

Wedding Guide

1. Announce engagement and make a plan! My best friend for planning is a legal pad, pen, and notebook with calendar so that I can store wedding info, cards, samples, and ideas.
2. Spend a couple of hours just surfing the web on sites like theknot.com and others that have samples of wedding photos and ideas. There is a free wedding planning guide that is a great tool for wedding planning. Take pictures and save them to show your wedding planner what you like!
3. Determine your budget.
4. Set a date and book your wedding consultant, church, or other wedding venue and reception venue. Also, immediately reserve your minister. This could be a person that is special in your life or hire an officiant. If budget allows, hire a wedding coordinator or book a facility that includes that in your package. Make an appointment with them.
5. Guest list and bridal party selections.
6. Color scheme or theme.
7. Bridal Gown.
8. Find and hire a photographer, caterer, and baker.
9. Let guests that live abroad have a notice of your wedding so they may schedule time off work to attend and make travel arrangements...save the dates!
10. Bridesmaids dresses!! Tuxes!! Moms dresses!! Order early!
11. Hire a florist.
12. Honeymoon, guest registry, and invitations, passports and birth certificate if needed for marriage license. Be sure and use free services like our wedding guide on our website or like theknot.com or buy a wedding planning book to get you on the right track!!
13. Select flower girl and ring bearer.
14. Schedule fittings and schedule musicians and DJ.
15. Book videographer.
16. Buy wedding gifts and rings.
17. Rentals for wedding.
18. Mail invitations 7 weeks prior to wedding.
19. Select place and menus for rehearsal dinners.
20. Order wedding programs.
21. Purchase all accessories and shoes...don't forget to break in shoes!
22. Wedding cake selections and order party favors.
23. Order sparklers, bubbles, or bird seed pouches.
24. Honeymoon attire.
25. Gifts for wedding attendants and other ones.
26. Check marriage license requirements and plan for that.
27. Determine hair style and book a hair stylist as well as makeup stylist for the wedding day – don't forget the nails!
28. Wedding announcements and engagement pics.
29. Wedding bridal portraits.
30. Wedding counseling.
31. Guest book – napkins – ring bearer pillow- flower girl baskets and all other accessories.
32. Finalize all menus and alcohol order.
33. Confirm ceremony details with officiant.
34. Timeline all wedding and reception events.