

PLANNING AN AFRICAN THEMED WEDDING?



Africa is a vast continent consisting of 54 countries. Each country has a wide array of ethnic groups with their own cultural traditions. This includes traditions and practices in relation to marriage. Although traditions may differ, there is one very obvious thing that just about all ethnic groups have in common. They all place high value on the institution of marriage and regard it as a union of two families rather than just a union of two people. Because marriage is considered sacred, weddings are seen as special events that bring the whole community together. This is a very important thing for African American couples to understand when planning an African themed wedding. Before borrowing from any traditions practiced on the continent of Africa, it is necessary to know which part of Africa the given tradition comes from and the significance of the practice. The purpose of this bibliography is to provide couples and wedding planners with a list of resources to assist in their research.

Introduction of sources and general overview of provided materials. Provide un-bias background information about historical events, occasions and celebration.

Resources include call numbers, for patrons to easily inquire and obtain resources. Auburn Avenue Research Library maintains non-circulating policies of its collection; however, patrons are able to utilize materials in-house. Suggested search terms and keywords are provided to further guide patron's research amongst Auburn Avenue Research Library and the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library catalog and digital libraries. The below Boolean Operators (AND, OR, also NOT) are simple words used to maximize search results.

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Books:

- Traditional Marriages: the African Style: Asantes & Yorubas.*
Baffoe-Bonnie, Eugene. **392.5096 BAFFOE-BONNIE** **Pub Date: 1993**
- Traditional Marriages in Zambia: A Study in Cultural History.*
Chondoka, Yizenge. **392.5 CHONDOKA** **Pub Date: 1988**
- Jumping the Broom: The African American Wedding Planner.*
Cole, Harriette. **395.22 COLE** **Pub Date: 1993**
- Jumping the Broom II: The African American Wedding Planner.*
Cole, Harriette. **395.22 COLE** **Pub Date: 2003**
- Vows: The African American Couples Guide to Designing a Sacred Ceremony.*
Cole, Harriette. **392.5 COLE** **Pub Date: 2004**
- African American Wedding Readings.*
Nikuradse, Tamara. **392.508996 AFRICAN-AMERICAN** **Pub Date: 1988**
- Kinship & Marriage among the Anlo Ewe.*
Nukunya, G.K. **392.5 NUKUNYA** **Pub Date: 1969**
- The Nubian Wedding Book: Words and Rituals to Celebrate and Plan an African American Wedding*
Sturgis, Ingrid. **392.5 STURGIS** **Pub Date: 1977**

ONLINE

AFRICAN AMERICAN BRIDAL
<http://www.african-weddings.com/>

AFRICAN WEDDING TRADITIONS

<http://africanweddingtraditions.com/african-wedding-traditions.html>

THE KNOT

<https://www.theknot.com/content/african-afrocentric-wedding-traditions>

AFRICAN WEDDINGS (From Africa Guide)

<https://www.africaguide.com/culture/weddings.htm>

MUNA LUCHI BRIDE

<http://munaluchibridal.com/>

BRIDE OF COLOUR BLOG

www.brideofcolour.co.uk/

MY WEDDING NIGERIA

<http://myweddingnigeria.com/>

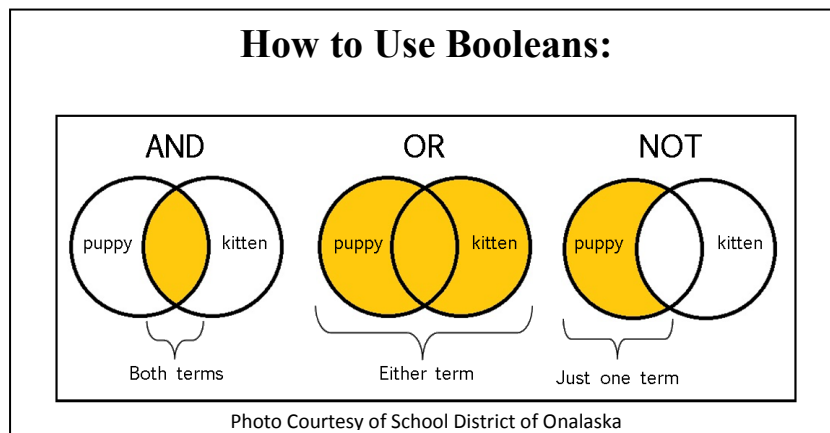
Suggested Search Terms and Keywords:

African AND Wedding

Afrocentric AND Wedding

African American Wedding

Wedding AND The name of any African Country



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