

# The Ultimate Wedding Day Roadmap

*Your Step-by-Step Guide to Designing a Celebration That Reflects What Matters Most*

## In Less Than 10 Minutes, You Will:

- **Discover** nearly everything you'll need or want at your wedding
- **Prioritize** every moment, product, and professional based on how well they support your dream wedding experience
- **Visualize** a seamless, flowing celebration where every guest is engaged, entertained, dancing, and having the time of their lives

## Let's Get Started

Follow these step-by-step instructions to create a customized game plan for your wedding day.

### Step 1: Prepare Your Materials

Print all six pages of this guide and grab a pen or pencil.

### Step 2: Eliminate What You Don't Need

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Strike through every event that you do **not** want or need at your wedding.

*Note: This page is your complete 1-page overview.*

### Step 3: Mark Eliminated Items

On the **Ultimate Wedding Day Checklist**, place an **"E"** in front of each event you crossed out.

"E" stands for **Eliminate**.

Now, let's begin prioritizing what matters most.

## Steps 4–7: Prioritize Your Must-Have Moments

### Step 4: Mark Essential Events

Place an **"A"** in front of each event that is essential. These are non-negotiables—your wedding can't happen without them.

### Step 5: Rank Your Top Priority

From your "A" list, identify the most crucial event and mark it **"A1."**

### Step 6: Continue Ranking

Assign the next most important event as **"A2,"** then **"A3,"** and so on.

### Step 7: Complete Your Core Rankings

Continue ranking until all “A” events are numbered in order of importance.

You’ve now defined the heart of your wedding day based on what matters most to you.

## Steps 8–10: Organize Supporting Events

### Step 8: Identify “Nice-to-Have” Events

Place a “B” in front of events you’d like to include—**only if** your “A” priorities are fully covered. Then rank them (B1, B2, etc.).

### Step 9: Mark Optional Extras

Add a “C” in front of events that would be great extras—if your budget allows. Repeat the ranking process (C1, C2, etc.).

**Important:** Don’t add “C” events until your “A” and “B” priorities are fully funded.

### Step 10: Delegate Where Appropriate

Use a “D” to mark events you plan to **delegate** to family or friends.

*Tip: Never delegate “A” events or anything that would cause disappointment if done imperfectly.*

Rank your “D” events accordingly (D1, D2, etc.).

## Step 11: Identify Key Vendors

For each “A” event, **circle the vendor** (e.g., DJ, Planner, Photographer, Caterer) who plays the most significant role in making that moment unforgettable.

If a different vendor is more critical than the one listed, write their name in.

## Congratulations!

You now have a clear, customized wedding day game plan built around your top priorities. This simple yet powerful exercise will help you:

- Maximize your **time and budget**
- Eliminate unnecessary **stress**
- Create a **wedding day experience** that genuinely reflects your values, style, and vision

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# ***The Ultimate Wedding Day Checklist!***

## **Pre-Ceremony (0-75 minutes)**

**Venue, Photographer, Videographer, Planner**

\_\_\_\_ **First Look Couple Photos** (0-30 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, Photographer, Videographer, Planner

\_\_\_\_ **Family and Wedding Party Photos** (0-45 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, Photographer, Videographer, Planner

## **Ceremony (0-60 minutes)**

**Venue, Officiant, Marriage License, Photographer, Videographer, Musicians, DJ, Florist,**

**Decorations, Rentals, Planner**

\_\_\_\_ **Guest Seating** (0-30 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, Rentals, Musicians, DJ, Planner

\_\_\_\_ **Announcements/Unplugged/Interactive Instructions** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ, Venue, Planner

\_\_\_\_ **Honor Seating** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Musicians, DJ, Venue, Planner

\_\_\_\_ **Wedding Party Enters** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Musicians, DJ, Venue, Planner

\_\_\_\_ **Processional** (0-3 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Musicians, DJ, Planner, Officiant, Venue

\_\_\_\_ **Welcome/Greeting/Opening Prayer** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Officiant, special guest, DJ, Venue

\_\_\_\_ **Story/Scripture/Reading(s)** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Officiant, special guest, DJ, Venue

\_\_\_\_ **Vows** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Officiant, DJ, Venue

\_\_\_\_ **Ring Exchange** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Officiant, DJ, Venue

\_\_\_\_ **Sand Blending/Unity Candle etc...** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Officiant, Musicians, DJ, Venue

\_\_\_\_ **Pronouncement** (0-1 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Officiant, DJ, Venue

\_\_\_\_ **Recessional** (0-3 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Musicians, DJ, Venue

\_\_\_\_ **Group Photo** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, Photographer, Videographer, Planner, DJ

\_\_\_\_ **Sign Marriage License** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Officiant, Planner, Photographer, Videographer

## Cocktail Hour (0-60 minutes)

Venue, Caterer, Musicians, DJ, Florist, Decorations, Photographer, Videographer,  
Photo Booth, Rentals, Planner

- \_\_\_ **Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres Served** (0-60 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, Caterer
- \_\_\_ **Additional Photos** (0-60 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, Photographer, Videographer, Planner, DJ
- \_\_\_ **Guest Book** (0-60 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Planner, Venue
- \_\_\_ **Photo Booth** (0-60 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Photo Booth, DJ/MC
- \_\_\_ **Slideshow/Montage Video** (0-60 minutes on a loop) **Vendor(s):** Photographer, Videographer, Venue
- \_\_\_ **Lawn Games** (0-60 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, Rentals
- \_\_\_ **Sunset Photos** (0-15 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, Photographer, Videographer, Planner, DJ
- \_\_\_ **Seating Chart** (0-60 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, Planner, DJ/MC
- \_\_\_ **Invite Guests into Reception** (0-15 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, DJ/MC, Planner

## Reception (0-240 minutes)

Venue, Caterer, Bakery, Musicians, DJ/MC, Lighting and Visuals, Photographer, Videographer,  
Florist, Decorations, Photo Booth, Rentals, Planner

- \_\_\_ **Welcome by Host** (0-2 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Planner, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer
- \_\_\_ **Introductions** (0-10 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Photographer, Videographer, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Love Story** (0-10 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Photographer, Videographer
- \_\_\_ **First Dance** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Dance Instructor, Photographer, Videographer, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Welcome by honored guests/parents** (0-10 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Photographer, Videographer, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Prayer/Blessing** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Photographer, Videographer, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Meal: Plated/Family Style/Buffer/Stations** (0-60 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, Caterer, DJ/MC, Musicians, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Interactive Games** (0-10 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Venue
- \_\_\_ **Visit/Photos with Guests** (0-15 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Photographer, Videographer

- \_\_\_ **Toasts/Speeches/Thank-You's** (0-15 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Photographer, Videographer, Bartending, Venue, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Parent Dedication Dances** (0-10 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Wedding Party Dance** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Good Wish Dance** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer
- \_\_\_ **Group Photo** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Photographer, Videographer, Venue
- \_\_\_ **Open Dancing** (0-60 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Lighting, Photographer, Videographer
- \_\_\_ **Photo Booth** (0-180 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Photo Booth, DJ/MC
- \_\_\_ **Anniversary Dance** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer
- \_\_\_ **Cake Cutting/Dessert Table** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, Bakery, DJ/MC, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Bouquet Toss** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Garter Removal & Toss** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Money/Charity/Greeting/Advice Dance** (0-15 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer
- \_\_\_ **Non-Stop Dancing** (0-90 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer
- \_\_\_ **Line Dances** (0-15 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer
- \_\_\_ **Late Night Snacks** (0-45 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, Caterer, DJ/MC, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Last Call** (0-1 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Bartending, Venue
- \_\_\_ **Last Dances** (0-10 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer, Planner
- \_\_\_ **Final Thank-You's** (0-1 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC
- \_\_\_ **Final Instructions/Reminders** (0-2 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Planner, Venue
- \_\_\_ **Solo Dance for couple** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** DJ/MC, Musicians, Photographer, Videographer, Venue
- \_\_\_ **Send-Off** (0-5 minutes) **Vendor(s):** Venue, DJ/MC, Photographer, Videographer, Planner