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A quick guide on etiquette

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300 District Drive
Asheville, North
288



Hello friend!

Below are a few wording examples for your invitations, including modern and LGBT etiquette. Please note that the below are merely my suggestions based on my experience, research and personal choice. I tend to lean on the side of “it’s your wedding friend, do what makes you happy!” so a lot of times when couples come to me with certain situations I ask, “well what makes you most comfortable? And aside from your mother’s input how do YOU want to address your guests?”

-Maria

MAN AND WOMAN ARE MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Fern
124 Holly Lane
Savannah, Georgia
12345

MARRIED BUT KEEPING IT INFORMAL

Victoria and Gregory Fern
Gregory and Victoria Fern
Victoria Fern and Gregory Fern

WHEN THE HUSBAND IS A DOCTOR?

Doctor and Mrs. Gregory Fern
124 Holly Lane
Savannah, Georgia
12345

WHEN THE WIFE IS A DOCTOR?

Doctor Victoria Fern and Mr Gregory Fern
124 Holly Lane
Savannah, Georgia
12345

*Note I’ve seen instance where Dr. is spelled out (this is the version I use most often) and instances where Dr. is left abbreviated. I prefer to spell out every abbreviation besides Mr. and Mrs. but leaving Dr. abbreviated is not necessarily *wrong* in my opinion.

WHEN THEY ARE MARRIED BUT WIFE KEPT MAIDEN NAME

Ms. Victoria Fuller and Mr. Gregory Fern
124 Holly Lane
Savannah, Georgia
12345

WHEN BOTH ARE DOCTORS?

Doctor Victoria Fern and Doctor Gregory Fern

(or “The Doctors Fern”)

(If the woman kept maiden name simply replace her last name with her maiden name, keeping her first name on the line)

124 Holly Lane

Savannah, Georgia

12345

THE COUPLE IS MARRIED, HAVE THE SAME LAST NAME BUT SHE PREFERS MS. OVER MRS.?

Ms. Victoria Fern and Mr. Gregory Fern

or Mr. Gregory Fern and Ms. Victoria Fern

124 Holly Lane

Savannah, Georgia

12345

Note: Do not label as Mr. and Ms. Gregory Fern

WHEN THE MAN AND WOMAN ARE NOT MARRIED BUT LIVING TOGETHER?

The woman’s name should come first in this case and appear on the first line, the mans name on the second line, the names should not be connected by an “and”

Miss. (or Ms.) Elizabeth Bennet

Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy

124 Holly Lane

Savannah, Georgia

12345



LGBTQ Wedding invitation addressing

IF THE COUPLE IS MARRIED AND KEPT THEIR LAST NAMES

Names should appear on the same line (or connected by an “and” if length forces them to two lines).
Names can appear alphabetized or not.

Mr. Jeffery Connors and Mr. Hayden Spruce
124 Hemlock Grove
Raleigh, North Carolina
27607

IF THE COUPLE IS MARRIED AND HAVE THE SAME LAST NAME

Names should appear on the same line alphabetized by first name and connected by “and”.
I have indicated Mrs. below but I encourage you to ask your friend how THEY wish to be addressed.

Mrs. and Mrs. Elizabeth and Jennifer Coltz-Spruce
124 Hemlock Grove
Raleigh, North Carolina
27607

IF THE COUPLE IS UNMARRIED AND LIVING TOGETHER

Names should appear on separate lines and should not be connected by “and”

Mr. Jeffery Connors
Mr Hayden Spruce
124 Hemlock Grove
Raleigh, North Carolina
27607

Use the same formulas if any of the above situations from the “Man and woman” category applies.
Hence, a married couple in which one is a doctor. The doctor would come first and the counterpart would come second regardless of alphabetical order

Doctor Jennifer Coltz-Fern and Mrs. Elizabeth Coltz-Fern
or: Doctor Jennifer and Ms. Elizabeth Coltz-Fern
124 Hemlock Grove
Raleigh, North Carolina
27607

Inviting Children

A QUICK NOTE

Before you add children to the invitation ask yourself this question: “Are any of the invited children 18 years old or older?” If yes, do not follow the below for those invitations. Instead every guest over 18 should receive their own invitation, regardless if they live in the same household. Younger than 18? You may proceed.

For young girls (not teens), write “Miss” followed by the girl’s name and surname; for teenagers, use “Ms.” or check how they wish to be addressed.

For young boys, write “Master” followed by the boy’s name and surname; for teenagers use “Mr.” or check how they wish to be addressed.

IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE CHILD BEING INVITED

Add “and family or and children” below the parents names

Mr. Jeffery Connors
Mr Hayden Spruce
and family
124 Hemlock Grove
Raleigh, North Carolina
27607

Ms. Victoria Fern and Mr. Gregory Fern
and children
124 Holly Lane
Savannah, Georgia
12345

Alternatively, space permitting, you can add all children’s names to the front of the envelope. However, ideally, the spelling out of each child’s name invited is reserved for the inner envelope.

IF THERE IS ONE CHILD BEING INVITED

Add “and child’s full name” below the parents names. You may choose to use honorifics or list their names without honorifics or last names.

Mr. Jeffery Connors
Mr Hayden Spruce
and Miss Elizabeth Spruce

Raleigh, North Carolina
27607

Ms. Victoria Fern and Mr. Gregory Fern
Henry Fern
124 Holly Lane
Savannah, Georgia
12345



Additional Notes

CAN'T FIT THEIR FULL NAMES ON ONE LINE?

In any situation where you can't fit the full names on one line, it is OK to indent to the next line.

Mr Johnathan Hallmark
and Ms. Victoria Fern

COUPLES WHO ARE NOT MARRIED BUT HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR A LENGTH OF TIME

This is one of those situations where I tell my couples that traditional etiquette can be bent. In some cases, especially in LGBTQ relationships and senior relationships, couples may not be married for various reasons, but you still want to show respect for the status of their relationship. In these cases it is more than acceptable to join their names with an "and" and place them on one line.



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