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# ASK A . . . PROFESSIONAL WEDDING PLANNER

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**NAME:** Christine Gerlach  
**AGE:** 27  
**HOMETOWN:** Austin

**SB: How did you get started as a wedding planner?**

I just jumped right into it. I started two years ago in May by planning events for my friends.

**SB: What did you do before this?**

I got my degree in education, so I was a teacher. I was the social chair of my sorority in college. I was in Delta Zeta at Southwest Texas.

**SB: What are the biggest challenges?**

Trying to keep a consistent work schedule. Brides have such different needs that it's hard to keep work hours.

**SB: Do you only work with the brides?**

I've been working with more and more grooms lately, but usually it is the bride.

**SB: What exactly do you do?**

I help coordinate the timeline and run the reception and rehearsal dinner. We tell the wedding party how to get measured for tuxes and dresses and let everyone know where to be. We also work with the budget, helping them stick with it. That's the hardest part. Sometimes vendors offer us discounts because they like working with a coordinator, and we always pass that discount along to the customer. Sometimes, couples can save more money by using us than they actually spend on our services.

**For more information about wedding planning or to contact Christine, visit her website at [www.eliteweddingplan.com](http://www.eliteweddingplan.com).**