

# planning



*Congratulations!* This planning guide, along with wedplan.com and our various social media platforms, is full of information and inspiration to help you plan your wedding. The worksheets and checklists, later in the guide and online, will help you stay organized and on track. Happy planning!

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## GETTING STARTED

### SET A DATE!

You're engaged, so set the date and get started! The sooner you get started, the more options you will have in ceremony locations, reception venues and other popular vendors, who often book a year or more in advance. Think about the seasons, weather, holidays, and other area events to assure no surprises later. Consider non-peak months or off-days, if you are looking to save money or just for a fun alternative to the traditional Saturday wedding.

### VISION & BUDGET

- Discuss the vision for your wedding, and an estimated budget that could realistically make your vision a reality.
- What is most important to you as a couple?
- How much will you spend?
- Where are you willing to bend?
- Who's paying for what?

*Budget & Expense sheets can be found in the worksheet section of this publication and online at wedplan.com*

### BINDERS & BOARDS

- Create a binder & inspiration board to keep your ideas and plans organized.
- Budget Sheets
- Checklists
- Contracts & Receipts
- Color Palette
- Pictures

*Worksheets & Checklists can be found in this publication and on wedplan.com.*

*Inspirational photos can be found throughout this guide & on wedplan.com, which also has links to our blog & social media platforms for more ideas.*

### WEDDING WEBSITE & EMAIL

- Create a personalized wedding website, and an email account specifically for wedding correspondence.
- A variety of wedding website platforms (websites) can be found online.



## WORK WITH PROFESSIONALS

A wedding is probably the largest party you will ever throw. Wedding vendors are there to help you plan and enhance your vision through their expertise, creativity, relationships with other vendors, and their overall knowledge of the wedding industry. Less stress can be priceless, so invest in quality wedding professionals for one of the most important days of your life.

## COMPARE VENDORS

- Schedule appointments
- Share vision & seek advice
- Establish relationships
- Get contracts
- Consider quality & personality over price

*You can compare vendors in this guide, on [wedplan.com](http://wedplan.com), at our wedding shows, their own websites, reviews, and through personal consultations.*

## WEDDING PLANNERS | EVENT DESIGNERS

The best money ever spent, often claimed by past couples, is the wedding planner! Planners and event designers can help with organizing the details, overall design, or a combination of services. Whether a one-on-one consultation to get you started with initial plans, day-of wedding coordinator to see that things run smoothly, or someone to help enhance your ideas and fully execute all details and design, a planner will help create a seamless and stunning event. They have the knowledge, expertise, resources and tools that can save you time, money, and stress in dealing with situations that will arise during the planning process and at the actual event. When you work with a planner you do not have to give up your creativity, just let them help you to build on it and help make your vision a reality.



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