

# WEDDING

## Planning Guide

### Beginner's Guide to Planning a Wedding: Your Step-by-Step Manual

Congratulations on your engagement! If you're starting from scratch and feeling a bit overwhelmed about planning your wedding, fear not! This guide will walk you through the basics, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable planning process.

#### 1. Establish a Budget:



- Determine how much you're willing to spend on your wedding.
- Create a detailed budget, allocating funds for each aspect of the wedding, such as venue, catering, attire, and more.

#### 2. Set a Date:



- Consider the time of year, your work schedules, and any significant dates or events that may impact your choice.
- Be flexible, as popular venues and vendors may have limited availability.

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### 3. Create a Guest List:



- Decide on the number of guests you want to invite.
- Draft a preliminary guest list to estimate the size of the venue needed.

### 4. Choose a Venue:



- Research and visit potential venues.
- Consider the location, capacity, and ambiance. Don't forget to inquire about any restrictions or requirements.

### 5. Select Your Wedding Party:



- Choose your bridesmaids, groomsmen, and other members of the wedding party.
- Communicate your expectations and involve them in the planning process when necessary.

### 6. Hire Vendors:



- Start with essential vendors like a photographer, caterer, and florist.
- Read reviews, ask for recommendations, and schedule meetings to ensure they align with your vision and budget.

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### 7. Find the Perfect Dress and Attire:



- Begin the search for your dream wedding dress and attire for the bridal party.
- Allow ample time for fittings and alterations.

### 8. Plan the Ceremony:



- Determine the style and structure of your ceremony.
- Choose readings, music, and any special rituals you'd like to include.

### 9. Organize the Reception:



- Plan the reception timeline, including the first dance, toasts, and cake cutting.
- Select decor that compliments your theme and venue.

### 10. Design Invitations:



- Create or order wedding invitations that match your theme.
- Include all relevant details, such as the date, time, location, and RSVP information.

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### 11. Marriage License and Officiant:



- Obtain a marriage license in the appropriate jurisdiction.
- Confirm the availability of your chosen officiant and discuss ceremony details.

### 12. Plan the Honeymoon:



- Decide on a destination and book your honeymoon.
- Ensure passports, visas, and any necessary travel arrangements are in order.

### 13. Stay Organized:



- Use wedding planning tools, apps, or a physical planner to stay organized.
- Keep track of vendor contracts, payments, and RSVPs.

### 14. Enjoy the Process:



- Remember that this is a celebration of your love.
- Take breaks when needed and enjoy the journey of planning your special day.

This guide provides a solid foundation for your wedding planning journey. Remember, it's okay to ask for help and delegate tasks. Happy planning!