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"It was the wedding every little girl dreams of," said a guest at Tom and Katie's elaborate nuptials.

ROMANTIC WEDDING

Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise tied the knot in an estimated \$3.5 million extravaganza in November 2006. You can create the look of their celebration for a fraction of the cost with similar romantic elements, says Donnie Brown, Style Network star and author of *Donnie Brown Weddings: From the Couture to the Cake*.



Fairy-tale setting

Can't spring for a 15th-century castle in Italy? "Find a mansion or castle-type venue that is available for rent in your city," suggests Brown.

Love in bloom

Use monochromatic white roses to add drama, says Brown. They'll provide maximum impact for a moderate price.



Razzle-dazzle

Capture the excitement of Tom and Katie's explosive fireworks display by giving guests individual sparklers, suggests Brown.

Princess dress

The classic beauty of Katie's off-the-shoulder Giorgio Armani gown is mirrored in this draped-and-pleated style by Cymbeline.

TIP: Trunk shows and clearance sales offer discounts of up to 90 percent.



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Celebrity event planner Donnie Brown re-creates three star weddings on the cheap — and chic



DONNIE BROWN



Rebecca and Jerry made their wedding a surprise by inviting guests to a "special barbecue."

RUSTIC WEDDING

"Having the wedding at home makes it personal," Jerry O'Connell says of his and Rebecca Romijn's intimate backyard ceremony in July 2007. "It becomes more about you as a couple." It also becomes affordable, says Brown. "Using an outdoor setting, with rough-hewn tables, hay bales covered in quilts and lots of nature, creates a charming country-chic setting that is easily accessible to most couples."



Al fresco affair

Guests love the casual allure of long farm tables (or picnic tables) set with white dishware, which can be mismatched.

Natural touches

Rebecca's country-themed celebration included vintage dish-towel napkins, field flowers and lanterns on the tables — all easily adapted to a wallet-friendly decor.



Let them eat... cupcakes!

Instead of traditional cake, follow Rebecca's lead and treat guests to a tower of gorgeous — and cost-saving — cupcakes.



Simply stunning

Capture the essence of Rebecca's spaghetti-strap Ralph Lauren sheath with this lace gown by Watters.

TIP: For even greater savings, consider a pre-owned gown from a high-end consignment shop.



"It was truly a special day," Khloé (with Lamar) says of her swanky black-tie fete, which was featured in an episode of *Keeping Up With the Kardashians*.

MODERN WEDDING

Chic was the operative word when Khloé Kardashian wed Lamar Odom on Sept. 27, 2009 — from the venue (a Beverly Hills estate) and lavender-and-white color scheme to the chilled heirloom tomato soup that started the four-course dinner. "I love the look of this wedding," says Brown, "and there's a lot about it you could do for less!"



Set in silver

Design an impressive menu card on your home computer and print it on special stock from a stationery store. "It's a tailored and expensive look," says Brown.



A cake to remember

The taller the cake, the higher the bill. Save by making only the top tier real, then serve sheet cake from the kitchen.



Clublike elegance

Create this nightclub setting with linen-covered banquet tables, rented white chairs and sleek borrowed sofas and mirrors, says Brown.

Sophisticated lady

Love Khloé's strapless Vera Wang gown? Get the same mermaid magic in this less pricey design from Kenneth Pool.

TIP: Take a photo to a tailor and have it copied affordably.

