



## The More, the Merrier

A fun photo trend we've been seeing: the group reception shot that includes every single guest at the wedding. The idea is a hit among brides and grooms, even though it often means managing a crowd. "I've used microphones, even megaphones to make it happen," says NYC-based photographer and MB Trendsetter Terry deRoy Gruber, who offers a special "banquet" photo service (above). He recommends announcing the collective photo at the end of cocktail hour or before food is served. "There's something magical about freezing the action for an instant, and the photo serves as a timepiece," Gruber says. "It won't be as interesting the day you get it as it will be 20 years later, when your kids look at it."

**Out, Damn'd Spot!** MB tested three stain removers on duchesse silk, poly-silk satin, chiffon and organza. See which big-day spill solution is best for you.



**Oxiclean Spray-A-Way**  
Chocolate and ketchup nearly disappeared on the sheer fabrics, and the cleaner faded smears on satin. But lipstick didn't budge. (\$2.99; drugstores)



**Tide to Go** This pen had pretty good results with food products and lightened lipstick enough for a quick fix. But stains can stick to the tip and risk being spread. (\$2.99; drugstores)



**Madame Paulette Stain Removal Kit** This wipe-then-rinse system made tough stains totally vanish, but the process takes 10 minutes. (\$15; madamepaulette.com)—Alissa Piccione



## Film-Buff Brides

Weddings captured on Super 8mm film have a grainy, vintage look—but that artful feel often comes with a steep price tag. Until now: Fifty Foot Films, founded by LA-based MB Trendsetter Paul Korver (and a favorite among celebs with deep pockets), has introduced a more affordable offshoot, Paper Tape Films. By training local filmmakers in 12 cities—such as Denver and Nashville (the Carolinas are coming soon)—Paper Tape gives you a Hollywood quality crew in your hometown. Prices with professional editing start at \$3,000. Still too much? Hire a local film-school student, suggests Korver, or try DIY: Buy a Super 8 camera (left) on eBay, enlist a pal to shoot, and, after processing the film, take a stab at self-editing.

## Hats On!

Here's a fashion heads-up: The trend of guests wearing hats to weddings has made a chic comeback. "The style originated in Europe, where hats are typically worn to royal or lavish weddings," says Suzanne Newman of NYC's Suzanne Couture Millinery. "Now Americans



are starting to follow suit," she says. London milliner Philip Treacy knows why: "Glamour is attractive, and there is nothing more glamorous than a hat."

## Lost Cause

Post your engagement party or wedding on DialDirections.com, and guests who dial 347/328-4667 (DIR-ECT-IONS) and say the event's name will have a turn-by-turn driving route texted directly to their cell phones. We took the brand-new service for a "text drive" and found it effective and easy to use. So did bride-to-be Cathleya Geefay; in place of printed maps to her June 7 nuptials near Sacramento, CA, she's encouraging guests, via her wedding Web site, to use Dial Directions. Available in every major city in the continental U.S., it's free except for the cost of receiving text messages.