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# Isabelle Ruiz




Hi! My name is Isabelle Ruiz Santiesteban, and I am 15 years old. A few fun facts about me are that I love to dance, play sports, and spend time with animals. I am incredibly honored and excited to say that I am now a Cover Girl!

Ever since I was little, I dreamed of becoming a quinceañera model. It was something I always looked up to, but I never truly imagined that one day my dream would become a reality. Being given this opportunity has been one of the biggest blessings in my life, and I am so grateful for every experience that has come with it.

When I first started this journey, I was very shy and lacked confidence. Stepping outside of my comfort zone wasn't easy, but it opened the door to a whole new world filled with amazing opportunities, inspiring people, and unforgettable memories. Along the way, I have learned so much about myself and have grown into a more confident, determined, and outgoing person.

Being chosen as a Cover Girl has meant so much more to me than just having my picture featured. It has taught me the importance of leadership, believing in myself, and encouraging others to chase their own dreams. I hope to inspire other young girls to step outside of their comfort zones, take chances, and never give up on something they are passionate about.

None of this would have been possible without the love and support of my family and friends. Thank you for believing in me, encouraging me, and standing by my side every step of the way. Your support has meant the world to me.

Finally, I want to give a heartfelt thank you to Quinceañera Magazines for giving me the opportunity to pursue this dream and for believing in me. I am beyond grateful to be part of this incredible experience, and I can't wait to see what the future has in store. This is only the beginning, and I am so excited for the journey ahead!

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# *Average Cost of a* Quinceañera Cake in Dallas–Fort Worth:

## 2027 PRICE GUIDE

A beautiful cake is often one of the centerpieces of a quinceañera reception. From elegant multi-tier cakes decorated with flowers to elaborate designs that match the quinceañera theme, the possibilities are almost endless.

**But how much does a quinceañera cake cost in Dallas–Fort Worth?**

For families planning a quinceañera in 2027, a realistic budget for a professionally made quinceañera cake in the Dallas–Fort Worth area is generally **$400 to $1,200**, although large or highly customized cakes can cost **$1,500** or more.

The final price depends on the number of guests, cake size, design, flavors, decorations, delivery, and the bakery you choose.

## HOW MUCH DOES A QUINCEAÑERA CAKE COST IN DALLAS–FORT WORTH?

Quinceañera cakes are typically priced either by the serving or as a complete custom cake. Here is a general budgeting range for 2027:

| TYPE OF QUINCEAÑERA CAKE | ESTIMATED PRICE |
|---|---|
| Simple cake for 50–75 guests | $200 – $450 |
| Cake for 100 guests | $350 – $650 |
| Cake for 150 guests | $500 – $900 |
| Cake for 200 guests | $700 – $1,200 |
| Large custom multi-tier cake | $900 – $1,500+ |
| Luxury or highly detailed cake | $1,200 – $2,000+ |

These prices are estimates. Every bakery prices cakes differently depending on ingredients, labor, complexity, delivery, and customization.

**For most Dallas–Fort Worth families planning a traditional celebration with approximately 100 to 200 guests, budgeting around $500 to $1,000 for the cake is a practical starting point.**

## HOW MUCH DOES A QUINCEAÑERA CAKE COST PER PERSON?

Another way to estimate your cake budget is by the number of servings.

A custom quinceañera cake may cost approximately **$4 to $8** per serving, while elaborate designs can cost **$8 to $12** or more per serving.

For example, a cake serving 150 guests at **$5** per serving would cost approximately **$750** before delivery, specialty decorations, cake stands, or other fees.

The important thing to remember is that you don't necessarily need one serving of cake for every person on your guest list.

Some guests may leave before dessert, children may share portions, and your venue may serve smaller pieces.

Ask your baker how many servings they recommend based on your expected attendance.

## WHAT MAKES A QUINCEAÑERA CAKE MORE EXPENSIVE?

Two cakes that serve the same number of peeple can have very different prices. Several factors affect the final cost.

### NUMBER OF GUESTS

The more guests you need to serve, the larger the cake needs to be. A celebration with 75 guests may only require a relatively small cake, while a quinceañera with 250 or 300 guests could require several tiers or additional sheet cakes.

### NUMBER OF TIERS

Multi-tier cakes require more time, ingredients, structural support, and decorating. A three-tier cake will generally cost less than an elaborate five– or six-tier design.

### REAL FLOWERS VS. SUGAR FLOWERS

Fresh flowers are often less expensive than individually handmade sugar flowers, but this depends on the flower variety and season.
If you want fresh flowers on the cake, make sure your baker and florist coordinate.

### CAKE DESIGN

Simple buttercream designs are generally more affordable than cakes requiring extensive handcrafted details.
Design elements that can increase the price include sugar flowers, fondant decorations, metallic or gold details, pearls, hand-painted designs, sculpted elements, intricate piping, custom toppers, edible lace, and elaborate cascading flowers.

### FONDANT VS. BUTTERCREAM

Fondant creates the smooth, polished appearance often seen on luxury quinceañera cakes, but it can increase the price because it requires additional ingredients and decorating time. Buttercream can be a beautiful and more affordable alternative.

### DOES THE CAKE HAVE TO MATCH THE QUINCEAÑERA THEME?

It doesn't have to—but many families choose to coordinate the cake with the overall celebration. The cake can complement the dress, invitations, centerpieces, stage décor, or overall color palette without matching everything exactly.

*Every quinceañera is unique. Work with your baker to create a cake that fits your style, delights your guests, and becomes one of the most memorable moments of your special day.*

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HOW CAN I

# Save Money ON MY Quinceañera

WITHOUT SACRIFICING STYLE?

## *Dallas Budget Planning Guide*

Planning a beautiful quinceañera doesn't have to mean spending more than your family can afford. With smart planning and the right vendors, you can create an elegant, unforgettable celebration while staying within your budget.

**Here's how you can save money without sacrificing the style you've always dreamed of.**



Photography: Roman Photography Studios, Dallas, TX

### 1 START PLANNING EARLY

Booking vendors months in advance often means:

- Better prices
- More available dates
- More payment plan options
- Less stress

**Many popular Dallas vendors book 8–12 months in advance, especially during spring and fall.**

### 2 SET A REALISTIC BUDGET FIRST

Before shopping, decide:

- Total budget
- Who is contributing
- What matters most

*Ask yourself:*

Is the dress the priority? Is the venue most important? Is entertainment your biggest focus? Spend more on what your family values most and save on everything else.

### 3 COMPARE MULTIPLE VENDORS BEFORE BOOKING

Compare:

- Prices
- Packages
- Reviews
- Experience
- What's included

**A package that looks more expensive may include things that would cost much more separately.**

### 4 ATTEND A LOCAL QUINCEAÑERA EXPO

At an Expo you can:

- Meet dozens of vendors in one afternoon
- Compare prices side by side
- Ask questions directly
- See dresses, cakes, décor, DJs, photographers & venues in person
- Take advantage of exclusive Expo discounts

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### 5 CHOOSE A VENUE THAT INCLUDES MORE

Some venues include:

- ✓ Tables & chairs
- ✓ Linens
- ✓ Lighting
- ✓ Setup & cleanup
- ✓ Bridal suite

Those extras can save you thousands compared to renting everything separately.

### 6 LIMIT THE GUEST LIST

Every additional guest increases the cost of:

Catering · Cake · Invitations · Centerpieces · Chairs · Tables · Party favors

A celebration with 120 guests can feel just as magical as one with 250 guests. Focus on those who matter most.

### 7 REUSE DECORATIONS

Many decorations can be used more than once!

- ✓ Ceremony flowers → reception centerpieces
- ✓ Entrance décor → sweetheart table
- ✓ Photo backdrop flowers → behind the cake

Your decorator can help you maximize every arrangement.

### WHY DALLAS FAMILIES HAVE SO MANY GREAT OPTIONS

The Dallas-Fort Worth area has one of the largest quinceañera industries in the country. From elegant venues and boutique dress shops to talented photographers, choreographers, decorators, DJs, and beauty professionals, families have countless choices to fit every style and budget.

Comparing vendors, asking questions, and meeting professionals in person helps you find the best value while creating the celebration you've always imagined.

### 8 CHOOSE AN ELEGANT DRESS WITHIN YOUR BUDGET

A stunning dress doesn't have to be the most expensive one in the boutique.

Many designers offer beautiful collections at different price points.

*The confidence you wear is what truly makes the dress shine*

### 9 BUNDLE SERVICES WHEN POSSIBLE

Many vendors offer discounts when you book multiple services together.

- ✓ DJ + Photo Booth
- ✓ Photography + Video
- ✓ Hair + Makeup
- ✓ Decorations + Coordination

### 10 SKIP TRENDS THAT DON'T MATTER TO YOU

Instead, invest in timeless elements like:

- ✓ Great photography
- ✓ Beautiful music
- ✓ Family traditions
- ✓ Quality food
- ✓ A meaningful ceremony

*Those are the memories you'll treasure forever.*

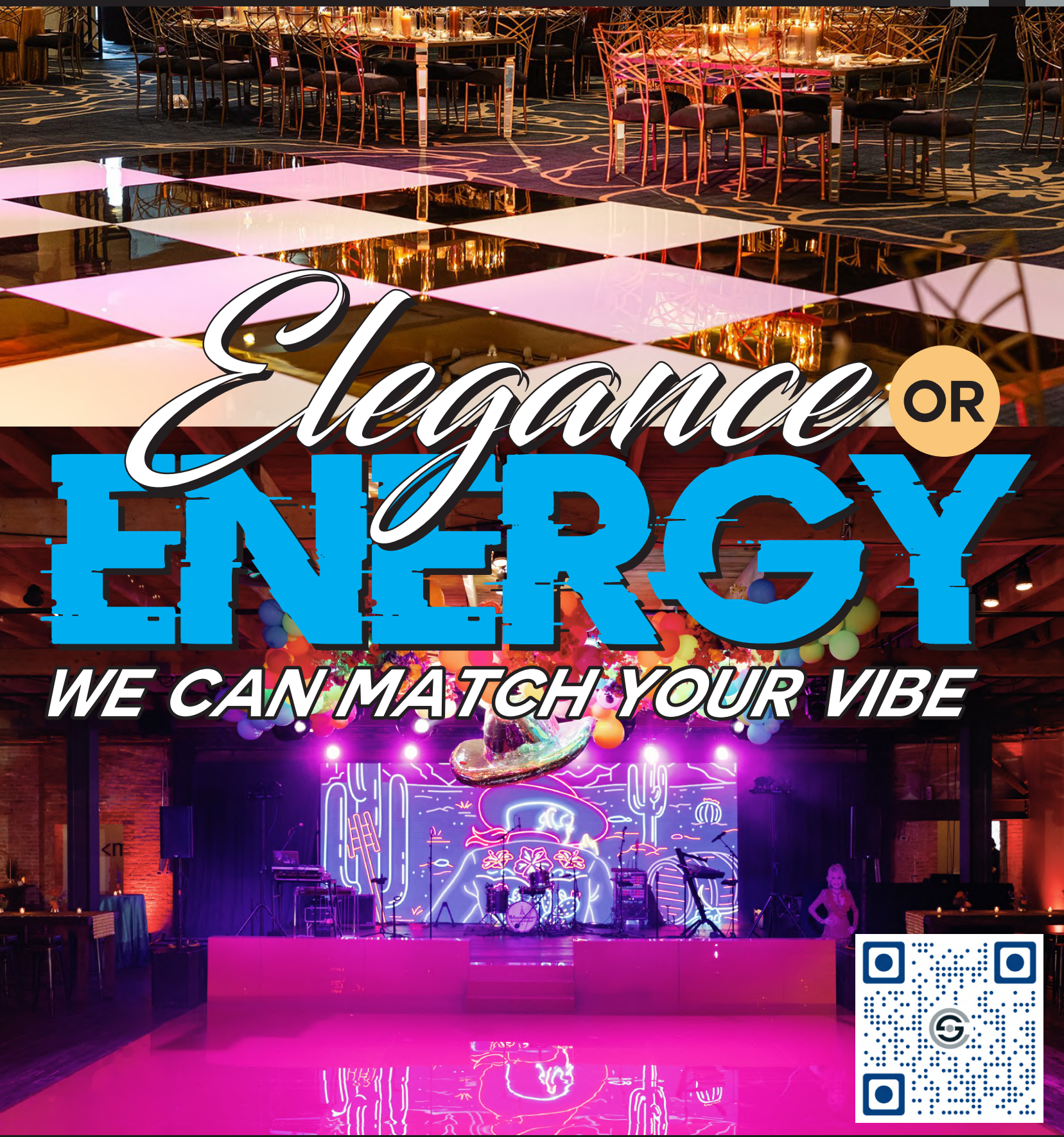
## *Final Thoughts*

A beautiful quinceañera isn't measured by how much money you spend—it's measured by the memories you create with your family and friends.

**Plan smart, compare vendors, attend local events, and focus on what matters most. You can have a stylish celebration that stays within your budget!**

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# HOW DO I CHOOSE *the Perfect* QUINCEAÑERA THEME?

**COMPLETE GUIDE FOR 2027**

Your theme connects every detail of your celebration—from your dress and colors to the décor, flowers, cake, music, and memories. Choose a theme that reflects your personality, fits your budget, and creates a celebration that is beautifully YOU.




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Sandro Casteñanos
Chicago, IL

## 5 STEPS TO CHOOSE THE PERFECT THEME

### 1 START WITH HER PERSONALITY

- What colors does she love?
- How does she want her celebration to feel?
- What are her favorite interests, flowers, or destinations?

The best theme reflects who she is.

### 2 CHOOSE THE FEELING FIRST

- Romantic & elegant
- Glamorous & luxurious
- Modern & sophisticated
- Magical & dreamy
- Natural & relaxed
- Traditional & meaningful

Decide the mood before the decorations.

### 3 LET THE DRESS BE YOUR GUIDE

- Use the dress color, style, and details as inspiration.
- Make sure it blends beautifully with your overall color palette and décor.

### 4 CONSIDER YOUR VENUE

- Ballroom, garden, ranch, loft, or outdoor?
- Choose a theme that complements the space to make decorating easier and more budget-friendly.

### 5 DECIDE YOUR COLOR PALETTE

- Pick 2 to 3 main colors and 1 accent.
- Use them consistently in flowers, linens, lighting, cake, invitations, and decorations.

## DO I NEED A THEME?

Not necessarily! Many elegant quinceañeras are created with a beautiful color palette instead of a specific concept.
A well-chosen palette creates harmony and a stunning celebration.

### EXAMPLES OF COLOR PALETTES

- Blush Pink, Champagne & White
- Emerald Green, Gold & Ivory
- Royal Blue, Silver & Crystal
- Burgundy, Rose Gold & Cream
- Lavender, Lilac & Silver

## THEME & DÉCOR BUDGET TIPS

- Set your décor budget early.
- Focus on statement pieces: lighting, flowers & a beautiful backdrop.
- DIY small details to save money.
- Work with a decorator who understands your style and budget.
- Always leave 10-15% for unexpected costs.

## POPULAR QUINCEAÑERA THEMES FOR 2027

ENCHANTED GARDEN



MODERN GLAM



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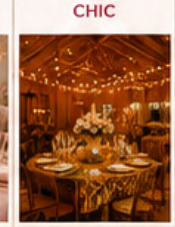
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*Your theme, your story, your celebration.*

Your quinceañera should be as unique and beautiful as you are. Choose a theme that represents your heart, your style, and the memories you want to create with the people you love most.

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# The 12 month countdown

## Prepare yourself:

Now that you have a general idea of what your vision is, what you would like and who you would like to work with, it's time to prepare yourself mentally. As mentioned earlier that the planning of your quince was going to be an emotional roller coaster with ups and downs, yet still an adventure. It will get to a point where that's all that anyone is talking about and all that you're thinking about. Throughout this pages there will be tips on how to stay stress free. However, being stressed out, overwhelmed and tired are not reasons throw tantrums or be disrespectful to anyone. Celebrating this new chapter in your life comes with the privilege of having a party but also with the expectation that you carry yourself in a lady-like way. All eyes are on you, and you never know whose watching, who's looking up to you or how much work behind the scenes is taking place to make this day extra special. Be kind. Be prepared.

## Pick a day, any day:

The date you choose should be a day that all of your guests can attend or make arrangements in advance if they're planning on traveling from out of state or country. Don't get so caught up in the planning that you accidently schedule it on a National Holiday or other event. You want to be considerate of other people's beliefs and special days.

"Heres a list of days for you to think twice about"

## Let's get to w

- *New Year's Eve/Day*
- *Mother's Day*
- *Father's Day*
- *Fourth of July Weekend*
- *March 17th St. Patrick's Day*
- *Thanksgiving Weekend*
- *Super Bowl Sunday*
- *Valentine's Day*
- *Halloween*
- *Christmas Season*

# The month by month schedule



## 12 months

- ☐ How exciting! Family meeting: Mom, Dad, I decided I want a Quinceañera and I want the best party ever!
- ☐ Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram, Quinceañera Magazine, websites... Start downloading and printing your favorite ideas.
- ☐ Register on quinceaneramagazine.com
- ☐ Go to a Quinceanera Magazine Expo in your area
- ☐ Set the magic date.



## 11 months

- ☐ Create a guest list.
- ☐ Plan a budget plan with your parents
- ☐ Pick padrinos
- ☐ Set fitness goals
- ☐ Pick your royal court/ corte de honor
- ☐ Book a place for your ceremony and reception

## 10 months

- ☐ Choose a party theme
- ☐ Hire quince planner (If you are using one)
- ☐ Start looking for a photographer/videographer
- ☐ Create invitations
- ☐ Decide what your damas and chambelanes will wear
- ☐ Decorations
- ☐ Party Gifts (recuerdos) When personalized it may take up to 3 months to deliver.

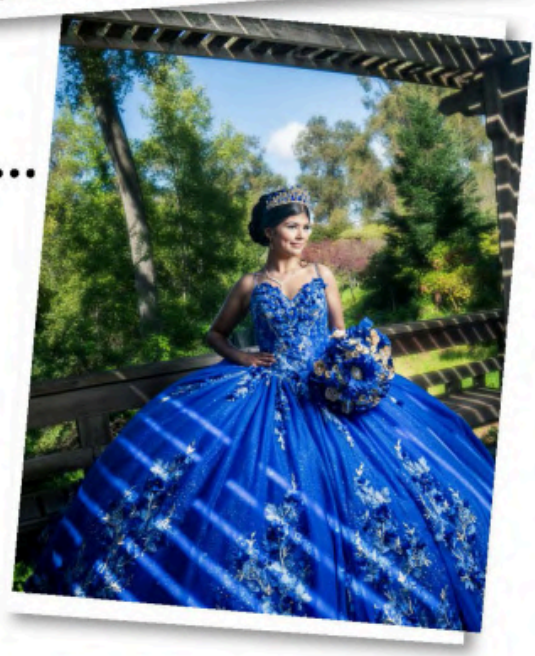


## 9-8 months

- ☐ Compile and determine the final guest list with names and addresses.
- ☐ Start looking for invitations ideas
- ☐ Send save the dates
- ☐ Hire photographer adn videogpher
- ☐ Start looking for your dress

## 7 months

- ☐ Find your Chambelan and dama outfit
- ☐ Order your quince gown
- ☐ Find your shoes and accessories
- ☐ Start inteviews on a makeup artist and hair stylist
- ☐ Select readings and songs for your ceremony
- ☐ Look for a hotel for out of town guests
- ☐ Negotiate group discounts.



## 6 months

- ☐ Flowers and florist
- ☐ Look for a choreographer
- ☐ Start a basic gift registry list
- ☐ Book your music, if is DJ, or live band.
- ☐ Have your pre-quince photoshoot
- ☐ Order your quince invitations
- ☐ Chambelan and dama tuxedo and dress fittings
- ☐ If you will have jewelry, its time to start looking
- ☐ Book tent, lighting and other rentals if needed.

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Photography by: Eduardo Gallegos/Los Angeles

## 5 months

- ☐ Schedule meetings and a cake tasting
- ☐ Book a choreographer
- ☐ Review invitations proofs.
- ☐ Look for all the accessories (tiara, ramo, tocado, etc)



## 4 months

- ☐ Rent a limo (Partybus, classic car, carriage, etc)
- ☐ Meet with priest or ceremony officiant
- ☐ Choose decorations
- ☐ Choose table linens
- ☐ Choose centerpieces

## 2-3 months

- ☐ Order cake
- ☐ Start choosing songs for reception
- ☐ Mom's dress
- ☐ Siblings outfits.
- ☐ Dad's outfit
- ☐ Make an appointment for your dress fitting
- ☐ Schedule a food tasting
- ☐ Finalize guest list
- ☐ Decide on waltz songs
- ☐ Decide on baile sorpresa song
- ☐ Schedule choreography practices



## 8-4 Weeks

- ☐ Time to mail invitations
- ☐ Choose sitting cards
- ☐ Arrange sitting chapter
- ☐ Finalize all decorations
- ☐ Hand out or mail out invitations
- ☐ Finalize all choreography
- ☐ Final trial run on your hair and makeup with accessories
- ☐ Final dress fitting
- ☐ Ceremony practice
- ☐ Confirm all of your vendors
- ☐ Make a timeline for your vendors



## 42 Weeks

- ☐ Set up final meeting with your florist
- ☐ Arrange for people to help you seating and receving gifts at reception
- ☐ Confirm with hotel for room reservations
- ☐ Find out where other people will stay
- ☐ Have a final dress fitting

## 1 Week

- ☐ Have your dress steamed.
- ☐ Pick up your dress
- ☐ Call the limo company to confirm pick up time
- ☐ Get manicure and pedicure
- ☐ Waxing
- ☐ Hair color or retouch
- ☐ Break your heels in
- ☐ Practice your baile sopresa one more time
- ☐ Prepare a "thank you" speech
- ☐ Rehearse religious ceremony at location





## 4 Days

- ☐ Practice your speech
- ☐ Final choreography practices
- ☐ Write a program of your day
- ☐ Give guest book, cake knife, champagne bottles and party favors to a person who will distribute them
- ☐ Confirm with your damas all outfits are put together and ready

## 2 Days

- ☐ Have your chambelanes go pick up their tuxedos
- ☐ Practice your speech one more time
- ☐ Review and finalize seating chart
- ☐ If possible arrange a get together with your close family Feel the excitement

## 1 Day

- ☐ Relax.
- ☐ Go to bed early
- ☐ Avoid salty foods.

## QUINCEANERA

- ☐ Wake up early.
- ☐ Have a good breakfast
- ☐ Get ready
- ☐ Be on time
- ☐ Relax and Enjoy Today is going to be a magical day!

## THE DAY AFTER:

- ☐ Return rental tuxedos
- ☐ Return all rentals
- ☐ Thank all your guests
- ☐ If preserving gown, send it to preservation company
- ☐ Send a thank you note to all the people that helped you.

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# Average QUINCEAÑERA PHOTOGRAPHER PRICES IN DALLAS–FORT WORTH

## 2027 GUIDE

Your Quinceañera photos will preserve every smile, every dance, and every unforgettable moment. In Dallas–Fort Worth, professional Quinceañera photography typically ranges from **$1,500 to $5,500+**, depending on coverage, experience, and what's included.

Photography:
Alex Hdz Photo
Dallas, TX



### AVERAGE QUINCEAÑERA PHOTOGRAPHY PRICES IN DALLAS (2027)

| PACKAGE | AVERAGE PRICE |
|---|---|
| Mini Photoshoot | $300 – $800 |
| Save the Date Session | $300 – $700 |
| Portrait Session in Dress | $500 – $1,200 |
| Event Coverage (Photo Only) | $1,500 – $3,000 |
| Photography + Videography | $3,000 – $5,500 |
| Luxury Collections | $5,500 – $8,000+ |

These are typical price ranges throughout Dallas–Fort Worth and may vary depending on the photographer's experience and package inclusions.

*The best value isn't always the lowest price— it's the photographer who consistently delivers beautiful memories.*

### WHAT IS USUALLY INCLUDED?

- Pre-event consultation
- Timeline planning
- Professional editing
- Online gallery
- High-resolution digital images
- Copyright release for personal printing
- Event coverage
- Family portraits
- Reception coverage

### HIGHER-END COLLECTIONS MAY INCLUDE:

- Save the Date session
- Formal dress photoshoot
- Second photographer
- Drone photography
- Luxury albums
- Canvas prints
- Parent albums
- Highlight slideshow
- Same-day preview images

### WHAT MAKES PHOTOGRAPHY MORE EXPENSIVE?

**EXPERIENCE**
A photographer who specializes in Quinceañeras understands the traditions, lighting, timeline, and family moments better than any other.

**HOURS OF COVERAGE**
More hours mean more memories captured—from the ceremony to the last dance. Key moments include the waltz, surprise dance, cake cutting, crowning ceremony and more.

**ONE PHOTOGRAPHER VS. TWO**
Two photographers capture more angles, reactions, and candid moments so nothing is missed.

**ALBUMS & PRINTS**
Luxury albums, parent books, and wall art can increase the total investment but become treasured keepsakes.

**PHOTO & VIDEO TOGETHER**
Booking both services with the same company is often more convenient and more affordable.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE BOOKING

- How many Quinceañeras have you photographed?
- Can we see a complete gallery?
- How many hours are included?
- Is a second photographer included?
- How many edited photos will we receive?
- How long is the delivery time?
- Do you carry backup equipment?
- Are travel fees included?
- Is there a payment plan?
- What happens if you're sick on the event day?

### WHEN SHOULD YOU BOOK?

Top photographers in Dallas–Fort Worth book **9 to 18 months** in advance, especially for spring and fall weekends. If your celebration is in **2027, start** reaching out as **soon as your venue** is secured.

### HOW MUCH SHOULD PHOTOGRAPHY BE IN YOUR BUDGET?

Photography typically represents **10%–20%** of the **total Quinceañera budget,** depending on your priorities and whether videography is included.

BECAUSE EVERY MOMENT DESERVES TO BE REMEMBERED.

*Your memories. Forever beautiful.*

# HOW DO I FIND *Quinceañera* VENDORS NEAR ME?

### A SIMPLE GUIDE TO FIND THE PERFECT TEAM FOR YOUR CELEBRATION

Finding the right vendors doesn't have to be stressful. Follow these steps to build an incredible team that fits your style, your budget, and your vision.




Photography:
Ivan Flowers
Los Angeles, CA

## YOUR STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

### 1 START WITH THE BASICS

- Your event date
- Your city
- Your budget

Having this info ready saves everyone time.

### 2 KNOW YOUR PRIORITIES

Book these first:

- Venue
- Church
- Dress
- Photographer
- DJ
- Caterer

They book up months in advance!

### 3 SEARCH BEYOND GOOGLE

- Local directories
- Instagram
- Facebook
- TikTok
- Referrals
- Expos
- Magazines

Great vendors are everywhere!

### 4 ATTEND A QUINCE EXPO

- Meet vendors in person
- Compare options
- See products
- Watch fashion shows
- Get exclusive deals
- Book on the spot

Save time by comparing many vendors in one day.

### 5 READ REVIEWS & CHECK PORTFOLIOS

- Read detailed reviews
- Look for consistency
- Check communication
- View full galleries
- See recent work

Don't decide based on just one pretty photo.

### 6 ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

Ask about:

- Packages & pricing
- Deposits & payments
- Cancellation policy
- Insurance
- References
- What's included

Professional vendors welcome these questions!

### 7 COMPARE MORE THAN PRICE

- Experience
- Communication
- Portfolio
- Reviews
- Availability
- Personality
- Value

You're choosing a team you can trust and enjoy!

## BEWARE OF RED FLAGS

- ✕ Doesn't respond to messages
- ✕ No contract
- ✕ Only low prices
- ✕ No recent photos
- ✕ Full payment upfront
- ✕ Inconsistent reviews
- ✕ Can't answer basic questions

*Trust your instincts.*
*Professionalism starts early!*

## ASK FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Great vendors know other great vendors!

Photographers know **makeup artists.**
**DJs know venues.**
**Decorators know florists.**
**Bakers know planners.**

*Their referrals can help you build the perfect team.*

## BOOK EARLY

Popular vendors book 6–18 months in advance, especially for:

- Spring & Fall
- Saturdays
- Holiday weekends

*Book early = More options, better prices, less stress!*

*Plan smart.*
*Choose the best.*
*Enjoy every moment.*

The right vendors bring your vision to life and create memories that last forever.

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# How to Plan a Quinceañera in Dallas–Fort Worth: The Complete 2027 Guide

Planning a Quinceañera is one of the most exciting milestones for a family—but it can also feel overwhelming. With the right timeline and planning strategy, your Quinceañera can be enjoyable instead of stressful.

Whether you're just starting or already have a few ideas, this complete Dallas–Fort Worth planning guide will walk you through every step of the process.

**This guide is designed specifically for families planning a 2027 Quinceañera in the DFW Metroplex.**



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*A beautiful celebration begins with a plan.*
*Memories last forever.*

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## WHEN SHOULD YOU START PLANNING?

The best time to begin planning is **12 to 18 months** before the celebration.

Popular venues, photographers, DJs, and dress boutiques often book months in advance, especially during the busy spring and fall seasons.

Starting early gives you:

- More venue options
- Better payment plans
- Less stress
- More time to compare vendors
- Better availability for your dream team

## AT A GLANCE: KEY PLANNING STEPS

1 Set Your Budget
2 Choose Your Date
3 Reserve Your Venue
4 Create Your Guest List
5 Choose Theme & Colors
6 Shop for Your Dress
7 Book Photo & Video
8 Reserve DJ/Entertainment
9 Book Hair & Makeup
10 Decorations & Flowers
11 Order the Cake
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13 Send Invitations
14 Prepare for the Mass
15 Practice Choreography

**Planning Tip** — Always reserve **10–15%** of your budget for unexpected costs.

With a plan, the process becomes exciting, not overwhelming. *Enjoy every moment!*

YOUR QUINCEAÑERA. YOUR STORY. YOUR MOMENT TO SHINE.

# HOW MUCH SHOULD I BUDGET for a QUINCEAÑERA DRESS?

The dress is the centerpiece of your celebration. Here's what you need to know to plan your budget and find the dress of your dreams!



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## WHAT IS THE AVERAGE COST OF A Quinceañera Dress?

The average quinceañera dress typically costs between $500 and $3,500, depending on the designer, fabric, level of detail, and whether the dress is custom-made.

HERE IS A GENERAL PRICE GUIDE:

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| Budget-friendly dresses | $500 – $700 |
| Mid-range dresses | $700 – $1,500 |
| Designer or luxury dresses | $1,500 – $3,500+ |

***Many boutiques also offer payment plans, making it easier for families to budget over several months.***

## WHAT AFFECTS THE PRICE OF A QUINCEAÑERA DRESS?

### DESIGNER BRAND

Well-known designers usually charge more because of their craftsmanship, exclusive designs, and premium materials.

### FABRIC & EMBELLISHMENTS

Luxury fabrics, hand-sewn beading, crystals, embroidery, lace, and glitter tulle all increase the overall cost.

### CUSTOM ALTERATIONS

Almost every dress requires alterations for the perfect fit. Alterations may cost anywhere from $100 to $500+.

### ACCESSORIES

Accessories can add **several hundred** dollars to your total budget. Don't forget these must-haves!

Tiara · Hoop Skirt · Petticoat · Shoes · Jewelry · Gloves · Cape or Detachable Train · Purse

## WHEN SHOULD I BUY MY DRESS?

Most boutiques recommend ordering your dress **8 to 12 months before your quinceañera.**

Shopping early gives you time for:

- ✓ Special orders
- ✓ Alterations
- ✓ Accessory matching
- ✓ Avoiding rush fees
- ✓ More styles & sizes available

Waiting until the last minute often limits your options and can increase costs.

## HOW CAN I SAVE MONEY ON MY QUINCEAÑERA DRESS?

- Shop during boutique sales and trunk shows.
- Ask about discontinued collections.
- Purchase a floor sample at a discounted price.
- **Compare several boutiques before making a decision.**
- Take advantage of payment plans.
- Include alterations in your budget **from the beginning.**

*The most expensive dress isn't always the best one. The perfect dress is the one that makes you feel confident and beautiful.*

## SHOULD I BUY OR RENT A QUINCEAÑERA DRESS?

### BUY

The most popular option. You keep the dress as a treasured memory forever.

### RENT

A great alternative if you want to reduce costs. Prices are lower, but selection and customization may be limited.

## DON'T FORGET THE REST OF YOUR QUINCEAÑERA BUDGET

Venue · Catering · Photo & Video · DJ or Live Music · Decorations · Hair & Makeup · Invitations · Cake · Choreography · Transportation (Limousine)

***Planning your budget early helps prevent unexpected expenses later.***

## Find the Perfect Dress at an Expo

Attend a local Quinceañera Expo to compare dresses, see the latest collections, ask questions, and take advantage of exclusive expo discounts!

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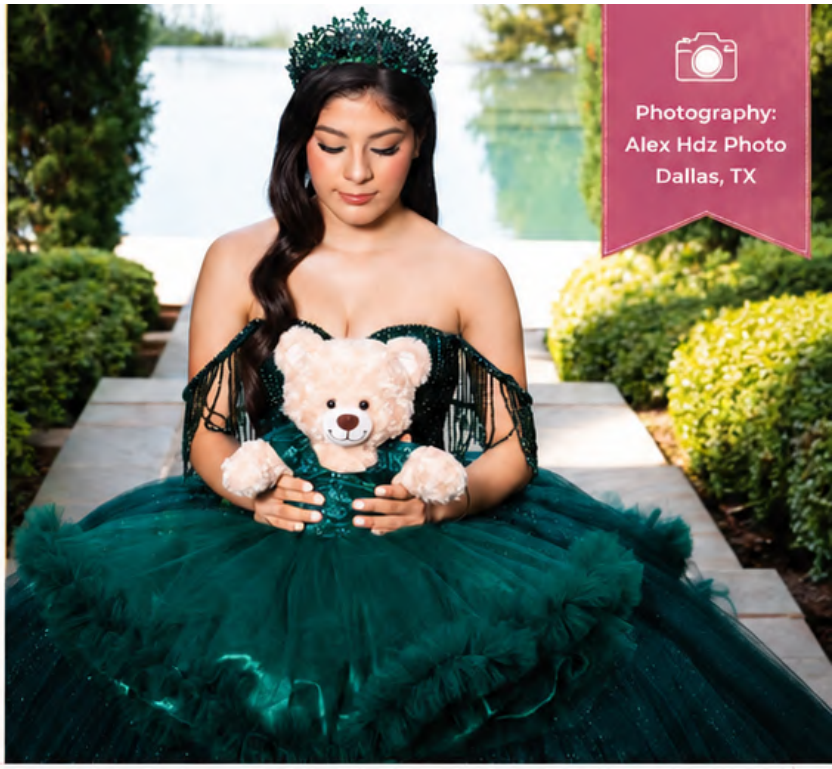
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# WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT QUINCEAÑERA *Traditions?*

A Quinceañera is more than a party—it's a meaningful celebration of faith, family, culture, and the beautiful transition into womanhood. Here are the most meaningful traditions and what they represent.



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Dallas, TX

## 1 THE RELIGIOUS CEREMONY

The day begins with a ceremony of gratitude and blessings, honoring faith and the beginning of a new stage in life.

## 2 THE GRAND ENTRANCE

The reception begins as the quinceañera is introduced with her parents, court of honor, and special guests before her grand entrance.

## 3 THE COURT OF HONOR

Chambelanes and damas stand by her side. The number and composition reflect her personality and family preferences.

## 4 THE WALTZ

A traditional dance—often with her father first—followed by family or the entire court. Many add a modern surprise dance!

## 5 THE CHANGING OF THE SHOES

She changes from flat shoes into high heels, symbolizing maturity and the transition into young womanhood.

## 6 THE CROWNING CEREMONY

The tiara represents responsibility, honor, beauty, and family pride. Parents often place it on their daughter's head.

## 7 THE LAST DOLL (LA ÚLTIMA MUÑECA)

A doll is given to a younger sister, cousin, or special child, symbolizing the transition from childhood into a new stage of life.

## 8 THE TOAST

Heartfelt words of thanks from parents, family, or the quinceañera to honor everyone who made the day possible.

## 9 THE FATHER & DAUGHTER DANCE

One of the most emotional moments of the evening, celebrating the special bond between father and daughter.

## 10 THE SURPRISE DANCE

A fun, high-energy performance where the quinceañera and her court showcase their personality and entertain guests!

## CAN YOU SKIP SOME TRADITIONS?

Absolutely! Modern quinceañeras are highly personalized. Choose the traditions that are most meaningful to your family, culture, and style.

## TIPS FOR CHOOSING YOUR TRADITIONS

- Talk with your parents about family traditions.
- Ask your church which customs are included.
- Choose traditions that have personal meaning.
- Practice important moments like the waltz and surprise dance.
- Remember: your celebration should reflect who you are.

## *Celebrate Your Traditions at an Expo Quinceañera!*

Meet trusted vendors, discover ideas, and find everything you need to make your celebration unforgettable.

**Visit QuinceanerasMagazine.com** to see upcoming Expo dates, purchase tickets, and start planning your dream Quinceañera.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

**Q** What is the most important Quinceañera tradition?

For many families, the religious ceremony is the most meaningful.

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