

# Courtney cachet's quicktips to a chic backyard wedding!

Don't go crazy trying to find a place to get married! Get married at home!

**T**he trend these days is downsizing. The excess of the last decade is now considered foolish, perhaps even just a little bit tacky. In my book, when it comes to weddings, simpler is always the more elegant route to take. And what could be simpler and sweeter than a backyard wedding?

If you choose to do a backyard wedding, you are going to save on the most expensive component of a wedding—the location! Also, it lets you off the hook for a guest list that can quickly escalate to 300 people. You can just tell people, “We decided to have an intimate wedding at our home”. Then, you’re not stuck having to invite that crazy best friend of your Tia Lucia who gets drunk at every party and never brings a gift! Ahh, you see? It’s sounding better already. Ok, time to get busy ladies!

First, you need to put away whatever patio furniture you have and rent the good stuff.

I found a company that rents furniture that will make your patio look like the beach at The Mandarin Hotel. And you can do it for just a few thousand dollars. Worth every penny, my friends! Go have a

look [www.roomservicerentals.com](http://www.roomservicerentals.com)

If you’re getting married in a backyard, it’s going to be outside. Take that into consideration in the details. You can buy rocks and make a trail, utilize local plants and flowers. And if you think it might rain, don’t hesitate in getting a tent. Trust me.

Don’t forget the flowers. Can’t have a wedding with no flowers! But, I found a website that sells a workbook showing how you can do your own floral arrangements and save 75%. I know it might be a little bit of work, but 75% is a big difference. If you don’t believe it, go look for yourself [www.doityourselfweddingflowerguide.com](http://www.doityourselfweddingflowerguide.com)

Of course, food is the other Big Thing of the outdoor wedding. Sorry no recipes here! Call a caterer. Call a good one, every city has plenty. Don’t try to do this on your own, and please don’t ask Abuelita either. Nobody close to you wants to deal with food preparation on or near your wedding day. Everyone wants to look good in the photographs and enjoy the day.



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