

BASIC TERMS

a cappella (italics)
aisle NOT isle
alma mater
altar NOT alter
appliqué
baptistery
barbecue
bridal
bridesmaids' luncheon
buttercream frosting
cakes-tier *not tiered*
candelabrum (sing.)
candelabra (plural)
Champagne-*not Champaign (beverage)*
champagne (the color is lower case)
complement-bring to perfection
compliment-expression of praise
crème brûlée
croquembouche
double-ring ceremony
double-decker bus
epergne or épergne
fairy-tale (adjective)
fairy tale (noun)
Father, not Fr.
flautist
flower girl
high altar
hors d'oeuvres
horse-drawn carriage
ganache
Gobo (lighted emblem on a dance floor)
great-grandmother (hyphenate all forms)
groomsman/groomsmen
Gulf-front
Key lime
longtime
maid of honor
mantel NOT mantle
marquee
Monsignor (*Catholic Priest – use only this title when used.*)
Mr. and Mrs. John Smith Jr. (*no comma*)
Ms.
muffaletta

nuptial Mass

oceanfront

PASTOR TITLES:

Anglican

Deacon or Priest=The Reverend

Dean of a Seminary or Cathedral=The

Very Reverend

Arch Deacon=The Venerable

Bishop=The Right Reverend

Archbishop=The Most Reverend

Orthodox

Archpriests and unmarried parish
priests=The Very Reverend

Unmarried priests=The Reverend

Presbyterian

Used for former Moderators of General
Assembly=The Very Reverend;

otherwise, The Reverend or Reverend

Roman Catholic

Bishop=The Most Reverend

Dean/Parish Priest/Msgr.=The Very
Reverend

Deacon=The Reverend

Curate=Reverend Father

pâte à choux

petit four

Ph.D.

Ph.D.s

pom pom(s)

porte cochère

recessed (go back out)/recessional

ring bearer

Rolls-Royce

sacrament of holy matrimony

second line

sixpence

s'more(s)

The Old Capitol Inn

The Capital Club of Jackson

The couple resides

The couple is at home

The Very Reverend

valedictorian

salutatorian

CLOTHING

A-line
agata (*type of beading*)
Alençon lace (option + c for symbol)
Allure Bridals
Badgley Mischka
ball gown
basque waistline (a cap B is a city)
Battenburg lace
bateau neckline
beadwork
Belgian lace
blouson
bow tie
Biedermeier
bobbinet
brooch
bustline
cathedral-length
chapel-length
Chantilly lace
crepe-backed
crinoline
crisscross(ed)
crocheted lace
cummerbund
décolletage (low neckline)
décolleté (also low neckline)
double-breasted
double-faced
drop waist/drop waists
dropped waistline
duchesse satin
dupioni shantung
fingertip-length
flared NOT flaired
Godarvi Dupion silk
godet (triangle material to cause a flare)
guipure (lace)
hand-beaded
handmade
hand-sewn
hand-tatted

hemline
illusion veil (*not veil of illusion*)
lamore satin
l'amour
lamé silk
Monique Lhuillier
pavé
Peau d'Ange
peau de soie
peplum
pick-ups
point d'esprit lace
point de Venise lace
portrait neckline
princess waistline
rebode lace
redesigned
redingote re-embroidered lace
ruched
Sabrina neckline (*also bateau or boatneck*)
Schiffli embroidery or lace shantung
sheath
soutache (ornamental braid trim)
Swarovski
Strasburg lace
tricotine
Valenciennes lace
V-neckline
veed
vis-à-vis
Watteau
Swarovski

FLOWERS

boutonnieres
hand-tied
tussie-mussie (or tussie-mussies)

Capitalize only specific breeds:

Akito white (rose)
alstroemeria
American Beauty
aspidistra
bells of Ireland
bridal rose

bupleurum
calla lily (or lilies)
Carnaval
Casablanca lily (or lilies)
cattaleya
Cool Water (rose)
chrysanthemums
crape myrtles
Cymbidium orchid
Dendrobium orchid
Eskimo
Freesia (sing.) or Freesias (pl.)
Gerbera daisies (not Gerber)
gladiola (sing.) gladioli (plural)
hydrangea or hydrangeas
hypericum berries
Konfetti
larkspur or larkspurs
Leonidas rose
lily of the valley (or lilies of the valley)
lisianthus
long stem or long-stemmed
Lysimachia
magnolia
Mokara orchid
Mona Lisa roses
oriental lily (or lilies)
poppies
phalaenopsis
pittosporum
Porcelana
porcelain (roses)
Queen Anne's lace
ranunculus or ranunculuses
ranunculaceous
seloum
solidago
star-of-Bethlehem
(a cap S is the biblical reference)
Stargazer lily (or lilies)
stephanotis
Tropicana
Tweedia
Vendela
viburnum
Vogue