

confetti's PLANNING PAGES

Planning? Take a breath. Take another look at your ring. You're good. Congratulations!

Get the sticky notes ready because it's going to be notes-galore. Don't worry, it'll eventually start to take shape. You've probably been cutting out pictures or pinning ideas on Pinterest for awhile now, so you've got a great starting point. Consider buying a really big bulletin board or taking up a wall in your apartment and just start putting things up. Whether it's pictures of your ideal dresses or adored make-up style, put 'em up. Every scrap with a jotted thought or important phone number needs to go up here, too. Most of us are visual creatures, so it helps to see everything we've got going on. Your wedding is no different, especially in the beginning, until you start paring down the unnecessary and the focus of your dream wedding begins to take tangible shape. Start big and parse your way to perfection. Rule number one: don't get overwhelmed. Keep calm and plan on. It's going to be amazing! For more tips and lists checkout CALGARYBRIDE.CA

PLANNING TIMELINE

TWELVE MONTHS AHEAD

- $\hfill\Box$ Decide on the type and size of the wedding
- □ Set the date (select back-up dates)
- $\hfill\Box$ Set the budget and number of guests to invite
- $\hfill\Box$ Book the ceremony location and officiant
- □ Book the reception site
- ☐ Hire a wedding coordinator—day-of or full event
- □ Choose and notify attendants
- □ Book the caterer
- □ Book the photographer and videographer
- □ Book ceremony and reception music
- □ Book the floral designer
- □ Order the cake
- $\hfill\Box$ Order gown, veil, shoes, undergarments
- □ Purchase the wedding rings

FOUR/SIX MONTHS AHEAD

- □ Compile guest list and gather addresses
- □ Order complete wedding stationery package
- □ Plan and book the honeymoon
- □ Confirm passports are valid
- □ Select and order bridesmaids' dresses
- $\hfill \square$ Purchase/ reserve groom and groomsmen's attire
- $\hfill\Box$ Plan the details of the reception
- $\hfill\Box$ Meet with floral designer to coordinate flowers
- $\hfill\Box$ Reserve rental equipment—tables, chairs, linens
- □ Order favours
- □ Accommodations for out-of-town guests
- □ Arrange transportation for wedding day
- □ Book a room for the wedding night
- □ Send save-the-date cards

TWO/FOUR MONTHS AHEAD

- □ Design and print map(s) and ceremony program
- □ Design and print place/table cards and menus
- □ Set-up bridal registry
- □ Select song lists for ceremony and reception
- □ Review menu with caterer
- Meet with officiant to plan ceremony
- □ Select vows and readings
- □ Schedule rehearsal + rehearsal dinner
- □ Schedule rehearsal makeup + hairstylist
- □ Address and mail invitations
- □ Purchase gifts for wedding party
- □ Announce engagement in local paper(s)
- □ Write thank-you notes as gifts arrive
- □ Write vows with fiance(e)

ONE/TWO MONTHS AHEAD

- □ Purchase unity candles, guestbook and pen
- Purchase toasting flutes, cake knife and server
- □ Purchase flower girl and ring bearer accessories
- $\hfill\Box$ Get marriage license and certified copies
- □ Prepare necessary name change documents
- $\hfill\Box$ Confirm all professional services in writing
- $\hfill\Box$ Remind bridesmaids of final dress fittings
- $\hfill\Box$ Organize packages for out-of-town guests
- Assign people to assist with guest book, gift table and collecting items after reception

THREE WEEKS AHEAD

- □ Final dress fitting with shoes + undergarments
- □ Finalize guest count and meal selections with caterer
- □ Confirm final count and delivery with rentals
- □ Finalize the seating plan and write place cards
- □ Confirm rehearsal dinner arrangements
- □ Confirm rehearsal dinner date with wedding party
- □ Confirm delivery date of all dresses
- □ Confirm location, date and time with vendors
- □ Confirm honeymoon arrangements
- □ Make copies of passports
- □ Make copies of itinerary for family/friends

TWO WEEKS AHEAD

- □ Send change of address to post-office
- □ Write toasts for rehearsal dinner and reception
- □ Address announcements (mail on wedding day)
- □ Hair colour and/or trim
- □ Break-in wedding shoes

ONE WEEK AHEAD

- $\hfill\Box$ Confirm responsibilities assigned to helpers
- $\hfill\Box$ Pick-up dress or have it delivered
- □ Purchase foreign currency
- □ Pack for honeymoon
- □ Update caterer with any changes
- □ Make final seating chart adjustments

ONE DAY AHEAD

- □ Massage, manicure and pedicure
- □ Confirm transportation for ceremony + reception
- □ Prepare tip and payment envelopes
- □ Make arrangements for payment delivery to vendors
- □ Rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- □ Present gifts to wedding party
- □ Give gifts to parents as thanks for their support





PLANNING PAGES

BUDGET MANAGER

One of the greatest influences on the type of wedding you have will be your budget. To establish an accurate distribution of wedding finances, you and your fiancé should first take a moment to discuss one another's wants, needs and wish-lists. The next step is to prioritize. If serving a lavish buffet with passed hors d'oeuvres at the reception takes precedence over hiring a live band, or if an abundance of lush, cascading flowers framing your entry into the reception is more important than the cake, you'll need to make the appropriate adjustments and allocations. Remember, when you increase the expenditure in one category, you decrease the available budget for the remaining categories.

USING THE BUDGET MANAGER

To calculate the suggested budget per category, simply multiply your total budget by the suggested percentage. For example: \$25,000 (total budget) x 5.00% (suggested percentage) = \$1,250.

Utilize this printed version of the Budget Manager. and set your budget as soon as possible and commit to following it.

TOTAL BUDGET \$ _____

RECEPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Beverages/Bar/Corkage Fee		
Cake/Cake Cutting Fee		
Catering/Food/Servers/Tax/Gratuity		
Facility Rental		
Rental Items		
Other		
SUB TOTAL		
CEREMONY	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Aisle Runner		
Candles/Candelabras		
Facility Rental		
Officiant		
Marriage License		
Other		
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	Alterations			
	Bride's Gown			
	Headpiece/Veil			
	Jewelry			
	Lingerie			
	Shoes			
	Other			
	SUB TOTAL			
	APPAREL/GROOM			
	Groom's Tuxedo or Suit			
	Accessories (shoes, cufflinks, etc)			
	Other			
	SUB TOTAL			
	PHOTOGRAPHER			
	Photographer Fee/Prints			
	Other			
	SUB TOTAL			
	VIDEOGRAPHER			
	Videographer Fee/Copies			
	Other			
	SUB TOTAL			
	FLOWERS			
	Attendants' Bouquets			
	Boutonnieres/Mothers' Flowers			
	Bride's Bouquet			1
	Flower Girl's Basket			
	Ceremony Arrangements			
	Reception Tables (buffet, cakes, guests, bridal party)			
	Other			
	SUB TOTAL			Y X

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MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Ceremony		
Cocktail Hour		
Reception		
Other		
SUB TOTAL		
STATIONERY		
Invitations/Reply Cards		
Save the Date Cards		
Maps		
Wedding Program		
Postage		
Thank You Notes		
Seating Cards/Place Cards		
Menu Cards		
Announcements		
Calligraphy		
SUB TOTAL		
ACCESSORIES		
Cake Knife & Server		
Favours		
Guest Book & Pen		
Toasting Flutes		
SUB TOTAL		
GIFTS		
Bride's Attendants		
Groomsmen & Ushers		
Parents		
Pre-Wedding Party Hosts		
Soloists/Musicians (friends)		
Guest (hotel) Gift Baskets		
Other		
SUB TOTAL		

TRANSPORTATION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
Guest Transportation			
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Other			
SUB TOTAL			
BEAUTY			
Hair & Makeup			
Manicure and Pedicure			
Other			
SUB TOTAL			
OPTIONAL			
Wedding Coordinator			
Wedding Insurance			
Other			
SUB TOTAL			
OVERAGES			
Tax/Tips			
Other			
SUB TOTAL			
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BRIDES CHECKLIST

WEDDING DAY APPAREL

- ☐ Gown pick-up and pressing
- □ Shoes
- □ Lingerie
- □ Slip
- □ Hosiery
- □ Jewelry
- □ Garter

EMERGENCY KIT

- ☐ A list of phone #'s for bridal party and vendors
- ☐ Sewing kit: thread, safety pins and scissors
- ☐ Something old, new, borrowed and blue
- Makeup
- ☐ Skin cleanser, moisturizer and makeup remover
- □ Lotion
- □ Deodorant
- ☐ Toothbrush, toothpaste and mouthwash
- ☐ Antacid, aspirin, allergy medication and water
- ☐ Nail polish to match nails and clear for nylon runs
- ☐ Hair styling items: hair dryer, curlers, comb, brush, hand mirror, hairspray, bobby pins
- ☐ Extra pairs of hosiery for bride and bridesmaids
- ☐ Handi-wipes, Kleenex
- ☐ Portable iron or steamer
- ☐ Anti-cling spray
- □ Tape
- ☐ Extra cash, coins and bills
- ☐ Camera with film
- ☐ Fingernail files
- ☐ Super Glue (nails)
- ☐ Plastic bags for clean-ups
- ☐ Extra earring backs
- ☐ Spray-on spot remover
- ☐ White tailor's chalk for smudges on gown
- ☐ Toupee tape for fallen hems
- ☐ Small bag of easy-to-pack snacks

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

- ☐ Marriage license
- □ Rings

YOUR NAME CHANGE

KEEPING YOUR MAIDEN NAME Women who have established a professional career using their maiden name may choose to continue using that name.

USING BOTH NAMES It is possible for a woman to use her maiden name at work and career related functions, yet legally take her husband's surname. The other option is to use the husband's name for social and family purposes, and legally keep her maiden name.

HYPHENATING YOUR NAME This option requires a hyphen after the bride's maiden name followed by her husband's surname. (Sandra Smith becomes Sandra Smith-Fisher.)

CHANGING YOUR NAME Women opting to change their name both socially and legally, should address this matter upon returning from the honeymoon.

A request should be made for a separate credit history to be maintained under the bride's maiden name. It is wise for a woman to keep one or two credit cards under her maiden name to maintain a credit rating in the event she is widowed or divorced.

NAME CHANGE CHECK LIST

- ☐ Auto Registration
- □ Bank Accounts
- ☐ Car Insurance
- □ Credit Cards
- □ Credit Reporting Agency
- □ Deeds
- □ Doctor/Dental Records
- □ Driver's License
- ☐ Employee Records
- □ Canada Revenue
- □ Savings Accounts □ Social Insurance
- □ Stock Certificates
- □ Voter Registration
- □ Will
- ☐ Life Insurance Policy
- Memberships
- □ Passport



RECEPTION CHECKLIST

П	The Location:
	Date availability:
	Proximity to ceremony location:
	Are any other receptions booked for the same day?
	Room capacity? (independently confirm)
	Square footage of room: Cocktail area: Dance floor:
	Is there a public address system available?
	Are there visual obstructions in room? pillars, columns, etc.?
	What does the rental fee include?
	Are there discounts for specific dates, days of the weeks or times?
	Is there a minimum person guarantee (equal to a min. food/beverage charge) requirement?
	What are the overtime fees?
	What is the required deposit? When is it due? When is the balance due?
	What additional costs should we expect?
	Postponement/cancellation policy?
	Liability insurance required? Terms?
	Is there adequate parking or valet?
	Are you required to use an in-house caterer or preferred caterers list?
	What time will vendors be allowed to enter facility?
	Are clean-up services provided? Is there an additional charge?
	Are candles/open flames allowed?
	Are there decorating restrictions?
	Are there any music/amplification restrictions?
	Is there a coat check area available?
	Are there bride and groom changing rooms?
	Is it handicap accessible?
	Are there childcare facilities?
	Is there adequate power and outlets for the entertainment?
	Are guests allowed to throw rice or birdseed?
	Are there plans to renovate in the future?
	If so, get the completion date in writing before finalizing contract:
	Is it a union venue?
	Are there upcoming contract negotiations or ongoing labour disputes to be aware of?
	Are you anticipating selling the property?
	When getting final price quote, make sure the dollar amounts include tax and gratuity (Can be up to 20% of total)





CATERING CHECKLIST

Are flatware, china, glassware and linens included?
□ What equipment is provided?
☐ Who will be the on-site contact?
□ What is the server-to-guest ratio?
☐ Are labour charges included or extra?
□ Does the cost include setup and cleanup?
☐ How many hours of staff time is included?
□ Will you have servers at the buffet table or is it self-serve?
□ Will your servers pour the wine and champagne throughout dinner?
☐ Are bartenders provided?
☐ When does overtime go into effect?
☐ What will the staff wear to the event?
□ Will the staff collect plates after mealtime?
□ Does the price include cutting and serving the cake?
☐ Are you familiar with the reception location?
□ Will you need access to their kitchen facilities if available?
☐ When will you require access to the site?
□ What are the terms of payment: When are the deposit and balance due?
☐ Are taxes and gratuities included? If not, how much recommended?
□ What are your postponement and cancellation policies?
☐ Do you accommodate special orders, especially for dietary restrictions?
☐ Are beverages included?
☐ What are the portion sizes?
□ What is the deadline for menu selection?

NOTES



PHOTOGRAPHY CHECKLIST

BRIDE'S PHOTOS Bride getting into her gown Putting the veil on

- □ Detail of back of dress
- ☐ Attendants getting ready
- ☐ Candid shots of bride, relaxing; reflecting
- ☐ Bride, full-length
- ☐ Bride's bouquet
- ☐ Bride with both parents
- ☐ Bride with mother and father separately
- ☐ Bride with grandparents
- ☐ Bride with siblings
- ☐ Bride with maid-of-honour
- ☐ Bride with each bridesmaid
- ☐ Bride with all her attendants
- $\ \square$ Bride with groomsmen
- $\ \square$ Bride with ring bearer, flower girl

GROOM'S PHOTOS

- ☐ Groom getting ready
- ☐ Groom, full-length
- ☐ Groom with parents
- $\ \square$ Groom with mother and father separately
- ☐ Groom with grandparents
- ☐ Groom with siblings
- ☐ Groom with best man
- ☐ Groom with each groomsman
- ☐ Groom with all his attendants
- $\ \square$ Groom with bridesmaids

CEREMONY PHOTOS

- ☐ Front of ceremony location
- ☐ Guests being seated
- Musicians
- ☐ Attendants waiting to enter ceremony
- □ Parents being seated

- ☐ Candids of parents' expressions
- ☐ Attendants walking down the aisle
- ☐ Child attendants walking down the aisle
- ☐ Groom coming down the aisle
- ☐ Clergy, groom and best man at altar
- ☐ Bride & father walking down aisle
- ☐ Father giving bride's hand to groom
- ☐ Guests watching the ceremony

VOW FXCHANGE

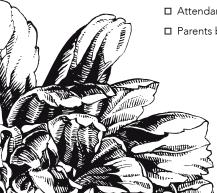
- □ Ring ceremony
- ☐ Candid shots of the bride's and groom's expression during ceremony
- ☐ Unity candle ceremony/kiddush cup ceremony
- ☐ Groom kissing the bride
- □ Recessional

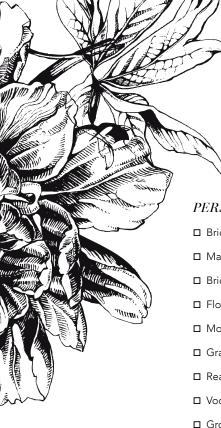
FORMAL PHOTOS

- ☐ Formal bride and groom together
- $\hfill\square$ Bride and groom with each set of parents
- ☐ Bride and groom with entire bridal party
- ☐ Close-up of couple's hands displaying rings
- ☐ Signing the marriage certificate

RECEPTION PHOTOS

- ☐ Guests at cocktail party
- ☐ Centre pieces and place settings/plated meals
- □ Favours
- □ Toasts
- ☐ Candids throughout reception
- Musicians
- ☐ First dance, parent dance and guests dancing
- ☐ Cake table and cake cutting
- ☐ Bouquet toss and garter removal and toss
- ☐ Sweetheart dance
- ☐ Going-away vehicle (especially if decorated!)
- □ Newlyweds departing and guest's farewell





FLORAL CHECKLIST

PERSONAL FLOWERS

- ☐ Bride's bouquet
- ☐ Maid/matron of honour bouquet
- ☐ Bridesmaids' bouquets
- $\ \square$ Flower girl basket or headpiece
- Mothers' flowers
- ☐ Grandmothers' flowers
- □ Readers
- □ Vocalists
- $\ \square$ Groom's boutonnieres / corsage
- ☐ Best man / groomsmen boutonnieres / corsage
- ☐ Ushers / ring bearer
- ☐ Fathers / grandfathers' boutonnieres
- □ Other __

CEREMONY

- ☐ Guest book attendant
- ☐ Gift table attendant
- ☐ Church flowers/candles
- ☐ Aisle flowers / ribbons
- ☐ Altar/chuppah
- ☐ Rose petals for decorations/tossing
- □ Other _

RECEPTION

- □ Powder-room arrangements
- ☐ Entry way table
- □ Place card table
- ☐ Head table
- ☐ Bride/groom chairs
- ☐ Guest tables
- □ Cake/cake table
- ☐ Reception buffet table (s)
- \square Rose petals for decoration
- □ Bar
- □ Other ____



RECEPTION TIMELINE

	START TIME	END TIME
Background music plays as guests arrive and are		
directed to the cocktail reception area		
Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are served while		
guests await the bridal party		
Guests are directed to place card table		
DJ or MC announces the arrival of the wedding		
party and bride and groom		
Bride and groom mingle with guests		
Dinner is announced		
Guests are seated		
Dinner is served		
Champagne is served for toasting		
Toasts by best man, maid of honour and		
other pre-determined guests		
Band or DJ music begins		
Dinner plates are cleared		
Bride and groom's first dance		
First dance with parents		
• Wedding party joins the dance floor		
• Open dancing for all guests		
Best man/designated person presents		
envelope-payment to appropriate vendors		
Cake cutting		
Cake and/or other desserts are served		
Garter toss (optional)		
Bouquet toss (optional)		
• Sweetheart dance		
Last dance for bride and groom		
Departure of newlyweds		
Parents/host announce conclusion		
of the evening		
• Guest departure		
 Designated persons collect wedding gifts, 		
rentals and other items for bride and groom		



MUSIC SELECTION

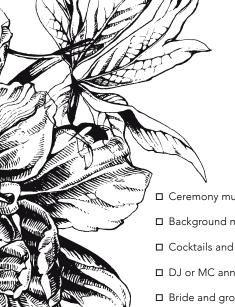
Whether your preferences lean toward classical, jazz, motown, ethnic or spiritual, you needn't feel bound by traditional selections. Use this opportunity to share songs that mean something to you with those you love.

Most couples assume they'll remember all their favourite songs when it comes time to compose the list, but with so many details to contend with, it's easy to forget. When you get to the point of finalizing your list, take note of the song lengths. Your event coordinator will need this information when composing a time line for both you and your other vendors.

SONG	PERFORMED BY	LENGTH
PRELUDE (20-40 MINUTES PRIOR TO CEREMONY/GUEST SEATING)		
PROCESSIONAL (1 TO 2 SELECTIONS FOR WEDDING PARTY & 1 FOR BRIDE)		
CEREMONY SELECTIONS (MUSICIANS AND SOLOISTS)		
THE RECESSIONAL (WEDDING PARTY AND GUESTS DEPARTING)		
FIRST DANCE / PARENT DANCE		
SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR BAND & DJ		
'DON'T PLAY' LIST		

LIVE MUSIC ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

Do you charge a flat fee or an hourly rate?
How do you handle overtime?
What is your cancellation/postponement policy?
If something happens to the person(s) contracted, who will replace them?
Do you have any special requirements regarding space, electricity or any other items?
Is there a member of the group that can act as MC for the first dance, cake cutting, etc?
Will the same performer(s) on the demo track be performing at my wedding?
Can we make requests at the reception?
Do you have a list of your repertoire?
How long will it take you to set up? Will you do it before the guests arrive?
What will the performers be wearing?
How often, and for how long do you break?



SCHEDULE

Ceremony music includes: prelude, processional, ceremony, recessional
Background music plays as guests arrive and are directed to the cocktail reception area
□ Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are served while guests await the bridal party
□ DJ or MC announces the arrival of the wedding party and bride and groom
□ Bride and groom mingle with guests
☐ Champagne is served for toasting
□ Toasts by best man, maid of honour and other pre-determined guests
□ Bride and groom's first dance
☐ First dance with parents
☐ Best man/designated person presents envelope-payment to appropriate vendors
□ Cake cutting
□ Garter toss (optional)
Bouquet toss (optional)
□ Parents/host announce conclusion of the evening
Designated persons collect wedding gifts, rentals and other items for bride and groom



WEDDING DAY CONTACTS

RESPONSIBILITIES	NAME	CELL PHONE
Rings & marriage license		
Bride's wedding apparel		
Bride's emergency kit		
Groom's tuxedo and accessories		
Favours, guest book and pen		
Aisle runner, unity candle & holder		
Cake knife, server & toasting flutes		
Wedding programs		
Ring bearer pillow		
Guest book table attendant		
Gift table attendant		
Pay officiant and other vendors		
Personal flowers		
Lighting candles prior to ceremony		
Toasts & announcement of couple		
Transportation of gifts		
Bouquet for floral preservation		
Top layer of cake and cake top		
Gather rental items & bride's gown		
Liquor license		
VENDOR	NAME	CELL PHONE
Cake		
Catering		
Event coordinator		
Facility contact		
Flowers		
Hair		
Lighting designer		
Makeup		
Music/ceremony		
Music/reception		
Officiant		
Photographer		
Stationer		
Transportation		
Videographer		