8 WEEKS BEFORE

1. Make up
A. Settle on a combination of colors.

B. If you are not sure what to choose, visit several makeup salons.

C. Figure out if you want a make-up artist to come to your home or if you are comfortable with going to their home/workplace.

D. Talk with potential make up artists about the make-up methods they use.

E. Ask if they could do a trial make up for you to see.

F. Pick a makeup artist and sign a contract.

2. Hair
A. Look for hair style ideas in magazines and on the internet.

B. If you have a specific salon you go to on a regular basis, pay them a visit.

C. If you are not sure what to choose, visit several hair salons.

D. If you want to dye your hair, remember to specify that because it takes some extra hours to have your hair dyed.

E. Explain how you want your hair to look on your wedding day.

F. Talk about the hair accessories that match your wedding dress.

G. Ask about the hair products they use.

H. Ask if they could do a trial hair styling for you to see.

I. Ask to see pictures of previous hair styles they've done.

J. On the day of you appointment, take your wedding veil with you as it needs to be fixed on your head.

K. Pick a hairstylist and sign a contract.

L. For the groom: Make an appointment to cut/trim you hair before the big day.

5. Manicure/Pedicure
A. Think about the type of manicure you want.

B. Figure out if you want fake nails or not.

C. The hair salon you normally attend could provide manicure and pedicure as well, so ask them first.

D. Explain how you want your nails to look on your wedding day.

E. Figure out if you want a nail artist to come at your home, if you are comfortable with going to their home/workplace.

F. Ask to see pictures of previous nails they've done.

G. Ask if they could paint a nail or two as a trial.

H. Pick a nail artist.

6. RSVP
Make sure you call people and ask them if they plan to attend the wedding and how many people will they bring along. This is the perfect time to ask if they have any preferences as far as the food is concerned. Some people may be vegetarian and people of other religion will not consume certain dishesh.

10. Wedding night
The bride and groom usually rent a room for their wedding night as well.

7. Contract
Sign a contract once you have chosen a specific company.

6 WEEKS BEFORE

6. Train
When selecting your train it is important to think about how you will look after it during your wedding day.

7. Stores
Start visiting stores looking for the perfect dress.

9. Determine the budget
You need to know exactly how much money you are willing to spend on the dress. This way, when you browse for dresses, sales assistants can redirect you to models which you can afford.

10. Dresses for bridesmaids
A. Not all attendants will be the same height, weight, complexion, etc. These differences will matter when attempting to determine a dress style.
B. After working out the formality level, choose the style appropriate, and then the color.
C. The bridesmaids will take their cue from the bride. If the bride allows her to let her attendants an attendant's dress herself, many brides now leave the decision-making to the bridesmaids.
D. After your maids decide on a dress, make sure the dress is ordered far in advance of the wedding.
E. See if there the dresses require any adjustments and make them in advance of the wedding.

11. Mother of the bride/groom
It is common for the future bride to choose the dresses for her mother and mother-in-law. The steps are similar to those for choosing the bridesmaids dresses.

12. Flower girl dresses
Following the steps mentioned above, you have a similar pattern for choosing the flower girl dress.

13. Ring bearer outfit
Consider the theme of your wedding. Try to blend your ring bearer's outfit with the rest of the wedding party.

1. Officiant
Check with the minister who will be performing your nuptials about whether you should complete premarital counseling with him.

2. References
Ask your friends and other couples whom you know have been married in the past three to five years or from your wedding officiant.

3. Meeting
Arrange a meeting with potential counselors and see if you are comfortable in confiding in this person.

4. Pricing
Try to find a wedding counselor who is affordable. Remember that it is your right to know the prices of all the options available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

5. Signs
Know that a good premarital counselor should encourage you to discuss your roles and responsibilities at home and religion and spiritual leadership.

6. Certification
Ask to see that the person you are talking too is certified in premarital counseling.

7. Other couples
Ask to attend a meeting with other couples were and if those couples are still together this day.

1. Your dance
Figure out what your song will be at the wedding before taking dance lessons.

2. See some vendors
Once you find a few that you like the look of, print out the directions to them and go and have a look at the classes.

3. Prices
Find out how much the classes cost. Ask about all the packages available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

4. Ask for a trial
Once you much the class(es) that you like, ask the teacher if you can do a trial to see how you get on.

5. Songs
Prepare yourself for the formal dances at the wedding.

6. Discover PROs and CONs
Once you do the trials, sort out the pros and cons about each class.

8. Pick
Once you have done all that, pick a class.

1. Shoes
2. Watch
3. Tie
4. Underwear
5. Socks
6. Boutonierre
7. Shirts
Can be purchased all at once and, most of the times, from the same place. Make sure you try these items inside the house before the wedding so that you will be comfortable with wearing them on your wedding day.

8. Tuxedo
A. Check offers both online and offline.

B. Try out all suits before settling on one.

C. See if your suit needs any alterations. Take it to the tailor.

D. If required, make one more visit to the tailor before you pick up the suit so you can try it on for final adjustments.
When you have an appointment

6-8 MONTHS BEFORE

8. Font
Choose a font which is appropriate with the design of the invitations.

9. Order
Always order some extra invitations. To order invitations, you need to know the number of guests attending the wedding.

10. Events
See if you need invitations for other events, like a rehearsal dinner for example.

11. Buying online
If you order your invitations online, check the text and delivery date.

12. Delivery
Make sure the invitations are delivered in due time to be sent to all guests.

13. Contract
Write all this information down and sign the contract.

5. Look for bakers
A. Visit the bakers and caterers who specialize in weddings and that seem like good choices to you.

B. Always ask to taste their cake.

C. Ask for demonstrations of decorative elements such as writing in chocolate if you're not sure.

4. Plans
Draw up your own plans for a cake.

6. Delivery
Ask the baker if they deliver the cake or you need to pick it up.

7. Contract
Once everything is settled, sign a contract.

8. Follow up
If you have any new ideas on what you want the wedding cake to look like, keep in touch with your baker.

1. Venue
Many venues which include accommodations for the guests, offer a 'per person' package, which include the wedding breakfast and a limited amount of alcohol.

2. Budget
Figure out how much money you are willing to spend on wedding drink. Each time you consider a bar option, calculate your estimative costs based on the number of guests that will attend the wedding. Ask about the all the options available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

3. Bartender
A. Get recommendations from friends, caterers or party planners. If your search comes up short, go online to find an agency.

B. Ask if the bartender has his or her own bar kit. Pros travel with their own wine opener, pour spouts, cocktail shaker, strainer, long-handled spoon, towel and knife for cutting garnishes. You're expected to provide a blender, beverages, garnishes etc.

C. Test expertise. Good bartenders know major mixed-drink recipes by heart. Ask how many years of experience the bartender has and of what kind.

D. Quiz them on how they set up their bars and how they cope with nonstop drink demands and empty glasses and bottles. They should be in command of ice, glassware, garbage containers, and supply of glassware and beverages.

E. Ask about how much they charge. In general, a bartender charges by the hour. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

5. Full Open Bar
All alcoholic drinks, including top spirits to be served for the entire day and evening; guests can order whatever takes their fancy.

6. Limited Open Bar
Specific alcoholic drinks to be served during the day and evening or day only (possibly with a cash bar in the evening).

7. Beer & Wine Bar
This is a popular option, you provide a number of beers and wine choices, and should guests wish to drink spirits, these can be purchased at the bar.

8. Cash Bar
That alcohol choices are as per the Full Open Bar, but guests will need to pay for all of their drinks.

1. Picture of the dress
First of all, you need to have a picture of your dress in order to determine what accessories go with it.
6-8 months before

2. Budget
Determine how much you are willing to spend on accessories. Remember that if you buy them from a bridal store, the prices are higher than if you buy them online, make sure you get a receipt if you pay for them online, so you can have a document proving that the company needs to send you those products your paid for.

3. Lingerie
A. Pick the items that flatter you the most.
B. Be realistic and analyze your best features.
C. Try on the items before buying them.

4. Shoes
A. Settle on the type of shoe that you like, as well as on the size of the feet.
B. Try on several types of shoes before settling on a pair.
C. Your shoes shouldn't necessarily match the dress, but the other accessories instead, like the flowers from the bouquet, or other items.
D. Wear them around the house after your purchase them, to make sure you are

5. Hair accessories
A. If you don't want a veil, you can replace it with a tiara or other accessories.
B. If your dress has a few flowers on it, you can put flowers into your hair too.

6. Handbag
Choose it based on your dress.

7. Gloves
Just like the handbag, these are optional, but they do provide quite an elegant appearance.

8. Traditions
Traditions ask the bride to wear something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue.

10. Flower girl basket
Don't forget the flower girl's basket.

11. Ring bearer pillow
Don't forget the ring bearer's pillow.

12 MONTHS BEFORE

1. Choose the bridesmaids
In general, it is the bride's responsibility to pick out her bridesmaids.

2. Choose the groomsmen
In general, it is the groom's responsibility to pick out his groomsmen.

3. Flower girls
They spread petals down the aisle for the bride to walk on flowers.

4. Ring boys
During the exchange of vows, the ring boy hands the pillow to the couple for them to exchange the rings.

1. Guest list
Create a guest list, including everyone you would like to invite.

1. Choose the style
The most important thing to do is to pick a style that suits your body.

2. Budget
Determine how much you are willing to spend on your dress, but also on the other dresses that you will be purchasing for the bridal party.

3. Wedding vision
Picture yourself on your wedding day. What are you wearing? What silhouette is your gown? What fabric? Is it embroidered or beaded? What color is it?

4. Budget
When deciding on your budget, you don't need to set a very specific price. Just make it a general range, such as lower- 5-ups, or even 4-ones- 5ones.

5. Season
The season of your wedding is really important.

1. Photos
If you are ever find photos of decorations you like, keep them to show the vendors what you like.

2. Budget
Fix a budget and try to stick with it. See if you have to pay the decorator up-front or if you can pay a part of the money after the wedding.

3. Venue
Decorations are chosen according to the venue, the space, the color of the walls, the furniture and other such details that you should know.

1. Decide on the destination
Couples can visit several travel agencies and browse many offers.

2. Budget
Think about how much money you want to spend on this vacation. Aside from transportation and accommodation, also think about how much spending money you need.

1. Type of ceremony
Decide on the type of ceremony you want to have. You can choose between a religious, a secular or a interfaith ceremony.

1 WEEK AFTER THE WEDDING

15. Wedding gown preservation
A. Take your gown for cleaning and preservation.

9. Pick up
Collect the wedding gifts.

AFTER THE WEDDING

3. Social Security
4. U.S. Passport
5. Driver's License
6. Vehicle Title and Registration
7. Voter Registration
8. Bank Notification Letter
9. Credit Card Notification Letter
10. Mortgage Notification Letter
11. Utility Notification Letter
12. Medical Notification Letter
13. U.S. Postal Service
14. Insurance Notification Letter
15. Professional License Notification
16. Investment Notification Letter

Make sure you search for all the documents and the forms needed in your specific area in order to change your name on the documents earlier mentioned.

1. For the parents
2. For the bridesmaids
3. For the groomsmen
4. For your fiancee
5. For the matron of honor

Here there is no specific set of rules or steps that you should follow when it comes to the gift for each person. It is really important to know that person well. It is up to you if you want to buy something useful and practical or something symbolic. Set some money aside and think about the personality of the person and what would fit him/her.
What do they like the most?
What are their favorite colors?
What do they enjoy doing in their free time?
How does that person influence you?

6. Budget
Make sure you set aside some money for each gift. Remember that you don't need to buy everyone expensive gifts. Something well-thought out, personal and useful is better than something expensive. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

7. Gifts for out of town guests
A. Put together a gift basket or purchase some special gifts for out of town guests.

7. Childcare
Find someone to take care of the children of the guests attending the wedding.

8. Newspaper
Call newspaper regarding wedding announcement (send it according to their deadline requirements).

6 WEEKS BEFORE

1. Prenuptial agreement

4. Band
E. See if it's possible to dance to one of the songs played by the band before the wedding.

ANYTIME BEFORE THE WEDDING

14. Pick up
Pick up all the dresses and outfits required.

WHEN THEY ARE READY

9. Check up
It's really important to have periodical talks with your planner and keep in touch at all times. He/She should inform you on her progress.

AT LEAST ONCE IN EVERY 2 MONTHS

9. Attend
Make sure you don't miss your classes because you may be left behind.

WHENEVER SCHEDULED

8. If required, make one more visit to the tailor before you pick up the suit so you can try it on for final adjustments.

WHEN YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENTA

3. Spa
4. Gym/Fitness
These two relaxing methods are indicated to both the bride and the groom. The two of them need to stay in shape, but also enjoy a massage and a day at the spa.

AS FREQUENT AS POSSIBLE

8. Music
Don't ride to the wedding in silence. Make a few mixes of your favorite mood-setting songs for your drive to the ceremony, reception and home at the end of the night.

2 WEEKS BEFORE

9. Picture of the cake
Ask to see how the cake looks as it is being made before the wedding and see if you would like any alterations.

1. Bridesmades tea
The bride takes the bridesmades out for any meal or cocktails; the idea is to thank everyone for their friendship and support.

8. Bachelors dinner
The groom takes the best men out for any meal or cocktails; the idea is to thank everyone for their friendship and support.

9. Bachelor party
Usually organized by the bridesmaids.

10. Bachelorette party
Usually organized by the groomsmen.

11. Witnesses
Decide which witnesses will sign your marriage license.

12. Emergency kit
Prepare wedding-day emergency kit which should contain:
Adhesive Bandages, Toothpaste, Tampons, Antacid, Bobby Pins, Clear Nail Polish, Corsage Pins, Mending Kit, Dental Floss, Deodorant, Drinking Straw, Double-Sided Tape, Eyeglass Cleaning Cloth, Hypoallergenic Bandaids, Facial Tissues, Hair Spray, Hair Brush, Hand Lotion, Interior Mirror, Lint Remover, Nail Polish Remover, Pain Reliever, Scissors, Safety Pins, Stain Remover, Static Remover, Super Glue, Toothbrush, Breath mints.

1 WEEK BEFORE

7. Gifts for out of town guests
B. Take them to the hotel and place the gifts in each room.

12. Delivery
Make sure the decorator is there early on your wedding day to place all decorations before the guests arrive.

1 DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING OR ON THE WEDDING DAY

9. Go to sleep early
This is really important, because you have a tough and full day ahead of you tomorrow.

THE NIGHT BEFORE

12. The Groom and His Men
The groom, groomsmen, ushers and best man bond together while having a hearty and healthy breakfast.

13. Getting Ready
Start getting dressed, put on stockings and bridal garter, then bridal jewellery, next your wedding gown and last of all your bridal shoes. The bridesmaids should help you here.

14. Wedding Ushers
They stand outside the church, greeting and directing the early guests to the appropriate seating arrangements and handing out programs or service notes and boutonnières for guests.

15. Wedding Seating Arrangements
Ushers ensure that the guests arrive and are seated to the left of the church and the groom's family and friends, to the right.

16. The Bride's Arrival
The bride and her father pause outside the church for a few moments with the bridal party. The bridesmaids help with the bride's hair, veil and train; just before the bride enters the church, the photographer takes photographs of the bride with the veil – if it's a traditional veil and if it's part of your tradition. The covering of the brides face is optional and will depend on the style of the veil and headpiece.

17. Processional Music
The wedding usher informs the organist that the bride is ready. The processional music begins and the congregation stands.

18. Junior Wedding Attendants
The flower girls and page boy or ring bearer enters the church, walking down the aisle. They are the only two adults in your bridal party; eg, bride, groom, matron of honor and best man; the next in follow is the matron of honor. The best man is already at the front on the ceremony waiting with the groom.

19. The Bride & Her Father
The bride enters the church, walking down the aisle with her right arm resting on her father's left arm.

20. Groom & Best Man
The groom and best man move out of their pew and turn around, and turn to watch the bride walking slowly down the aisle with her father, side by side.

21. Bride's Father
Before the bride reaches the chancel steps, the father takes his daughter's hand and places it in the groom's right hand. He takes his seat next to his wife; his role completed.

22. Signing The Register
The final stage of the ceremony is to sign the register. This usually takes place with the bride and groom, their parents, the best man, matron of honor and their attendants present. A register entry copy, is usually given to the bride by the officiant for her to keep.

23. Receiving guests
The bride will generally designate one or more people to take care of taking guests to their seats. Normally, the bridesmaids are responsible with this.

24. Couple Announced
The master of ceremonies is the one generally announcing the couple's arrival.

25. Welcome
Typically the bride's father welcomes everyone to the wedding reception and thanks them for coming.

26. Toasts
Best Man makes his toast. If the Maid of Honor is making a toast, she follows.

27. First Dance
The band leader or DJ announces the couple. They can dance the entire song by themselves, or have the DJ invite the rest of the bridal party up for the second half of the song.

28. Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dances
On the songs of your choice.

10. Breakfast
Have a wholesome breakfast - example: 2 scrambled eggs on toast, fresh juice or a small fruit salad.

11. Wedding Vows
The couple then take their wedding vows in turn, repeating the words after the minister and answer, I will'.

12. Ring Exchange
The couple then turns both rings to the minister to be blessed. The bride's ring is then given to the groom who places it on the third finger of her left hand and repeats the words:
'With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee honor, and all my worldly goods with thee I share, in the name of the father, the son and of the Holy ghost'.
The groom then takes his own ring and repeats the bride's ring on his finger. The wedding vows and ring exchange may be custom made for your wedding. But be sure to get this approved by your priest, clergyman or marriage celebrant before hand – for the propriety of the changes.

13. Receiving guests
The couple will generally designate one or more people to take care of taking guests to their seats. Normally, the bridesmaids are responsible with this.

14. Cocktail Hour
You can take pictures during this time, mingle with the guests, or just enjoy a little time to yourselves! Most people use this time to take formal photographs. Finger food is served during cocktail hour.

15. Bride and Groom Thanks
Speeches are required, it is very nice for the couple to say thanks you to everyone, and especially to their parents.

16. Bouquet Toss and/or Garter
Toss if you do both, typically the people who caught them dance together.

17. Farewell
Have the DJ ask everyone to the front steps so they can send you off in style!

ON THE WEDDING DAY

1. Research
Get a list of transportation companies and set up meetings with them.
3-6 months before

2. Decorations
Most local rental firms will not allow you to decorate the cars, so make sure you are allowed.
3-6 months before

3. Cars
Ask to see the car you will be riding in.
3-6 months before

4. Guests
Remember that the decent thing to do is to provide transportation for out-of-town wedding guests.
3-6 months before

5. Bridal party
While not mandatory, you should provide transportation for the bridesmaids and groomsmen the entire day, as they are helping you with your wedding.
3-6 months before

6. Payment
Ask about the rental charges and book your transportation for the entire day. Ask about all the options available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.
3-6 months before

4. Contract
When everything is in place, make sure you have a written agreement signed by both of you.

7. Fireworks
E. When everything is in place, sign the contract.

14. Additional Items
Consider if you want the same vendor to do your seating cards, your wedding program, etc.

6. Bridal shower
Typically it is the maid of honor or chief bridesmaid who would organize the bridal shower and apart from knowing it is going to happen the details should be kept as a surprise from you.

4. Write vows
Most grooms and brides prefer to write the vows themselves, while others ask for help or simply choose a classic love text or poem.

5. Buy the extras
You will need the following items: guest book unity candle, garter, cake knife, toasting glasses, wine cups for ceremony.

15. Pick up
Pick up invitations and have them ready to be mailed.

8. Tuxedo
E. Pick up your suit.

2. Marriage licence
You need to apply for your marriage licence or other marriage contracts required by your local laws. Different states have different policies. You will get a marriage license in the county in which you are married, regardless of where you and your fiancé actually live.

2-3 MONTHS BEFORE

6-10 WEEKS BEFORE

1 MONTH BEFORE

1. Wedding consultant
Decide upon a wedding consultant to help you plan your wedding.
10-12 months before

2. Ask for references
The most important thing to do is to talk to the former clients of the wedding consultant you are in talks too. You can read online reviews as well, but what really matters is to have a phone conversation with past clients of that vendor.
10-12 months before

3. Call planners
Set up meeting with your 3-4 favorite wedding planners.
10-12 months before

4. Prices
Ask about all the costs that wedding planning implies. Ask if there will be a spending portfolio so you can keep track of all the costs. Ask about all the options available, their price and benefits. Make sure you're given a receipt if you pay for it online, so you can have a document proving that the company needs to send you those products your paid for.
10-12 months before

5. Scenarios
Test your consultant during the first meeting by picturing terrible scenarios asked him/her how he/she would handle such a situation.
10-12 months before

6. Vision
Ask him/her all your ideas about how you want the wedding to be so he/she can get a clear image of what you want.
10-12 months before

7. Photos
Ask to see photos from the wedding he/she previously arranged.
10-12 months before

8. Contract
Sign a contract when you are ready.
10-12 months before

1. Location
The first to do is to check with your wedding venue and see if the vendors provides all the necessary lighting systems.

2. Outdoor
If you are having an outdoor wedding and need to find your own lights, turn to a wedding vendor that can set up the place.

3. Prices
Ask about what is included in the price of the service. Ask about all the options available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

4. Details
Before choosing the lighting style, you need to consider the colors of your venue, the time of day that may require a certain lighting power and other details related to the location of your wedding.

5. Hire a pro
If you hire a wedding vendor that rents this equipment, make sure you ask details about price, backup lighting, if he has insurance for his equipment, etc.

3. Engagement party
Engagement parties are a common way to let close people know your are getting married. They are usually intimate, but some prefer to throw big parties and let all friends and acquaintances know.

3. Rehearsal dinner
Start planning the rehearsal dinner. Most couples will host the rehearsal dinner right before the wedding. Provide the host with contact information for your attendants and other guests. Figure out if you are going to have the dinner at home or if you want to rent a location. Consider the number of guests you want to invite, the decorations, the food, the favors and gift registry.

10- 12 MONTHS BEFORE

5. Find an officiant
Use the resources at your disposal to find officiants in your area.

6. Legal issues
Before hiring an officiant, make sure that he is licensed to perform legal weddings in your state and that he can show proof to this fact.

5. Discuss ceremony details
When you sit down with each officiant, make sure you know what kind of your ceremony to be like

6. Attend another service
Attend another service that the officiant is conducting.

7. Fees
If the officiant refuses to accept a fee, donate money to his house of worship.

8. Contract
Sit down wit details, including prices, cancellation policies and backup plan.
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5. Alert out of town guests
Make sure you let people who live far away know it's your wedding before the invitations are ready. Calling or sending an e-mail is a good idea.

1. Attend a wedding show
Attend a wedding show or exhibition where you can get an opportunity to sample food from various caterers in the area. Take business cards from the ones you are interested in.

1. Settle on a style
There are many types of photography to choose from. Check out some styles before choosing one.

2. Read reviews
Do you have friends that could recommend a good photographer? Either way, you need to read some reviews and look for extra opinions before hiring someone

3. Set up interviews
You need to meet with several photographers before picking the right one.

4. Pricing
Ask about all the packages available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

5. Backup
Ask about backup equipment, it is important. Ask how old the equipment is. Also ask about the storage space available.

6. Copies
Ask about the number of DVD copies that you will receive.

7. Album
A. If you want a wedding album, ask for prices, offers, types, styles and make your choice.
B. Ask when you can choose the pictures for the wedding album.

8. See full wedding albums
Photographer will post their best work online, so ask to see some full wedding albums.

9. Review albums with criticism
Make sure you pay attention to the brightness, contrast, coloring and other technical details of the pictures. Don't focus on useless elements, like what covers the guests are wearing.

10. Compatible personalities
Before choosing a photographer, there needs to be chemistry between you. You need to work with people you like, people that understand what you want.

11. Compare offers
Compare several packages and see which one offers the best value for your money.

12. Ask about photo rights
Some photographers will not allow you to post pictures on your social media accounts unless they have a watermark. Also discuss the implication of wanting and printing another wedding album in the future.

13. Picture delivery
Ask when the pictures will be delivered (both DVD and wedding album).

1. Settle on a style
Videographers have different methods of shooting videos, like cinematic, reality TV or documentary.

2. Read reviews
Do you have friends that could recommend a good videographer? Either way, you need to read some reviews and look for extra opinions before hiring someone

3. Set up interviews
You need to meet with several videographers before picking the right one.

4. Pricing
Ask about all the packages available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

5. Backup
Ask about backup equipment, it is important. Also ask about the storage space available on the wedding day. Ask how old the equipment is. Ask if they shoot HD videos.

6. See video demo
Ask to see filmed footage from several wedding and focus on the quality of the video.

7. Compare offers
Compare several packages and see which one offers the best value for your money.

8. Copies
Ask about the number of DVD copies that you will receive.

9. Compatible personalities
Before choosing a videographer, there needs to be chemistry between you. You need to work with people you like, people that understand what you want.

10. Video editing and format
Ask about the editing of the video. Is that included in the price? Ask details on the music used, if there will be any subtitles included, etc. Ask what devices will be able to use to play the video.

11. Video delivery
Inquire about how long it will take to process the video and when will it be delivered to you.

1. Reception site
Check out several locations and decide where you want your reception to be held.

2. Number of guests
You need to have an approximate number of attending guests in order to book a venue.

3. Budget
Ask about all the options available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

4. Location
It is really important to determine if you want an indoor nor outdoor wedding.

5. Outdoors
For outdoor weddings, you need to inquire about special rental items that the place may be hosting; for public spaces, you need special authorizations. Also consider the risks that it may rain on your wedding day.

6. Pictures
When you visit venues, take your camera with you and take pictures. It will help you keep track of the places you visited.

7. Ask questions
Ask about the number of people that the place supports, ask about lights and whatever other facilities the venue can provide. Ask where you can place the bar, where the DJ will be, if there is a dance floor, where the DJ perform, where can the food bar be placed.

9. Guest accommodation
A. Look for places which are close to the wedding venue preferably, so guests will find it easy to return after the reception.

B. Try to book accommodations for all guests in one place.

C. Make sure you have a complete number of out-of-town guests before booking.

D. Make sure you choose a hotel in a safe place in your wedding location, as to avoid unpleasant situations with your guests.

E. Choose a respectable place, with good review so your guests will be lodged in a nice location.

F. Ask if there are any meals included that the hotel can provide so that your guests will have something to eat while they are checked into that location.

5. Recommendation
Get a recommendation from other vendors that you may have decided to work with already.

6. Visit caterers
Save some time by cutting your list of potential caterers. You can totally pick 3-4 caterers, call them and meet with 3 of them.

7. Sample menu
Request a sampling of menu item choices.

8. Make a choice
Base your final choice on which wedding caterer is willing to give you want you want.

9. Sign the contract
Review the contract fully before finalizing your decision.

4. Find decorators
Look for decorators online and offline and ask to meet some of them.

5. Details
Provide your potential decorator with details on how you envision the wedding, what colors you most like, etc.

6. Work
Ask to see photos of their previous work.

7. Recommendation
Ask for recommendations online or from past clients.

8. Compatible personalities
Before choosing a decorator, there needs to be chemistry between you. You need to work with people you like, people that understand what you want.

9. Visit venue
When you have decided on a vendor, take him/her to see the wedding venue so they can recommend potential decorations.

10. Mock-up
Ask vendors to set up some mock up tables, preferably the wedding venue, to see what the tables would look like.

11. Sign the contract
If you are happy with the relationship with your vendor, simply write all the details down and sign the contract.

1. Style
If you have a specific type of wedding invitations you would like, that will be the style you need to go with.

2. Budget
Determine how many guests you have and limit your budget per invitation to make sure you don't spend to much money. Ask about all the packages available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

3. Catalogs
Both online and offline, look for catalogs or galleries of wedding invitations.

4. Quality
Always ask about the quality of the paper/carton used in printing the invitation.

5. Print
Ask about the printing method that the wedding invitation vendor uses - Ink Jet, Laser, Wax Ink, Offset or Flat printing, Thermography, Engraving, Letterpress.

6. Calligraphy
Decide if you also need a calligrapher to manually write your invitations or maybe your envelopes.

7. Samples
When you meet with vendors from this category, ask to see some samples of their previous invitations.

1.Research
Find the right florist for you, based on recommendations, reviews and experience.

2. Budget
Determine how much you are willing to spend on wedding flowers. Ask about all the options available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after

3. Decide on the flowers
A. Bridal bouquets
B. Flower arrangements
C. Petals
D. Flowers for the church
E. Flowers for the reception hall
F. Groom's boutonnerre
G. Flower corsageres
H. Bridesmaids bouquets

4. Photos
Ask to see photos of previous arrangements.

5. Mock up
Ask if they can set up a demo bouquet for you to get a clear vision of what the florist can do for you.

6.Vision
The wedding florist should see pictures of the wedding venue, the dresses of the bride, the bridesmaids dresses, hear your own ideas and the flowers you most like, learn about the number of tables at the reception, the number of people in the wedding party, as well as see the venue first.

7. Contract
Once everything is in place, sign the contract.

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12. Sign the contract
Once you have chosen your videographer, write the details in the contract and sign it.

14. Sign the contract
Once you have chosen your photographer, write the details in the contract and sign it.

15. Rentals
Make a list of items every thing you need or if you require any external rentals.
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8. Registering for gifts
A. Make a list of the items you really need.

B. If you put big items on your list, make sure there is enough room inside your house to store them.

C. Considering making a lists: one with cheap gifts and an expensive list for those who can truly afford it.

D. Pick the register store carefully and make sure that all your guests have access to it.

E. Put household appliances that you need on that list: they will be really useful to you.

F. Include a shipping address on your registry.

1. Look for ideas
Looking at wedding cakes online might automatically suggest the type of wedding cake, this isn't always be self-evident or in line with your other preferences.

2. Budget
A. Once you've got some idea of the type of cake you'd like, you'll need to work out how much money you have to spend on the cake. Be realistic and compare the prices of various cake vendors.

B. Ask about all the options available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

1. Family jewels
Think about how you can work family jewels into your bridal outfit (if any).

2. Budget
Figure out your budget before you start spending money on your wedding jewelry. Ask about all the options available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

3. Necklace
Don't forget to purchase that complementary the cut of the dress.

4. Earrings
The best rules would be to choose a non-compeeted piece of jewelry, if you are wearing a bracelet, you may want to leave or earrings alone (both, not one).

5. Bracelet
The best rules would be to choose a set compared of a necklace and earrings and bracelet, this way you won't have to worry about items not matching.

1. Vintage objects
See if any of these items are provided by the venue or if you need to rent them.

2. Chair covers
See if any of these items are provided by the venue or if you need to rent them.

3. Chairs
See if any of these items are provided by the venue or if you need to rent them.

4. Napkins
See if any of these items are provided by the venue or if you need to rent them.

5. Table linens
See if any of these items are provided by the venue or if you need to rent them.

2. Questions
A. Ask about how much each item costs. Ask about all the packages available, their price and benefits. Ask about payment methods, see if you have to pay up-front or you can pay part of the money after the wedding.

B. Ask about how much you would have to pay for damaged items.

C. Ask if they will deliver and set-up these items on your wedding day or if you have to do it yourself.

D. Ask about the procedure for returning the items.

E. Contract
When everything is in place, sign the contract.

1. Favorite songs
You need to first establish the following songs:
- Bouquet Toss Songs
- Wedding Dinner Songs
- Introduction Songs
- First Dance Songs
- Father & Daughter Songs
- First Dance Songs
- Garter Toss Songs
- Last Dance Songs
- Mother & Son Songs*

3. Basics
You need to learn which part of the wedding requires which type of music. You can find out that information via online and offline research, but you can also ask some friends that recently got married.

4. Permissions
Some ceremony sites and officiants may have specific requirements about which music can and can't be played during a ceremony.

5. Venue
Consider the size of your venue when putting together your ensemble.

6. Band
A. The most often way for people to choose a band is to look amongst the bands that have played at either weddings they've attended.

B. Figure out if you want a band that includes a specific instrument.

C. When you hear about a band, look for their website and listen to some of the tunes they play.

D. Ask to meet the band leader in person.

E. If all goes well, ask to see them perform, preferably at a similar wedding or just to listen in a couple of nights.

F. Provide a list with your favorite and least favorite songs. Ask if they can play (or learn to play) your favorite tunes.

G. Ask for how many hours they can play music and make sure you book them for the entire evening.

H. Ask if they have everything they need, including sound and light equipment, backups and any other stage elements.

I. See if it's possible to dance to one of the songs played by the band before the wedding.

J. When every detail has been established, sign the contract.

Guests | Bride's additional responsibilities | Documents | Acessories | Bridal and Formal wear | Catering | Decorations | Honeymoons | Videography | Photography | Invitations & Calligraphy | Planning | Wedding minister | Premarital counseling

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