



WEDDINGS

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THE
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ISSUE

TIPS FOR STRESS-FREE WEDDING PLANNING



-A Little About Me-
Your Florist

I met my fiancé Matt at work over three years ago, and we have been in love from day one. We are getting married August 27th of this year, so believe me when I say "I know what you're going through".

I LOVE ALL THINGS WEDDING/FLORAL RELATED!

If I can do something to ease your burden, I will.

I communicate openly and throughout entire floral planning process to keep your mind at ease on progress. I pride myself in the quality of my work and if I wouldn't want it in my wedding, I won't sell it.

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You Don't Have To Do Everything On Your Own!

When it comes to planning your wedding, you want every detail to be as perfect and magical as you have been envisioning all of your life.

Whether you are planning a grand event with hundreds of people or a small intimate gathering, delegating as much as your budget allows will make the whole process less stressful and more enjoyable for you.

Some couples like to take on all the responsibility and do all the planning themselves, while others want someone to take over the stress of negotiating with vendors and sticking to a budget for them. In either case, on the day of your wedding you will want someone else to take the responsibility and worry from you and from your family and friends.

Let our company help relieve at least a part of your worry. We provide quality work and we are in constant communication with you throughout the entire process. We look forward to helping you create the wedding of your dreams!



Your wedding day is naturally one of the best days of your life. There are so many aspects that you need to focus on in order to bring it all together though, which is why this can be such a stressful period for brides too.

Hiring a wedding planner can make this joyful time a little easier on your nerves. Here are a few reasons why you should consider hiring a professional planner:

YOU'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE

Chances are you and your fiancé haven't planned a wedding before. Even if you have, there are always new and exciting trends, venues, and vendors popping up so it's never the same. Some brides feel that they can plan their own weddings because they've helped a sister or best friend plan theirs but planning your own wedding is completely different. A professional wedding planner is the best person to guide you through this intricate process.

THE STRESS IS GETTING TO YOU

Planning a wedding is harder than it looks and if you're already losing sleep over your massive to-do list, hiring a wedding planner can really make the entire process much more manageable and enjoyable for you. You should be excited about your big day, not stressed and tearful.

YOU'RE UNSURE ABOUT THE COSTS INVOLVED

If you're in the process of putting a budget together and would like some more guidance on what to expect based on your unique preferences, a wedding planner can be your guide. A professional wedding planner can offer you great insights on industry norms and trends and what you can expect. They can also really help you stick to your budget.



YOU NEED A PUSH START

A wedding planner can help you get the ball rolling so that you can start making all the important decisions. They'll help bring your vision together and put you in touch with vendors and suppliers who can help bring your day to life.

YOU'RE UNDER THE IMPRESSION YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER WILL HELP WITH PLANNING

Yes, a photographer can give you some guidance on the timing, but they definitely won't be assisting you with any other coordination or wedding planning. Your photographer will be able to tell you what time to start getting ready and how much time they'll need for family shots but they won't be able to assist with the clearing of the reception hall for décor shots, bustling your dress before you walk down the aisle, or making sure that the men's boutonnieres are pinned on properly, this is what your wedding planner is for. A wedding planner is there to make sure that your photographer can do his or her job on the day.

Remember To Breathe!





TIPS FOR STRESS-FREE WEDDING PLANNING

LEARN TO SAY NO

Planning a wedding is exciting and fun, but it can also be one of the busiest times of your life. If you don't want to end up being a nervous wreck before your wedding day, learn to prioritize and say no to any new commitments that would take away from other important wedding-related tasks.

BECOME THE QUEEN OF ORGANIZATION

The more organized you are, the better your wedding planning experience will be. Keep a digital copy of all your important documents, contracts and information in one file on your computer so you can easily refer back to them when you need to.

HAVE A LITTLE FUN

There's no need for you to be a frazzled bride. Take out your calendar and schedule a few fun days between all your wedding planning. Make fun and laughter a priority in the weeks leading up to your wedding. Sometimes it's important to come back down to earth and remember why you're choosing to marry your partner. Or perhaps go out and enjoy an afternoon with the girls where you don't talk about the wedding at all.

MOVE YOUR BODY

Exercise does wonders when you've got a lot on your plate. Sometimes you need to take a breather and focus on your health. This doesn't mean that you need to schedule in an hour at the gym every day either. If you're strapped for time, a simple 15-20 minute walk or yoga session can make all the difference to your stress and energy levels.

JUST BREATH

Take a complete timeout from wedding planning as often as you need to. Every bride deserves a relaxing soak in the tub or a heavenly hot stone massage to relieve some of the tension she might be feeling. It can be difficult to make time to simply relax but do your best to find the time, even if it's just 30 minutes a week.

WEDDING PLANNING ADVICE TO IGNORE

There's a lot of advice out there for new brides-to-be and it can be difficult to decide what advice to take and what to ignore.

If you're feeling overwhelmed with all of the advice you've been reading and receiving, here are a few wedding planning myths that you can toss aside.

A TALENTED FRIEND IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS A PROFESSIONAL

This is especially relevant when it comes to choosing a photographer. Just because you have a friend who takes amazing holiday photos doesn't mean they're prepared or skilled to capture your wedding day.



EVERY DETAIL NEEDS TO BE PERFECT

If you would prefer not to drive yourself mad before your wedding day, leave perfection at the door. Your wedding doesn't need to be Pinterest-perfect in order for it to be special and memorable.

DIY IS THE ONLY WAY

While DIY is a great way to save money, it isn't always the best route.

Sometimes it's better to pay a professional to assist you with aspects such as your cake, catering, and even some of your decorating.



YOU WENT TO THEIR WEDDING SO THEY SHOULD BE INVITED TO YOURS

There is absolutely no rule that says you have to invite every single person that invited you to their wedding. This is your day and your budget, so choose your guests wisely.

YOU SHOULD BE ENGAGED FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR

There is no rule that says you need to wait at least 365 days before you wed. Your timing should be based on your personal preferences and your lives.

YOU NEED A BIG BRIDAL PARTY

This is your wedding and if your future husband only wants his brother at his side on his wedding day while you want all five of your best friends, that's ok. Adding people to your wedding party unnecessarily racks up unnecessary costs.

IT'S OKAY TO GO INTO DEBT TO HAVE THE PERFECT WEDDING

You do not have to start your married life with mountains of debt just so that you could have a magazine-worthy wedding. Decide what's most important to you as a couple and allocate your budget accordingly.

YOUR WEDDING CHECK-LIST

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

- Select a wedding date and time.
- Discuss a budget and how expenses will be shared. Open a separate bank account for the wedding fund.
- Agree on the size and how formal the wedding will be.
- Call clergyman/officiator to confirm date and schedule appointment to discuss ceremony.
- Select location for the ceremony and reception. Remember to pay deposits in order to secure your booking.
- Select a wedding photographer.
- Schedule appointment for bridal portrait.
- Start drafting your guest list. Inform bride and groom's family of the number they can invite and by which date you need their list.
- Organise your engagement announcement in the newspaper.
- Begin planning a honeymoon destination.
- Select colour scheme and theme of your wedding.
- Order invitations, personal stationary and monogrammed favours for reception.
- Choose wedding attendants for both bride and groom. Find out their sizes.
- Organise the master of ceremonies for your reception.
- Start looking for and order the bridal gown – schedule the fittings and delivery date.
- Choose a caterer and plan the menu.
- Choose a florist that best suits your floral design requirements.
- Select music/musicians/DJ for the ceremony and/or reception.
- Order attendant's gowns and schedule the fittings and delivery date.
- Book wedding cars for bridal party.

TWO MONTHS AHEAD

- Address and mail invitations.
- Sign up for your bridal registry and select gift options.
- Order your wedding cake.
- Buy or hire the formal wear for the groom and his attendants.
- Order rental equipment: eg. marquee, tables, chairs etc.
- Inform attendants of fitting schedules and of any accessories they may need to buy.
- Begin making transportation and accommodation arrangements for out of town guests and the wedding party.
- Begin personal shopping for clothes needed for pre-wedding parties or honeymoon.
- Make any necessary personal appointments – bank, solicitor, health check-up, beauty, hairdresser, etc.




YOUR WEDDING CHECK-LIST CONTINUED

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ONE MONTH AHEAD

- Confirm details with all wedding suppliers that all arrangements are proceeding smoothly, i.e. caterer, florist, photographer, videographer, musicians, car hire specialists, hotel/reception manager, etc.
- Buy wedding rings.
- Ensure all official wedding documentation is in order.
- Schedule wedding rehearsal and notify everyone involved.
- Begin organising any necessary changes on all personal documentation the bride be taking the groom's name.
- Confirm your total wedding look - ensure you have all necessary accessories for your wedding gown and for your attendants.
- Finish personal shopping.
- Finalise honeymoon plans.
- Plan bridesmaids' luncheon.
- Buy bridesmaids' and other special gifts.

ONE TO TWO WEEKS AHEAD

- Arrange for final fitting and delivery of all wedding attire.
 - Arrange a trial hair and make-up day. Be sure to try your hair style with your veil.
 - Confirm final guest count and inform caterer, reception venue.
 - Have final consultation with florist, photographer, musicians, etc.
 - Finalise transportation and accommodation arrangements for out of town guests and wedding party.
 - Pack an "emergency kit" for the wedding day which may include: safety pins, tissues, cosmetics, hairspray, needle and cotton, extra pantyhose, extra lingerie, eye drops, headache pills and bandaids.
 - Finalise seating arrangements for the reception.
 - Confirm honeymoon bookings and have reading all necessary documentation: tickets, passports, traveller's cheques, etc.
 - Pack for honeymoon.
 - If you choose to speak at your reception start deciding on what you want to say.
 - Arrange with your reception to have a table available for last minute gifts. Ask family members to move gifts home after wedding.
 - If you are having an envelope box request a table for it with the gift table. Ask a close family member to be responsible for it.
 - Sit down and organise the actual wedding day into some sort of time schedule. Provide the wedding party with the schedule – include maps if necessary.
 - Wear your wedding shoes around the house until they are comfortable.
 - Keep writing thank you notes and relax whenever possible!
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YOUR WEDDING CHECK-LIST CONTINUED

ONE DAY AHEAD

- Place payments for DJ, florist, caterer, etc. into envelopes and give to groom's Best man to take care of.
- Lay out everything you will need on the wedding day, right down to the smallest detail. Place everything in a convenient place so that it is easily accessible on the big day.
- If a hairdresser and/or make-up artist is to attend to you on the day, confirm appointment.
- Prepare going-away outfit.
- Confirm that all members of the wedding party are organised and well prepared.
- Prepare what you will have as a good healthy breakfast on your wedding day. This is important and often overlooked. A good breakfast will provide you with the energy you will need to get through the day.
- Have a massage, manicure and pedicure and relax.
- Before going to bed take a warm (not hot) fragrant bath.
- Complete your evening skin routine so that your skin is moist for your wedding day make-up.
- Relax!
- Get to bed early.

THIS IS IT !

- Relax and pamper yourself.
- Be at the ceremony at least five minutes early
- Smile and enjoy – this is your special day!







BRIDAL PARTY FLORAL PACKAGES

BRIDAL PARTY FLORALS PACKAGE - SMALL

\$250

- 1 Small to Medium Bridal Bouquet
- 1 Small Toss Bouquet
- Up to 4 Bridesmaid's Bouquets
- Up to 4 Boutonnieres

BRIDAL PARTY FLORALS PACKAGE - LARGE

\$800

- 1 Medium to Large Bridal Bouquet
- 1 Small Toss Bouquet
- Up to 8 Bridesmaid's Bouquets
- Up to 8 Boutonnieres
- Up to 3 Corsages (Wrist or Pin)
- 1 Flower Girl Basket or Head Piece
- 1 Ring Bearer Sign (Custom wording available)
- 1 Sweetheart's Table Floral Piece or 1 Small to Medium Arch Floral Piece

BRIDAL PARTY FLORALS PACKAGE - MEDIUM

\$500

- 1 Small to Medium Bridal Bouquet
- 1 Small Toss Bouquet
- Up to 5 Bridesmaid's Bouquets
- Up to 5 Boutonnieres
- 1 Flower Girl Basket or Head Piece
- 1 Ring Bearer Sign (Custom wording available)
- 1 Sweetheart's Table Floral Piece

CUSTOM PACKAGE & ADD-ON OPTIONS

\$150 +

- Custom Packages available for both Bridal Party Florals and/or Reception Décor.
- This option can be used for additional add-ons or single items
- This option also applies to custom-made/unique-to-bride pieces
- Message for specific needs and options



RECEPTION FLORAL PACKAGES

RECEPTION FLORALS PACKAGE - SMALL

\$300

- 1 Small Sweetheart's Table Floral Piece
- Up to 6 Small Centerpieces
- 1 Set of "Mr. & Mrs." or "Bride & Groom Chair Signs"

RECEPTION FLORALS PACKAGE - MEDIUM

\$600

- 1 Small to Medium Sweetheart's Table Floral Piece with Mr. & Mrs. Wooden Piece
- 1 Small Arch Floral Arrangement
- Up to 10 Small to Medium Centerpieces or 5 Large Centerpieces
- 1 Set of "Mr. & Mrs." or "Bride & Groom Chair Signs"

RECEPTION FLORALS PACKAGE - LARGE

\$900

- 1 Small to Large Sweetheart's Table Floral Piece with Mr. & Mrs. Wooden Piece
- 1 Cake Table or Small Arch Floral Piece
- Up to 15 Small to Medium Centerpieces or 8 Large Centerpieces
- 1 Set of "Mr. & Mrs." or "Bride & Groom Chair Signs"

RECEPTION FLORALS PACKAGE - EXTRA LARGE

\$1200

- 1 Medium to Large Sweetheart's Table Floral Piece with Mr. & Mrs. Wooden Piece
- 2 Cake Table or Arch Floral Pieces
- Up to 20 Medium to Large Centerpieces
- Up to 20 Floral Garlands
- 1 Set of "Mr. & Mrs." or "Bride & Groom Chair Signs"



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