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BRIDE'S TASK LIST

<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize, date, time and location
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize guest list and count
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mail or Evite invitations four to six weeks ahead
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hosts and plans Lễ Hôn's reception menu
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooks or caters appetizers, entrees and desserts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buys refreshments and other party supplies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Option to order a tiered cake for occasion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepares the home by planning DIY craft projects, tidying and decorating
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the Bride is of Catholic faith, her family prepares prayers and hymns ahead. If the Bride is of Buddhist faith, her family may prep an altar with photos of ancestors to honor them
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bride chooses who her <i>mâm quả</i> (round, red trays with lids covered by red fabric trimmed with gold fringe) receivers are and matches the number of <i>mâm quả</i> her family has requested of the Groom and his family present. The receivers are often bridesmaids, sisters, sister-in-laws, female cousins, other close female relatives or girlfriends.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bride and / or Mother of the Bride will decide whether Bride will buy, custom make or rent her <i>Áo Dài</i> for the occasion. An <i>Áo Dài</i> for this occasion is often red or pink with the eminent dragon, phoenix or peacock motif. In more modern times, the presence of the motifs have subsided. Red <i>Áo Dài</i> 's are still going strong, but now also compete with trending white, gold, silver or of a color belonging to her wedding theme.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bride determines whether or not Bridesmaids accepting <i>mâm quả</i> will also wear matching <i>Áo Dài</i> 's. And, if so, how it will compliment the design elements of her own <i>Áo Dài</i> . #squadgoals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bride's parents will choose a highly respected, well-spoken family member or close family friend to represent their family for the procession. Option to book MC / Master of Ceremonies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Option - Book Glam Squad—Hair, Make-Up, Wardrobe Stylist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Option - Book rentals (i.e canopy, chairs, tables, linens etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Option - Book entertainment for reception (i.e. DJ)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Option - Book sound or combine with entertainment (i.e mics—cordless better—and speakers. Really helps during family introductions)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Option - Book photographer, videographer or both.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day of: Family goes cray trying to get the house ready and people in place. Bride-to-be is attended to by her Glam Squad and stays out of sight.
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GROOM'S TASK LIST

Inform Bride of final guest list and count

Inform family of date, time and location

Together with Groom's parents, they will fulfill the requested number of *mâm quả* (round, red trays with lid covered by red fabric trimmed with gold fringe) to present to the Bride's family. History sidenote: Back in the day, the usage of red lacquered boxes indicated the Groom's family wealth. Otherwise, hand-held, unwrapped, as-is *mâm quả* was common.

The Groom and his parents will secure the *mâm quả*'s by renting them (so is the case if you live in Little Saigon, CA).

Determines and obtains *mâm quả* contents to include all or a combination of:

1. Betel Leaves or *Lá Trầu* (Symbol of marriage)

2. Areca fruit or *Quả Cau* (Symbol of marriage)

3. Tea or *trà*

4. Sticky Rice or *Xôi*

5. Assorted Fruit or *Trái Cây*

6. Husband-Wife Cake or *Bánh Phu Thê*

7. Liqueur or Rượu—Cognac preferred; wine or Champagne also acceptable

8. Roasted Pig

9. Jewelry

10. Anything else requested by Bride's Family

The Groom determines who will bear *mâm quả* during the procession and they are likely to be groomsmen, brothers, brother-in-laws, close homies, cousins, and even uncles.

The Groom determines whether he will don an *Áo Dài* or wear a suit and tie. His squad will follow *suit*. (Ha! Too easy). If an *Áo Dài*, must determine whether to rent, custom-make or custom-make to match Bride.

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Day of: Groom's family congregates and assembles *mâm quả*. Then caravans to Bride's family's home



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