital copy, [it is also available at this link](#).

Love,
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