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Congratulations on your engagement!

By saying "yes" to that life-changing question, you've started on a journey towards a lifetime of love and joy. As you begin to plan your dream wedding, you're about to create special moments to share with the people who matter most.

This wedding binder will be your trusty companion, confidant, and source of inspiration to help you navigate the complex world of wedding planning. It's here to guide you, offer valuable advice, and make your dreams come true. Whether you've envisioned an intimate gathering or a grand, fairytale celebration, every detail is important, and this binder will help you embrace the magic of it all.

Inside these pages, you'll find a wealth of information, advice, and practical tools designed to make your wedding planning experience both enjoyable and stress-free. From setting a budget to choosing the perfect dress, from finding the ideal venue to creating a delectable menu, it's all covered here. We've thought of everything so that you don't have to.

Your wedding day is a once-in-a-lifetime event that deserves to be everything you've ever dreamed of. This binder is your dedicated space to organize, record, and treasure every step of your journey as you plan the celebration of your love. The memories you make while planning will be just as special as the ones you'll create on the big day.

So, turn the page, start exploring, and get ready to fall in love with planning your wedding as much as you've fallen in love with each other. Your journey begins now, and we're here to walk with you every step of the way. Here's to a beautiful wedding and a lifetime of happiness together!

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COMPREHENSIVE WEDDING PLANNING TIMELINE

This timeline may vary depending on the area you are in. This is an average timeline.

12-18 Months Before

- **Create an Initial Vision**
 - Make an initial vision board for your wedding so that you can assess the theme and style you want.
- **Set the Budget**
 - Determine how much you can afford and allocate funds to different aspects of the wedding.
- **Look into Wedding Insurance**
 - Before you start paying deposits look into wedding insurance to make sure you are covered in case there are any unforeseen circumstances.
- **Create Vision Boards**
 - Create a ceremony vision board, reception vision board, table decor vision board and color palette.
- **Start the Guest List**
 - Begin drafting your guest list for the wedding and rehearsal dinner.
- **Find the Venue and Pick Your Wedding Date**
 - Your wedding date will in most cases be dependant on the availability of your preferred venue.
- **Hire a Wedding Planner (if desired)**
 - Consider hiring a wedding planner to assist with the planning process.
- **Send Save The Dates**
 - Choose style of your Save the Dates and let your guests know about the big day.
- **Plan Engagement Party**
 - Choose venue, style and who you will invite to your engagement party. See the Engagement Party Planning Binder for in-depth organisational tools.

9-12 Months Before

- **Choose Bridal Party**
 - Ask your bridesmaids and groomsmen to be part of your wedding.
- **Research and Book Photographer/Videographer**
 - Research and secure your favorite photographer/videographer.
- **Book Wedding Music**
 - Choose whether you want a DJ or a band and secure your favorite pick.
- **Book Florist**
 - Find a florist that will match your chosen wedding style.
- **Secure Caterer**
 - Look into different types of caterers and see who would best suit your wedding.
- **Book Officiant**
 - Choose type of ceremony you would like and book your officiant.
- **Choose Stationary Style**
 - Research and pick what kind of stationary you would like for your wedding.
- **Choose Wedding Decor**
 - Look into what wedding decor is available from your vendors and what you might want to purchase or rent.
- **Order Wedding Gown**
 - Start shopping for and order your bridal gown.
- **Book Wedding Accommodations**
 - Book the room for your wedding night and any other accommodations you may need before or after the wedding.
- **Plan Honeymoon:**
 - Begin researching and booking your honeymoon destination.

6-9 Months Before

- **Select and Order Groom's Attire**
 - Choose and order attire for the groom.
- **Select and Order Bridesmaids' Dresses**
 - Choose and order dresses for your bridesmaids.
- **Select and Order Groomsmen Attire**
 - Choose and order attire for your groomsmen.
- **Select and Order Flower Girl and Ring Bearer Outfits**
 - Choose and order attire for your flower girl and ring bearer.
- **Create Wedding Website**
 - Set up a wedding website with event details and registry links.
- **Schedule Engagement Photos**
 - Organize an engagement photoshoot.
- **Decide on Ceremony Music**
 - If you are choosing to have live music at your ceremony, research and book ceremony musicians.
- **Choose Wedding Cake and Desserts**
 - Decide on wedding cake and other desserts for your wedding.
- **Book Transportation**
 - Arrange transportation for the wedding day.
- **Book Hair and Make-Up Trials**
 - Decide on hair stylist and make up stylist for your big day.
- **Order Wedding Bands**
 - Decide on style and choose your wedding bands.

4-6 Months Before

- **Gift Registries**
 - Create and manage your gift registries.
- **Order Wedding & Rehearsal Dinner Invitations**
 - Create and rehearsal dinner and wedding invitations.
- **Book Rehearsal Dinner**
 - Organize and book venue for rehearsal dinner.
- **Plan Ceremony Details**
 - Finalize the ceremony script, vows, and readings.
- **Arrange Rehearsal Dinner**
 - Plan and book the rehearsal dinner.
- **Dress Fittings**
 - Attend bridal gown and bridesmaids' dress fittings.
- **Order Wedding Party Gifts**
 - Choose gifts for your bridesmaids, groomsmen and the rest of your wedding party.

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2-4 Months Before

- **Marriage License**
 - Apply for and obtain your marriage license.
- **Plan Wedding Favors**
 - Plan and order wedding favors as a sign of appreciation for your guests.
- **Plan Photo and Video Shots**
 - Work with your photographer/videographer on a shot list.
- **Write Your Song List**
 - Choose songs for your wedding ceremony and reception, including the no-play song list.
- **Finalize Food Menu**
 - Discuss with caterer the final food menu.
- **Order Stationary**
 - Order any remaining wedding signs, menus, thank you cards and other stationary you may need.
- **Finalize Floral Details**
 - Call your florist or decorator and make sure everything is in order.
- **Finalize Decor Details**
 - Order anything else that you may need to decorate your wedding such as wedding signs, artificial flowers, vases, candles etc.
- **Finalize Wedding Cake Details**
 - Contact bakery or caterer to make sure everything is in order.
- **Do Hair and Make-Up Trials**
 - Make final decision on hair and make up.
- **Book Manicure and Pedicure**
 - Make bookings for the week of the wedding.
- **Book Wax**
- **Book Haircut (and color if needed)**
 - Make haircut appointment for 10 days before the wedding.
- **Send Wedding & Rehearsal Dinner Invitations**
 - Create and send out rehearsal dinner and wedding invitations.
- **Buy Wedding Shoes**
 - Choose wedding shoes for the big night.

1-2 Months Before

- **Final Venue Walk-Through**
 - Visit the venue to confirm setup and layout.
- **Finalize Details with Vendors**
 - Confirm details, timelines, and payments with all vendors.
- **Follow Up With Guests**
 - Follow up with guests that have not yet RSVP'd and create a final guest list.
- **Send Payments**
 - Go through your payment chart and see if there are any payments still outstanding.
- **Purchase Guestbook**
 - Purchase a guestbook your guests can sign into.
- **Purchase Accessories for Wedding Gown**
 - Purchase wedding dress undergarments, plan something blue and something borrowed.
- **Purchase Any Last Decorations**
 - Create or print any last wedding signs, decorations etc.
- **Write Speeches**
 - Take time to write and practice your speeches.
- **Make Seating Plan**
 - Decide on your reception seating plan.

2 Weeks Before

- **Complete Final Dress Fitting**
- **Pick Up Dress**
- **Pack For Honeymoon**
- **Complete Timeline Sheets and Share Them With Necessary People**
- **Complete DAY OF WEDDING Binder**
- **Share DAY OF WEDDING Binder with Vendors and Wedding party**
- **Send Photography Shot List to Photographer**
- **Send Videography List to Videographer**
- **Send Final Guest List, Seating Plan, Menu Type and Allergies to Caterer**
- **Organize and Pack All Stationary, Decor etc.**
- **Organize All Wedding Favors, Welcome Bags etc.**
- **Organize Wedding Party Gifts**
- **Finalize and Print Wedding Vows and Speeches**
- **Clean Engagement Ring**
- **Put Cash in Envelopes for Tips and Delegate Who Will Distribute**
- **Get Haircut/Hair Color**
- **Break in Your Wedding Shoes**

1 Week Before

- **Final Payments**
 - Make final payments to vendors.
- **Pack Emergency Kit**
 - Assemble an emergency kit for the wedding day.
- **Pack a Bag of Wedding Day Essentials**
 - Assemble a bag with everything you will need for the wedding day.
- **Confirm Vendor Details**
 - Confirm all details with vendors.
- **Confirm Reservations**
 - Confirm reservations for out of town guests and rehearsal dinner.
- **Go for Manicure/Pedicure**
 - Relax and Enjoy Some Pampering.
- **Rehearsal**
 - Attend the wedding rehearsal with your wedding party.

Your Wedding Day

- **Get Ready**
 - Enjoy getting ready with your bridal party.
- **Celebrate Your Love**
 - Cherish every moment of your special day.
- **Party and Dance**
 - Dance the night away and celebrate your love with family and friends.

Post-Wedding

- **Thank-You Notes**
 - Send out thank-you cards to your guests.
- **Preserve Your Dress**
 - Arrange for the cleaning and preservation of your wedding gown.
- **Name Changes (if applicable)**
 - Begin the process of changing your name, if desired.

This comprehensive wedding planning timeline and checklists are designed to help you stay organized and ensure that every detail of your special day is attended to.

Remember, wedding planning is a journey, and this timeline will serve as your roadmap to create the wedding of your dreams.

Enjoy the process and savor every moment along the way!

WEDDING TIMELINE CHECKLIST

12-18 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ CREATE AN INITIAL VISION
- ☐ SET THE BUDGET
- ☐ LOOK INTO WEDDING INSURANCE
- ☐ CREATE VISION BOARDS
- ☐ START THE GUEST LIST
- ☐ FIND THE VENUE AND PICK YOUR WEDDING DATE
- ☐ HIRE A WEDDING PLANNER (IF DESIRED)
- ☐ SEND SAVE THE DATES
- ☐ PLAN ENGAGEMENT PARTY

9-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ CHOOSE BRIDAL PARTY
- ☐ RESEARCH AND BOOK PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOGRAPHER
- ☐ BOOK WEDDING MUSIC
- ☐ BOOK FLORIST
- ☐ SECURE CATERER
- ☐ BOOK OFFICIANT
- ☐ CHOOSE STATIONARY STYLE
- ☐ CHOOSE WEDDING DECOR
- ☐ ORDER WEDDING GOWN:
- ☐ BOOK WEDDING ACCOMMODATIONS
- ☐ PLAN HONEYMOON

6-9 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ SELECT AND ORDER GROOM'S ATTIRE
- ☐ SELECT AND ORDER BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES
- ☐ SELECT AND ORDER GROOMSMEN ATTIRE
- ☐ SELECT AND ORDER FLOWER GIRL AND RING BEARER OUTFITS
- ☐ CREATE WEDDING WEBSITE:
- ☐ SCHEDULE ENGAGEMENT PHOTOS
- ☐ DECIDE ON CEREMONY MUSIC
- ☐ CHOOSE WEDDING CAKE AND DESSERTS
- ☐ BOOK TRANSPORTATION
- ☐ BOOK HAIR AND MAKE-UP TRIALS
- ☐ ORDER WEDDING BANDS

4-6 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ GIFT REGISTRIES
- ☐ ORDER WEDDING & REHEARSAL DINNER INVITATIONS
- ☐ BOOK REHEARSAL DINNER
- ☐ PLAN CEREMONY DETAILS
- ☐ ARRANGE REHEARSAL DINNER
- ☐ DRESS FITTINGS
- ☐ ORDER WEDDING PARTY GIFTS

2-4 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ MARRIAGE LICENSE
- ☐ PLAN WEDDING FAVORS
- ☐ PLAN PHOTO AND VIDEO SHOTS
- ☐ WRITE YOUR SONG LIST
- ☐ FINALIZE FOOD MENU
- ☐ ORDER STATIONARY
- ☐ FINALIZE FLORAL DETAILS
- ☐ FINALIZE DECOR DETAILS
- ☐ FINALIZE WEDDING CAKE DETAILS
- ☐ DO HAIR AND MAKE-UP TRIALS
- ☐ BOOK MANICURE AND PEDICURE
- ☐ BOOK WAX
- ☐ BOOK HAIRCUT (AND COLOR IF NEEDED)
- ☐ SEND WEDDING & REHEARSAL DINNER INVITATIONS
- ☐ BUY WEDDING SHOES

1-2 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ FINAL VENUE WALK-THROUGH
- ☐ FINALIZE DETAILS WITH VENDORS
- ☐ FOLLOW UP WITH GUESTS
- ☐ SEND PAYMENTS
- ☐ PURCHASE GUESTBOOK
- ☐ PURCHASE ACCESSORISE FOR WEDDING GOWN
- ☐ PURCHASE ANY LAST DECORATIONS
- ☐ WRITE SPEECHES
- ☐ MAKE SEATING PLAN

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ COMPLETE FINAL DRESS FITTING
- ☐ PICK UP DRESS
- ☐ PACK FOR HONEYMOON
- ☐ COMPLETE TIMELINE SHEETS AND SHARE THEM WITH NECESSARY PEOPLE
- ☐ COMPLETE DAY OF WEDDING BINDER
- ☐ SHARE DAY OF WEDDING BINDER WITH VENDORS AND WEDDING PARTY
- ☐ SEND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOT LIST TO PHOTOGRAPHER
- ☐ SEND VIDEOGRAPHY LIST TO VIDEOGRAPHER
- ☐ SEND FINAL GUEST LIST, SEATING PLAN, MENU TYPE AND ALLERGIES TO CATERER
- ☐ ORGANIZE AND PACK ALL STATIONARY, DECOR ETC.
- ☐ ORGANIZE ALL WEDDING FAVORS, WELCOME BAGS ETC.
- ☐ ORGANIZE WEDDING PARTY GIFTS
- ☐ FINALIZE AND PRINT WEDDING VOWS AND SPEECHES
- ☐ CLEAN ENGAGEMENT RING
- ☐ PUT CASH IN ENVELOPES FOR TIPS AND DELEGATE WHO WILL DISTRIBUTE
- ☐ GET HAIRCUT/HAIR COLOR
- ☐ BREAK IN YOUR WEDDING SHOES

1 WEEK BEFORE

- ☐ FINAL PAYMENTS
- ☐ PACK EMERGENCY KIT
- ☐ PACK A BAG OF WEDDING DAY ESSENTIALS
- ☐ CONFIRM VENDOR DETAILS
- ☐ CONFIRM RESERVATIONS
- ☐ GO FOR MANICURE/PEDICURE
- ☐ REHEARSAL

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- ☐ CREATE AN INITIAL VISION
- ☐ SET THE BUDGET
- ☐ LOOK INTO WEDDING INSURANCE
- ☐ CREATE VISION BOARDS
- ☐ START THE GUEST LIST
- ☐ FIND THE VENUE AND PICK YOUR WEDDING DATE
- ☐ HIRE A WEDDING PLANNER (IF DESIRED)
- ☐ SEND SAVE THE DATES
- ☐ PLAN ENGAGEMENT PARTY

WEDDING VISION BOARD

WEDDING VISION BOARD

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SET THE BUDGET

BUDGET ESTIMATE

Before diving into any decisions, it's essential to pinpoint exactly how much you are comfortable spending on your big day.

Sit down with your partner and take a thorough look at your savings, considering how much you can realistically set aside during your engagement.

Discuss with both sets of parents if they are willing to contribute to the wedding.

Once you've tallied up your resources, it's time to map out your budget using our wedding cost list, which outlines the ten primary planning categories.

While our initial estimates provide a helpful starting point, you'll likely need to customize these allocations based on your specific priorities and preferences.

- **Venue and Catering:** 40% of your budget
- **Photography and Videography:** 15% of your budget
- **Music/Entertainment:** 10% of your budget
- **Flowers:** 10% of your budget
- **Décor:** 10% of your budget
- **Wedding Attire and Beauty:** 5% of your budget
- **Favors and Gifts:** 2% of your budget
- **Transportation:** 3% of your budget
- **Stationery:** 3% of your budget
- **Cake:** 2% of your budget

BUDGET TIPS

Here are 10 budgeting tips to consider

1. **Start Early:** Begin planning your budget as soon as possible. The earlier you start, the more time you'll have to save and make informed decisions about your spending priorities.
2. **Determine Your Total Budget:** Sit down with your partner and any contributing family members to establish a realistic total budget for your wedding. Consider your savings, contributions from family, and any other sources of income.
3. **Prioritize Your Expenses:** Identify your top priorities for the wedding. Decide which elements are most important to you and allocate a larger portion of your budget to those areas.
4. **Research Costs:** Research the average costs for wedding expenses in your area. Use online resources, consult with vendors, and gather quotes to get a clear understanding of what to expect.
5. **Create a Detailed Budget Spreadsheet:** Use the table on the next few pages or spreadsheet to create a detailed breakdown of your wedding expenses. List each item or service along with its estimated cost and track your actual spending as you go.
6. **Be Realistic:** Be realistic about what you can afford and avoid overextending yourselves financially. Don't feel pressured to meet unrealistic expectations or keep up with extravagant trends.
7. **Set Aside a Contingency Fund:** Plan for unexpected expenses by setting aside a contingency fund of 5-10% of your total budget. This will give you peace of mind and help cover any unforeseen costs that arise.
8. **Track Your Spending:** Keep track of your spending throughout the planning process. Regularly update your budget table and review your expenses to ensure you're staying on track.
9. **Look for Ways to Save:** Explore cost-saving opportunities wherever possible. Consider alternatives to traditional wedding expenses, such as renting or borrowing items, buying printable invitations, using minimalist decor, and considering off-peak days for venues and vendors.
10. **Communicate Openly:** Maintain open communication with your partner and any family members contributing to the budget. Discuss any changes or concerns as they arise and make decisions together to ensure everyone is on the same page.

Note about the budget table: you do not have to pay for or include all the costs we have included. This is for informational purposes and to guide you to budget successfully.

BUDGET TRACKER

Vendors

ITEM	VENDOR	DEPOSIT	TOTAL COST
VENUE RENTAL			
CATERER			
PHOTOGRAPHER			
VIDEOGRAPHER			
WEDDING PLANNER/COORDINATOR			
FLORIST			
DECORATOR			
OFFICIANT			
MUSIC FOR CEREMNONY			
DJ OR BAND FOR RECEPTION			
WEDDING CAKE			
MAKE UP ARTIST			
HAIR STYLIST			
TRANSPORTATION			
ENGAGEMENT PARTY			
REHEARSAL DINNER			
WEDDING NIGHT ACCOMMODATION			
GRATUITES			
WEDDING INSURANCE			

Vendors

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BUDGET TRACKER

Bridal Party

ITEM	VENDOR	DEPOSIT	TOTAL COST
WEDDING DRESS			
2ND WEDDING DRESS			
BRIDES SHOES			
VEIL			
BRIDES JEWELLERY			
BRIDES UNDERGARMENTS			
GROOMS ATTIRE			
GROOMS SHOES			
GROOMS CUFFLINKS			
BRIDESMAIDS DRESSES			
BRIDESMAIDS SHOES			
BRIDESMAIDS ACCESORIZE			
GROOMSMEN ATTIRE			
GROOMSMEN SHOES			
GROOMSMEN ACCESORIZE			
ALTERATIONS			
DRY CLEANING			
BRIDESMAIDS GIFTS			
GROOMSMEN GIFTS			
FLOWER GIRL ATTIRE			
FLOWER GIRL SHOES			
FLOWER GIRL ACCESSORIZE			

Bridal Party- continued

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Ceremony Budget

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BUDGET TRACKER

Reception Budget

ITEM	VENDOR	DEPOSIT	TOTAL COST
WEDDING FAVORS			
LIGHTING			
SOUND RENTALS			
ADDITIONAL FOOD			
DRINKS (NON-ALCOHOLIC)			
ALCOHOL			
SILVERWARE			
DISHES			
LINENS			
GLASSWARE			
TABLE RENTALS			
CHAIR RENTALS			
CENTER PIECES			
WAIT STAFF			
SEATING CHART			
PLACE CARDS			
MENU CARDS			
PHOTO BOOTH			
OTHER STATIONARY			
GUESTBOOK			

BUDGET TRACKER

Misc. Budget

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PAYMENT TRACKER

VENDOR	DEPOSIT	DEPOSIT DUE	BALANCE	BALANCE DATE	TOTAL COST
VENUE RENTAL					
CATERER					
PHOTOGRAPHER					
VIDEOGRAPHER					
WEDDING PLANNER/COORDINATOR					
FLORIST					
DECORATOR					
OFFICIANT					
MUSIC FOR CEREMNONY					
DJ OR BAND FOR RECEPTION					
WEDDING CAKE					
MAKE UP ARTIST					
HAIR STYLIST					
TRANSPORTATION					
ENGAGEMENT PARTY					
REHEARSAL DINNER					
WEDDING NIGHT ACCOMMODATION					
WEDDING DRESS					
WEDDING ACCESSORIZE					
BRIDAL PARTY ATTIRE					
GROOMS ATTIRE					

PAYMENT TRACKER

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Tips

Buying wedding insurance can provide peace of mind and financial protection against unforeseen events that might disrupt your big day. Here are a few tips to consider when purchasing wedding insurance:

1. Understand What Wedding Insurance Covers

- **Cancellation/Postponement:** Covers costs if you need to cancel or postpone your wedding due to reasons beyond your control (e.g., extreme weather, illness, military deployment). This you should buy as soon as you start paying for deposits.
- **Liability Coverage:** Protects you if someone gets injured during your wedding or if property is damaged. This is needed only for the wedding day and should be bought a few months before the wedding.
- **Vendor Issues:** Covers deposits and payments made to vendors who fail to provide services or go out of business. This you should buy as soon as you start paying for deposits.
- **Lost/Stolen Items:** Covers loss or theft of wedding attire, rings, gifts, and other important items.
- **Special Coverage:** May include issues like damaged wedding photos, military deployment, or extreme weather.

2. Assess Your Specific Needs

- **Venue Requirements:** Check if your venue requires liability insurance.
- **Destination Weddings:** Consider additional coverage for travel, accommodation, and specific destination risks.
- **High-Value Items:** If your wedding involves expensive items (e.g., a couture gown, valuable rings), ensure they are adequately covered.

3. Research Different Providers

- **Compare Policies:** Look at different insurance providers and compare their coverage options, limits, and exclusions.
- **Read Reviews:** Check reviews and ratings of insurance companies to gauge their reliability and customer service.

4. Read the Fine Print

- **Policy Exclusions:** Understand what is not covered by the policy to avoid surprises later.
- **Coverage Limits:** Be aware of the maximum amounts the policy will pay out for different types of claims.
- **Deductibles:** Know if there are any deductibles and how much you will need to pay out-of-pocket before the insurance kicks in.

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Tips

5. Start Early

- **Early Purchase:** Buy wedding insurance as soon as you start making significant financial commitments to ensure you are covered from the get-go.
- **Coverage Period:** Ensure the policy covers the entire period from planning to the wedding day and even a bit after for any post-event claims.

6. Consider Bundling Options

- **Discounts:** Some insurance companies offer discounts if you bundle wedding insurance with other types of insurance (e.g., home, auto).
- **Comprehensive Plans:** Look for comprehensive wedding insurance plans that cover multiple aspects of your wedding to simplify your coverage

7. Check with Your Existing Insurers

- **Current Policies:** Contact your current insurance providers (home, renters, or auto) to see if they offer wedding insurance or can extend your existing coverage.
- **Discounts:** You might be eligible for discounts as an existing customer.

8. Seek Recommendations

- **Wedding Planner:** Ask your wedding planner for recommendations on reputable wedding insurance providers.
- **Friends and Family:** Seek advice from recently married friends or family members about their experiences with wedding insurance.

9. Document Everything

- **Keep Records:** Maintain records of all contracts, receipts, and communications with vendors and insurers.
- **Proof of Loss:** In the event of a claim, having detailed documentation will expedite the process and help substantiate your claim.

10. Ask Questions

- **Clarify Doubts:** Don't hesitate to ask the insurance provider to clarify any doubts or questions you have about the policy.
- **Understand Claims Process:** Make sure you understand the procedure for filing a claim and the timeline for receiving compensation.

By following these tips, you can make an informed decision and choose the right wedding insurance policy to protect your special day from unexpected events and financial losses.

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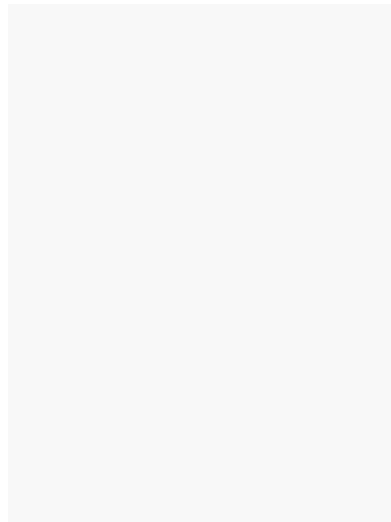
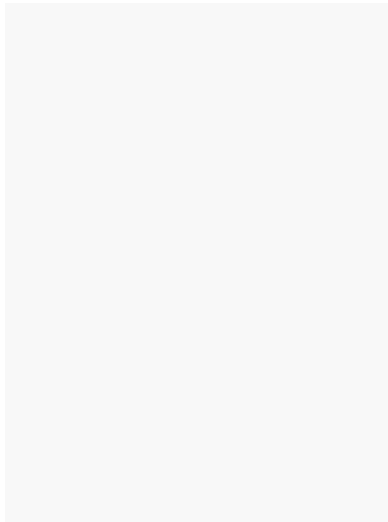
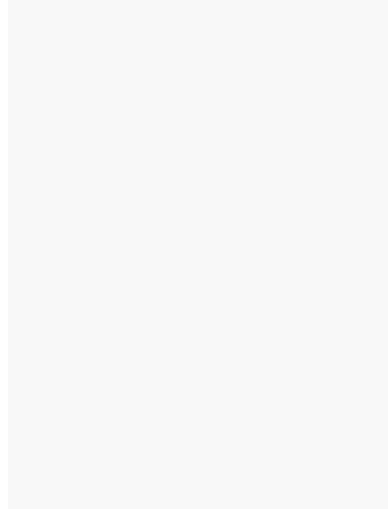
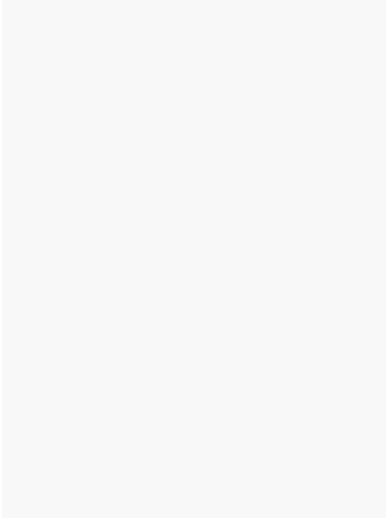
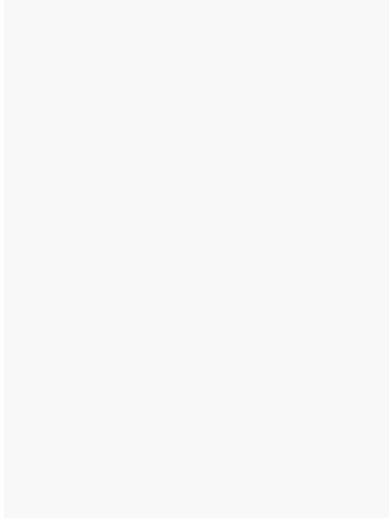
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HIRE WEDDING
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CHOOSING A WEDDING PLANNER

Here are 10 tips for choosing a wedding planner

1. **Do Your Research:** Take the time to research wedding planners in your area. Look for professionals with experience, positive reviews, and a portfolio of past weddings that align with your vision.
2. **Define Your Needs:** Determine the level of assistance you require from a wedding planner. Whether you need full-service planning, partial planning, or day-of coordination, make sure the planner offers the services you need.
3. **Meet in Person:** Schedule consultations with potential wedding planners to get a feel for their personality, communication style, and professionalism. A face-to-face meeting will help you gauge whether you're a good fit and can work well together.
4. **Ask for References:** Request references from past clients and follow up with them to learn about their experiences working with the planner. Honest feedback from previous couples can provide valuable insights into the planner's strengths and weaknesses.
5. **Review Contracts Carefully:** Before signing any contracts, carefully review the terms and conditions outlined by the wedding planner. Pay attention to details such as services provided, payment schedule, cancellation policies, and any additional fees.
6. **Consider Their Network:** Inquire about the planner's network of vendors and venues. A well-connected wedding planner can help you secure the best deals and recommend trusted professionals to execute your vision.
7. **Communication Skills:** Choose a wedding planner who is responsive, attentive, and easy to communicate with. Effective communication is essential for a successful planning process and a stress-free experience.
8. **Creativity and Vision:** Look for a wedding planner who is creative and has a vision that aligns with yours. They should be able to understand your style, preferences, and priorities and bring your vision to life in a unique and memorable way.
9. **Budget Management:** Ensure that the wedding planner is experienced in managing budgets effectively. They should be transparent about costs, help you prioritize expenses, and work within your budget to achieve your desired results.
10. **Trust Your Instincts:** Ultimately, trust your instincts when choosing a wedding planner. If you feel comfortable and confident in their abilities, it's likely a good fit. Choose someone who you trust to handle the details and ensure that your wedding day is everything you've dreamed of.

By following these tips and carefully considering your options, you can select the right wedding planner to help bring your vision to life and make your special day truly unforgettable.

WEDDING PLANNER COMPARISON

	WEDDING PLANNER 1	WEDDING PLANNER 2	WEDDING PLANNER 3
NAME			
PRICING RANGE			
WEBSITE			
AVAILABLE DATES			
PACKAGES/SERVICES			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES			
NOTES			

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SEND

SAVE THE DATES

SAVE THE DATES

How to create and send Save the Dates

1. **Choose a Design:** Start by selecting a design for your Save the Dates. You can choose from a variety of options, including digital designs, printed cards, magnets, or even personalized items that reflect your wedding theme and style.
2. **Include Key Information:** Make sure your Save the Dates include essential information such as your names, the date of your wedding, and the location (city and state). You can also include additional details like a wedding website URL, if you already have one, or any special instructions for guests.
3. **Select a Format:** Decide on the format for your Save the Dates. You can opt for traditional paper cards, digital designs sent via email or social media, or even interactive formats like video messages or personalized websites.
4. **Choose a Sending Method:** Determine how you'll send your Save the Dates to your guests. You can mail physical cards, use an online service to send digital designs via email, or create a virtual event on social media platforms.
5. **Personalize Your Save the Dates:** Customize your Save the Dates with personal touches that reflect your personalities and wedding style. This could include photos of you and your partner, unique fonts or colors, or special embellishments.
6. **Proofread and Review:** Before sending out your Save the Dates, carefully proofread all the information to ensure accuracy. Double-check dates, names, and spelling to avoid any mistakes.
7. **Print or Order:** If you're sending physical Save the Dates, print or order the desired quantity from a reputable printing company. Make sure to order extra copies for any last-minute additions or mistakes.
8. **Address and Send:** Address the envelopes or input email addresses for your guests, and send out your Save the Dates. If you're mailing physical cards, be sure to include appropriate postage and allow enough time for delivery.
9. **Follow Up:** After sending out your Save the Dates, follow up with guests to confirm receipt and ensure they've marked your wedding date on their calendars. This can also be a great opportunity to answer any questions or provide additional information about your upcoming nuptials.

To save on costs you can purchase digital save the dates from our shop

SAVE THE DATES

Examples

Check our ETSY shop for examples.

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PLAN ENGAGEMENT PARTY

ENGAGEMENT PARTY

Planning guide

Guide on planning an engagement party

1. **Set a Date and Time:** Choose a date and time for the engagement party that works for you and your partner, taking into account the schedules of key guests.
2. **Select a Venue:** Decide on a venue for the engagement party. This could be your home, a restaurant, a banquet hall, or any other location that suits your preferences and accommodates your guest list.
3. **Create a Guest List:** Compile a guest list of family members, close friends, and other loved ones you'd like to invite to the engagement party.
4. **Send Invitations:** Design and send out invitations to your guests, including important details such as the date, time, location, and RSVP instructions.
5. **Choose a Theme (Optional):** Decide if you want to have a theme for the engagement party, such as a casual backyard barbecue, an elegant cocktail soirée, or a themed event that reflects your interests as a couple.
6. **Plan the Menu:** Select a menu for the engagement party that fits the style and theme of the event. This could include appetizers, main courses, desserts, and beverages.
7. **Organize Decorations:** Arrange for decorations that enhance the ambiance of the engagement party venue. Consider elements such as flowers, candles, banners, balloons, or other décor items that complement your chosen theme.
8. **Arrange Entertainment (Optional):** Decide if you want to have any entertainment or activities at the engagement party, such as live music, a DJ, games, or a photo booth.
9. **Prepare a Toast:** Plan to make a toast to thank your guests for attending and share your excitement about your upcoming marriage. You may also invite close family members or friends to give speeches or toasts if desired.
10. **Capture Memories:** Arrange for a photographer or designate someone to take photos and capture memories throughout the engagement party.
11. **Plan Transportation (If Necessary):** If the engagement party venue is in a different location or if guests will need transportation, arrange for transportation services or provide directions and parking information.
12. **Consider Favors (Optional):** Decide if you want to provide party favors for your guests as a token of appreciation for their attendance.
13. **Create a Timeline:** Develop a timeline for the engagement party, outlining key moments such as the arrival of guests, the serving of food and drinks, speeches, and any other planned activities.
14. **Prepare for Unexpected Guests:** Be prepared for unexpected guests who may RSVP at the last minute. Have extra food, drinks, and seating available to accommodate any additional attendees.
15. **Enjoy the Celebration:** Finally, relax and enjoy the celebration with your loved ones! This is a special time to celebrate your engagement and the beginning of your journey toward marriage.

By planning ahead and considering these key elements, you can create a memorable and enjoyable engagement party that sets the stage for your upcoming wedding festivities.

To help you plan the engagement party, check out the engagement party binder.

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Months Before*

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- ☐ CHOOSE BRIDAL PARTY
- ☐ RESEARCH AND BOOK PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOGRAPHER
- ☐ BOOK WEDDING MUSIC
- ☐ SECURE CATERER
- ☐ BOOK OFFICIANT
- ☐ CHOOSE STATIONARY STYLE
- ☐ CHOOSE WEDDING DECOR
- ☐ ORDER WEDDING GOWN:
- ☐ BOOK WEDDING ACCOMMODATIONS
- ☐ PLAN HONEYMOON

WEDDING PARTY

MOTHER OF BRIDE	
FATHER OF BRIDE	
MOTHER OF GROOM	
FATHER OF GROOM	
FLOWER GIRL	
RING BEARER	
MAID/MATRON OF HONOR	
BEST MAN	
BRIDESMAID	
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BOOK

PHOTOGRAPHER/
VIDEOGRAPHER

PHOTOGRAPHER

Inspiration

PHOTOGRAPHER

Potential Questions

1. How many weddings have you photographed/videographed, and how long have you been in the business?
2. Can we see a full wedding album or video you've recently shot?
3. What is your shooting style? Do you tend to be more traditional, photojournalistic, or artistic?
4. Will you be the one shooting our wedding, or will it be one of your associates?
5. How do you handle low light situations, such as in a dimly lit reception hall or during the evening?
6. Do you have any experience shooting at our chosen venue? If not, are you willing to visit it beforehand?
7. What packages do you offer, and can they be customized to fit our specific needs?
8. How many hours of coverage are included in your standard package?
9. Do you have backup equipment in case of a malfunction?
10. How do you coordinate with the videographer/photographer on the day of the event to ensure smooth coverage?
11. Can we provide you with a list of specific shots or moments we want to be captured?
12. How long after the wedding will we receive the final photos/videos?
13. Do you provide retouching/editing services? If so, what does that entail?
14. How will I receive the images?
15. How long will the gallery be live?
16. What is your cancellation policy if, for any reason, we need to cancel or reschedule the wedding?
17. Do we have to provide a meal for you and your team?
18. Can you walk us through the process from booking to the wedding day and beyond, including any pre-wedding consultations or sessions?

PHOTOGRAPHER

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PHOTOGRAPHY PACKAGE		
PHOTOGRAPHY COST		
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CANCELLATION POLICY		

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DATE FULL AMOUNT DUE	
DATE ALL PHOTOS CAN BE EXPECTED	
ENGAGEMENT PHOTO SHOOT	
DATE OF ENGAGEMENT PHOTO SHOOT	
WEDDING DAY ARRIVAL TIME	
WEDDING DAY END TIME	

VIDEOGRAPHER

Questions

1. How many weddings have you videographed, and how long have you been in the business?
2. Can we see a full wedding video you've recently shot?
3. What is your shooting style? Do you tend to be more cinematic, documentary, or a mix of both?
4. Will you be the one shooting our wedding, or will it be one of your associates?
5. How do you handle low light situations, such as in a dimly lit reception hall or during the evening?
6. Do you have any experience shooting at our chosen venue? If not, are you willing to visit it beforehand?
7. What packages do you offer, and can they be customized to fit our specific needs?
8. How many hours of coverage are included in your standard package?
9. Do you use drones for aerial footage, and is it included in your packages?
10. How do you coordinate with the photographer on the day of the event to ensure smooth coverage?
11. Can we provide you with a list of specific shots or moments we want to be captured?
12. How long after the wedding will we receive the final edited video?
13. Do you provide options for different video lengths or highlights, and do you offer raw footage?
14. What is your cancellation policy if, for any reason, we need to cancel or reschedule the wedding?
15. Can you walk us through the process from booking to the wedding day and beyond, including any pre-wedding consultations or sessions?
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VIDEOGRAPHER

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MUSIC VENDOR

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DJ or Band?

Choosing between a DJ and a live band for your wedding entertainment is a significant decision, and both options have their own set of pros and cons. Here's some advice and a breakdown of the advantages and disadvantages of each:

DJ:

Pros:

Versatility: DJs have vast music libraries, allowing them to cater to a wide range of musical tastes and preferences.

Cost-Effective: Generally, hiring a DJ is more budget-friendly than a live band.

Continuous Music: A DJ can provide music continuously, seamlessly mixing one song into the next, ensuring there are no gaps in the entertainment.

Song Requests: DJs can easily take song requests and play them almost immediately, making it easier to satisfy guests' musical preferences.

Flexibility: DJs can adjust the volume of the music to accommodate different parts of the wedding, such as during dinner or when people are dancing.

Space Requirements: DJs usually require less space and have a more straightforward setup compared to a band, making them a better choice for smaller venues.

Cons:

Lack of Live Performance: Some couples may prefer the energy and live performance aspect that a band can provide.

Limited Personalization: While DJs can play a wide range of songs, they might not be able to personalize the performance as much as a live band.

Less Visual Impact: A DJ setup might not provide the same visual impact as a live band, especially during the reception.

Pre-recorded Music: Some guests may prefer the live element of a band rather than pre-recorded music.

Less Interactive: While they can take requests, DJs may lack the interactive element that live performers bring to the table.

Live Band:

Pros:

Live Performance: A live band brings an energy and atmosphere that can't be replicated by a DJ. They can engage with the audience and create a unique experience.

Personalization: Bands can tailor their performance to match the vibe and style you envision for your wedding.

Visual Appeal: A live band provides a visual focal point and can be a stunning feature at your wedding, especially if you're looking for something visually spectacular.

Diverse Repertoire: Bands can play a wide range of music styles, from jazz and classical to pop and rock, and can even provide a themed performance if desired.

Emotional Connection: Live music often creates a more emotional connection with the audience, adding an unforgettable touch to your special day.

MUSIC VENDOR

DJ or Band? - continued

Cons:

Higher Cost: Hiring a live band is typically more expensive than hiring a DJ due to the number of performers and their expertise.

Limited Repertoire: While they may have a diverse repertoire, it's still limited compared to a DJ's music library.

Space and Sound Requirements: Bands require more space and usually more complex sound equipment, so they might not be suitable for smaller venues.

Breaks: Bands need to take breaks, which can lead to gaps in the entertainment.

Less Versatility: While a band can perform various genres, they might not be as flexible as a DJ in accommodating specific song requests on the fly.

Advice on Choosing:

Consider Your Budget: If your budget is limited, a DJ might be the more practical choice.

Think About Your Venue: Consider the space and the ambiance you want to create. If your venue is small or has limitations on sound, a DJ might be the better option.

Reflect on Personal Preference: Think about the style of music you want and the atmosphere you want to create. If you love the idea of live music and the energy it brings, a band might be the way to go.

Consult With Your Partner: Discuss the options with your partner and think about what aligns best with your vision for the wedding.

Check Reviews and Recommendations: Look for reviews and recommendations for both bands and DJs in your area.

Meet and Interview: Schedule meetings with potential DJs and bands. This will give you a feel for their personalities, style, and whether they're a good fit for your wedding.

Watch Performances: If possible, attend a live performance by the bands you're considering to get a real sense of their style and energy.

Consider the Guests: Think about your guests and what will make them most comfortable and entertained. After all, you want everyone to have a good time.

Venue Constraints: Consider the venue's limitations. Some venues may have restrictions on live music or may not have the space for a band setup.

Embrace the Hybrid: If you can't decide between a DJ and a band, consider a hybrid option. Some companies offer packages that include a live band for part of the evening and a DJ for the rest, giving you the best of both worlds.

Book Early: Whichever option you choose, book as early as possible. Quality bands and DJs tend to get booked quickly, especially during wedding season.

Communication: Once you've made your decision, communicate clearly with your chosen vendor about your preferences, special songs, and any other details to ensure your wedding day runs smoothly.

Ultimately, the decision between a DJ and a live band comes down to personal preference, budget, and the overall atmosphere you want to create for your wedding day. Both options can provide an incredible experience, so it's essential to choose the one that best aligns with your vision and priorities.

MUSIC VENDOR

Questions

1. What is your experience in providing music for weddings, and how long have you been in the business?
2. Can you provide examples of your work, such as a playlist, a mixtape, or a live performance recording?
3. What type of music do you specialize in, and can you accommodate different music preferences?
4. Do you have a backup plan in case of equipment failure or an emergency on the day of the wedding?
5. Will you be the one performing at our wedding, or will it be one of your associates?
6. How do you handle song requests and do-not-play lists?
7. How do you ensure a smooth transition between different parts of the wedding (ceremony, cocktail hour, dinner, and reception)?
8. What type of equipment do you use, and do you have access to a wireless microphone for speeches and announcements?
9. Do you have experience working at our chosen venue? If not, are you willing to visit it beforehand?
10. What is included in your wedding music package, and can it be customized to fit our specific needs?
11. Do you provide lighting and sound equipment, and is it included in the package?
12. How do you keep the energy level up and the dance floor full throughout the evening?
13. Can you accommodate special performances or surprise elements during the reception?
14. Do you offer a contract that outlines all the details agreed upon, including the duration of the performance and the total cost?
15. How early will you arrive to set up, and how long does it take to set up your equipment?
16. What is your policy on taking breaks, and how often and for how long do you take breaks during the performance?
17. How do you handle song requests from guests, and how flexible are you with the playlist?
18. Can we provide you with a list of specific songs we want to be played at certain moments during the wedding?
19. How long after the wedding will we receive the final contract and payment details?
20. Can you walk us through the process from booking to the wedding day and beyond, including any pre-wedding consultations or sessions?

MUSIC VENDOR

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MUSIC VENDOR

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Months Before

BOOK FLORIST

FLORIST

Inspiration

FLORIST

Tips and Questions

1. **Research and Gather Inspiration:** Before meeting with a wedding florist, spend some time researching and gathering inspiration. Look through magazines, websites, and social media platforms such as Pinterest or Instagram to find floral arrangements that match your vision. Bringing visual examples to your meeting will help your florist understand your preferences and style.
2. **Be Open to Suggestions:** While it's important to have a clear vision of what you want, be open to suggestions from your florist. They are experts in their field and may have creative ideas to enhance your vision, fit your budget, or address any logistical concerns.
3. **Consider the Season:** Take into account the season of your wedding when discussing floral arrangements with your florist. Choosing flowers that are in season will not only be more cost-effective but will also ensure the freshest and most vibrant blooms.
4. **Have Your Vision Board Ready:** Show the florist your vision board and ask advice on which kind of arrangements are best. Discuss wedding bouquet and bridesmaids bouquets.
5. **Communicate Your Budget:** Be upfront about your budget with your florist. Discussing your budget early on will allow your florist to tailor their recommendations to what you can afford, ensuring that you get the most value for your money.
6. **Book Early:** Wedding florists often have limited availability, especially during peak wedding seasons. Once you've found a florist you like, book their services as early as possible to secure your date.

Questions:

1. Is the wedding date available for you?
2. How many weddings have you provided floral arrangements for, and how long have you been in the business?
3. Can we see examples of your work, such as a portfolio or photos from previous weddings you've done?
4. What is your signature style, and can you accommodate the style and theme we have in mind for our wedding?
5. Will you be the one overseeing the floral arrangements for our wedding, or will it be one of your associates?
6. Do you have experience working at our chosen venue? If not, are you willing to visit it beforehand?
7. How do you ensure that the floral arrangements complement the overall theme and color scheme of the wedding?
8. What flowers are in season during the time of our wedding, and can you suggest alternatives if certain flowers are not available?
9. Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the costs, including the price of each arrangement and any additional fees?
10. Do you offer packages, and can they be customized to fit our specific needs and budget?
11. How do you handle last-minute changes or additions to the floral arrangements?
12. Do you offer rental options for vases, arches, or other decorative elements?
13. How do you handle the setup and teardown of the floral arrangements on the day of the wedding?
14. Can we provide you with a list of specific floral arrangements we want for the ceremony and reception?
15. What is your policy on preserving or repurposing floral arrangements after the wedding?
16. Do you have a minimum order requirement?
17. How far in advance do you need final decisions on the floral arrangements?
18. Are there any additional fees, such as delivery, setup, or taxes, that we should be aware of?
19. Can you work within our budget, and do you have any cost-saving suggestions?
20. How do you handle any issues that may arise, such as flower availability or quality?
21. Can you walk us through the process from booking to the wedding day and beyond, including any pre-wedding consultations or sessions?

FLORIST *List*

Here is a comprehensive list of floral arrangements you might consider for your wedding:

Ceremony:

1. **Bridal Bouquet:**
 - Bride's bouquet
 - Toss bouquet (optional)
2. **Bridesmaids Bouquets:**
 - Bridesmaids' bouquets
 - Maid of honor bouquet (distinctive from bridesmaids, if applicable)
3. **Groom's Boutonniere:**
 - Groom's boutonniere
 - Boutonnieres for groomsmen
 - Boutonniere for the best man
 - Boutonnieres for fathers
 - Boutonniere for the ring bearer (if applicable)
4. **Corsages:**
 - Corsages for mothers
 - Corsage for the grandmother(s)
5. **Ceremony Venue:**
 - Altar arrangements
 - Aisle markers or pew/chair decorations
 - Floral arch or chuppah
 - Pedestal arrangements
 - Unity candle or sand ceremony arrangement (if applicable)

Reception:

1. **Reception Entrance:**
 - Entrance arrangements (if applicable)
2. **Guest Table Arrangements:**
 - Centerpieces for guest tables
 - Sweetheart table arrangement (for the bride and groom)
3. **Buffet or Food Tables:**
 - Floral arrangements for buffet tables
 - Floral accents for food stations
4. **Bar Area:**
 - Floral accents for the bar area (optional)
5. **Cake Table:**
 - Cake topper
 - Cake table floral decoration
6. **Reception Venue:**
 - Head table or long table arrangement
 - Suspended floral arrangements (if applicable)
 - Ceiling installations or chandeliers (if desired)
 - Floor arrangements
7. **Photo Opportunities:**
 - Flower walls
 - Floral backdrops
 - Petal pathway
8. **Additional Decor:**
 - Floral accents for the guest book table
 - Floral accents for the gift table
 - Floral accents for the seating chart or escort card table

Miscellaneous:

1. **Bathroom Decor:**
 - Floral arrangements for restrooms (if desired)
2. **Getaway Car:**
 - Floral arrangement for the getaway car (if applicable)

Remember to discuss your preferences and needs with your florist to ensure that the floral arrangements align with your wedding theme, style, and budget.

FLORIST

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FLORIST *Choice*

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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Months Before

BOOK CATERER

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Tips

1. **Define Your Budget:** Before you start looking for a caterer, determine how much you're willing to spend on catering. Having a clear budget will help you narrow down your options and ensure that you find a caterer that fits within your financial constraints.
2. **Consider Your Guest List:** Take into account the number of guests you'll be inviting to your wedding. Some caterers specialize in smaller, intimate gatherings, while others can handle larger events with hundreds of guests. Make sure the caterer you choose can comfortably accommodate your guest list.
3. **Determine Your Food Preferences:** Think about the type of cuisine you want to serve at your wedding. Do you have specific dietary restrictions or preferences to consider? Whether you prefer traditional fare, international cuisine, or something more unique, finding a caterer that specializes in the type of food you want is essential.
4. **Research and Read Reviews:** Take the time to research potential caterers online and read reviews from past clients. Look for caterers with positive reviews and a good reputation for quality food and service. Personal recommendations from friends, family, or wedding vendors can also be valuable.
5. **Schedule Tastings:** Once you've narrowed down your list of potential caterers, schedule tastings to sample their food firsthand. Tastings allow you to evaluate the quality, presentation, and flavor of the food they offer, helping you make an informed decision.
6. **Ask About Flexibility:** Inquire about the caterer's flexibility in accommodating special requests or dietary restrictions. A good caterer should be willing to work with you to create a customized menu that meets your needs and preferences.
7. **Review Contracts Carefully:** Before signing a contract with a caterer, review it carefully to ensure that all the details are outlined clearly. Pay attention to the pricing, menu options, service staff, setup and cleanup, and any additional fees or charges.
8. **Communicate Openly:** Effective communication is key when working with a caterer. Clearly communicate your expectations, preferences, and any changes or updates to your plans throughout the planning process. A good caterer will be responsive and attentive to your needs.

CATERER

Questions

1. How many weddings have you catered, and how long have you been in the business?
2. Can you provide examples of menus or dishes you've prepared for past weddings?
3. Do you specialize in a particular type of cuisine, or can you accommodate a variety of tastes and preferences?
4. Are you able to accommodate dietary restrictions or special requests, such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, or kosher meals?
5. Will you provide a tasting before finalizing the menu? If so, is there an additional cost for the tasting?
6. Can you work within our budget, and do you offer different package options to choose from?
7. What is included in your catering packages (e.g., food, beverages, service staff, rentals)?
8. Do you provide tableware, linens, and other rental items, or will we need to rent them separately?
9. How do you handle setup and cleanup on the day of the wedding? Will your staff take care of everything, including clearing tables and disposing of trash?
10. Do you have a liquor license, and are you able to provide alcoholic beverages for our wedding?
11. Are there any additional fees or charges we should be aware of, such as gratuity, service fees, or corkage fees?
12. Can you accommodate specific requests for presentation or serving style, such as plated dinners, buffet stations, or family-style service?
13. Do you offer a childrens menu?
14. How many serving staff will you provide for our event, and what is the staff-to-guest ratio?
15. Do you offer options for late-night snacks or additional food stations for cocktail hour?
16. Can you provide references from past clients or venues where you've catered weddings?
17. How far in advance do we need to finalize the menu and provide a final guest count?
18. What is your policy on food waste and leftovers after the event?
19. How do you handle emergencies or last-minute changes on the day of the wedding?
20. Are you familiar with our wedding venue, and do you have any specific requirements or restrictions we should be aware of?
21. What is your cancellation policy?
22. Can you walk us through the process from booking to the wedding day, including any pre-wedding consultations or tastings?
23. How much do I need to pay to secure my booking and when is the final balance due?

CATERER

Comparison

	P 1	P 2
NAME		
CONTACT		
WEBSITE		
CUISINE SPECIALIZATION		
MENU OPTIONS		
TYPE OF APPETIZERS		
TYPE OF MAIN COURSES		
TYPE OF DESSERTS		
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LATE-NIGHT OPTIONS		
VENUE FAMILIARITY		
BOOKING PROCESS		
OTHER NOTES		

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Comparison

	P 3	P 4
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Tasting Menu Sheet

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Choice

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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Months Before

CHOOSE OFFICIANT

OFFICIANT

Tips

1. **Consider Your Preferences:** Think about the type of ceremony you want and the style that reflects you as a couple. Decide if you prefer a religious, secular, traditional, or non-traditional ceremony.
2. **Start Early:** Begin your search for an officiant early in the wedding planning process to ensure you have enough time to find someone who aligns with your vision and availability.
3. **Get Recommendations:** Ask friends, family, or wedding vendors for recommendations. They may have worked with officiants in the past or attended weddings with officiants they can vouch for.
4. **Research Online:** Look for officiants in your area through online directories, wedding websites, or social media platforms. Read reviews and testimonials from past clients to get an idea of their style and reputation.
5. **Meet in Person or Virtually:** Schedule meetings or virtual consultations with potential officiants to get to know them better. Use this time to discuss your vision for the ceremony and see if you feel comfortable and connected with them.
6. **Ask for Customization:** Inquire about the officiant's willingness to customize the ceremony to fit your preferences, beliefs, and cultural or religious traditions.
7. **Review Ceremony Scripts:** Request samples of ceremony scripts or outlines from the officiant to see if their style and content resonate with you. Ensure they are open to revisions and adjustments as needed.
8. **Clarify Legal Requirements:** Make sure the officiant is authorized to perform weddings in your state or country and is familiar with the legal requirements for obtaining a marriage license.
9. **Discuss Fees and Services:** Ask about the officiant's fees, payment schedule, and what services are included in their package (e.g., ceremony rehearsal, travel expenses).
10. **Trust Your Instincts:** Ultimately, choose an officiant who makes you feel comfortable, understood, and confident that they will create a meaningful and memorable ceremony for you and your partner.

OFFICIANT

Questions

1. How many weddings have you officiated, and how long have you been an officiant?
2. What is your approach to crafting and conducting wedding ceremonies?
3. Are you comfortable officiating ceremonies of different faiths, cultures, or belief systems?
4. Can you provide references or testimonials from past couples you've married?
5. Are you willing to customize the ceremony to reflect our personalities, beliefs, and preferences?
6. Do you offer ceremony script samples or outlines for us to review?
7. What is your availability on our wedding date, and how far in advance do we need to book your services?
8. Will you attend a ceremony rehearsal, and is it included in your fee?
9. What is your fee structure, and what services are included in your package?
10. Are there any additional fees we should be aware of, such as travel expenses or ceremony customization?
11. Do you have experience working with our chosen venue, or are you willing to visit it beforehand?
12. Can you assist us with obtaining a marriage license and ensure that all legal requirements are met?
13. How do you handle unexpected situations or emergencies that may arise on the wedding day?
14. Can you accommodate specific requests or cultural/religious traditions we want to incorporate into the ceremony?
15. Will you provide guidance and support throughout the planning process to ensure a smooth and stress-free ceremony?
16. Do you have liability insurance?
17. What is your policy on cancellations or rescheduling in case of unforeseen circumstances?
18. How do you handle conflicts or disagreements with couples regarding the ceremony content or logistics?
19. Can we meet in person or have a virtual consultation to discuss our wedding vision and get to know each other better?
20. How would you describe your style as an officiant, and what sets you apart from others?

OFFICIANT *Choice*

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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Months Before

CHOOSE
STATIONARY
STYLE

WEDDING STATIONARY

Inspiration

WEDDING STATIONARY

Inspiration

Featured stationary is from our ETSY store.

WEDDING STATIONARY

List

	CREATED BY	QUANITY	WHEN TO ORDER	EST COST	TOTAL COST
Save The Dates					
Wedding Invitation (Including RSVP Card)					
Rehersal Dinner Invitations					
Thank You Notes					
Welcome Sign					
Bar Sign					
Signature Drinks Sign					
Seating Chart					
Programs					
Menu Cards					
Table Numbers					
Place Cards					
Custom Sign					
Favor Tags					
Reserved Signs for Ceremony					

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1. **Candles and Candle Holders:**
 - Pillar candles, votive candles, tea lights, or LED candles can add warmth and ambiance to your wedding decor. Choose decorative candle holders or lanterns to complement your theme.
2. **String Lights:**
 - Fairy lights, twinkle lights, or string lights can create a magical atmosphere at your wedding venue. Hang them from ceilings, drape them along walls, or wrap them around pillars or beams.
3. **Table Linens:**
 - Tablecloths, table runners, and table overlays in your chosen colors or textures can enhance the look of your reception tables. Consider using lace, sequin, satin, or textured fabrics for added elegance.
4. **Table Centerpieces:**
 - Non-floral centerpieces such as candles, lanterns, vases, or decorative branches can serve as focal points on dining tables. Incorporate elements like crystals, feathers, or greenery for added interest.
5. **Tableware and Place Settings:**
 - Charger plates, dinner plates, salad plates, flatware, glassware, and napkins in coordinating colors or designs can elevate the look of your table settings.
6. **Chair Decorations:**
 - Chair covers, sashes, or chair bands can dress up standard venue chairs. Consider adding decorative accents like ribbons, brooches, or signage to personalize each chair.
7. **Backdrop or Altar Decor:**
 - Fabric draping, hanging banners, garlands, or decorative panels can create a stunning backdrop or altar area for your ceremony. Incorporate elements like fairy lights, crystals, or macramé for added texture and visual interest.
8. **Signage:**
 - Welcome signs, seating charts, directional signs, and custom signs with quotes or messages can guide guests and add personality to your wedding decor. Choose materials like chalkboard, wood, acrylic, or mirrors for signage.
9. **Table Numbers or Names:**
 - Unique table numbers or names can complement your wedding theme and help guests find their assigned tables. You can get these inexpensively by purchasing a digital wedding bundle.
10. **Drapery and Fabric Decor:**
 - Fabric draping, swags, or curtains can transform the look of your wedding venue by softening harsh lines or adding dimension to walls, ceilings, or archways.
11. **Hanging Decorations:**
 - Hanging installations such as paper lanterns, pom-poms, chandeliers, or geometric shapes can add visual interest and drama to your wedding venue's ceiling or outdoor space.
12. **Photo Displays:**
 - Photo frames, photo collages, or photo walls showcasing your engagement photos, family portraits, or memorable moments together can serve as decorative elements and conversation starters.

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List

13. **Cake and Dessert Table Decor:**

- Cake stands, dessert platters, or decorative trays can showcase your wedding cake, cupcakes, or sweets. Add decorative elements like flowers, greenery, or signage to complement your dessert table.

14. **Aisle Decorations:**

- Aisle runners, petals, lanterns, or candles can decorate the aisle for your ceremony. Consider adding chair aisle markers or hanging decorations for added flair.

15. **Lighting:**

- Uplighting, spotlights, or colored lighting can set the mood and enhance the ambiance of your wedding venue. Use lighting to highlight architectural features, focal points, or specific areas of interest.

16. **Furniture Rentals:**

- Lounge furniture, vintage pieces, or specialty seating options can create cozy seating areas or lounge spaces for guests to relax and socialize.

17. **Ceiling Decorations:**

- Hanging decorations such as paper lanterns, pom-poms, streamers, or fabric swags can add visual interest to your wedding venue's ceiling or tent canopy.

18. **Tabletop Decor:**

- Decorative elements such as table mirrors, confetti, scatter crystals, or sequins can add sparkle and shine to your reception tables.

19. **Cake Topper:**

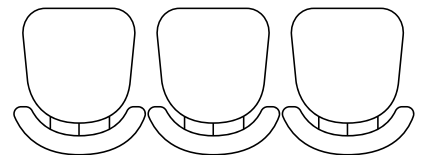
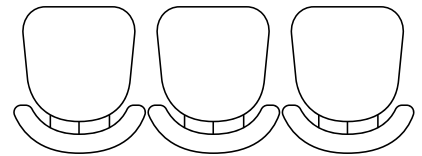
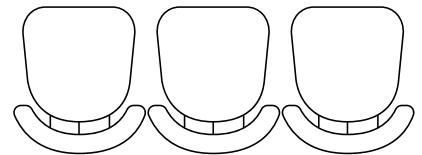
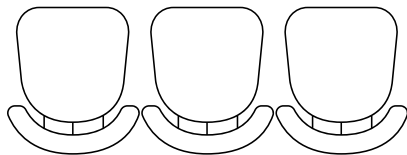
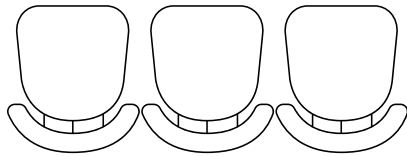
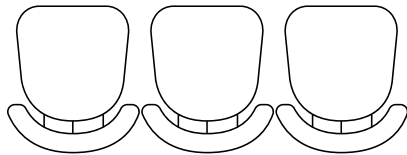
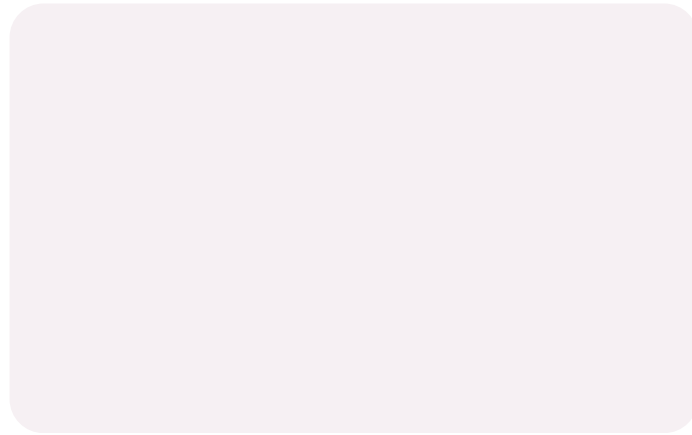
- A decorative cake topper or cake stand can enhance the look of your wedding cake and tie into your overall theme or style.

20. **Outdoor Decor:**

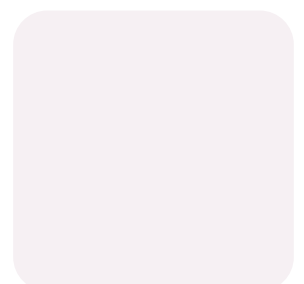
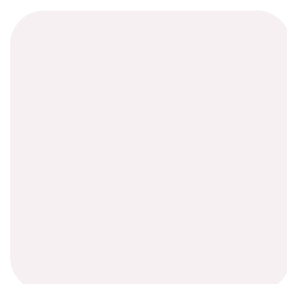
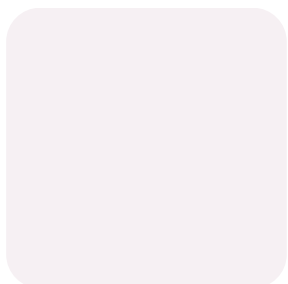
- For outdoor weddings, consider adding elements like bunting flags, string lights, lanterns, or potted plants to enhance the natural beauty of the surroundings and create a charming atmosphere.

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Ceremony Planner



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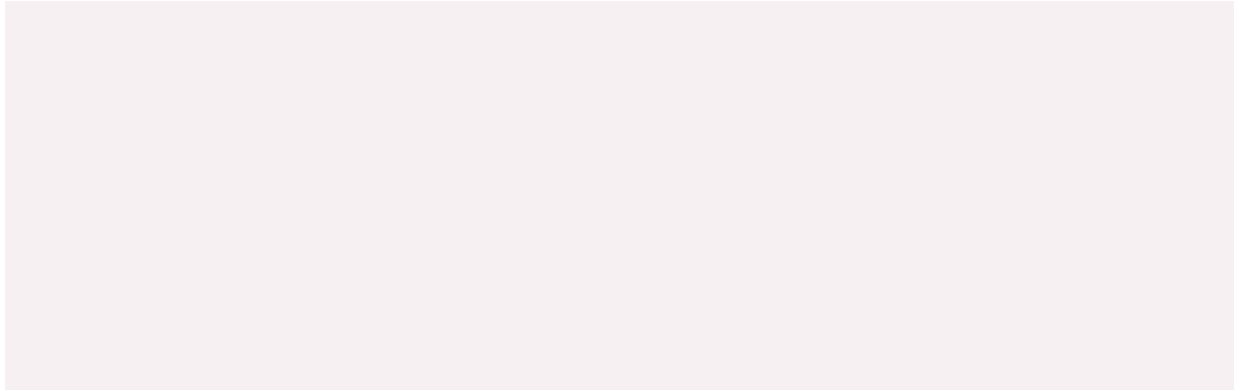
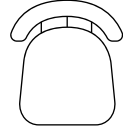
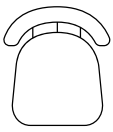
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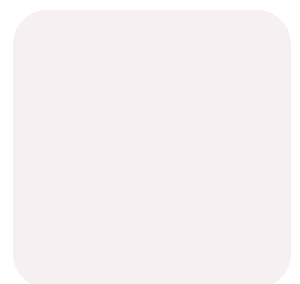
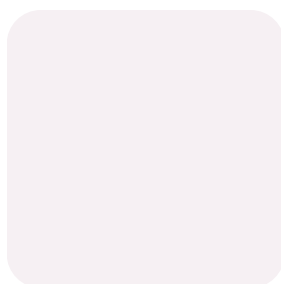
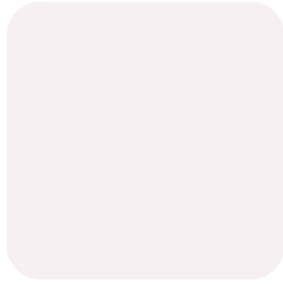
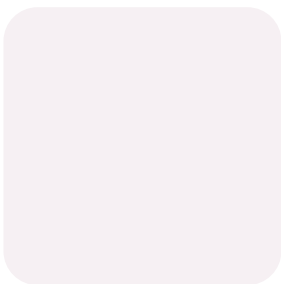
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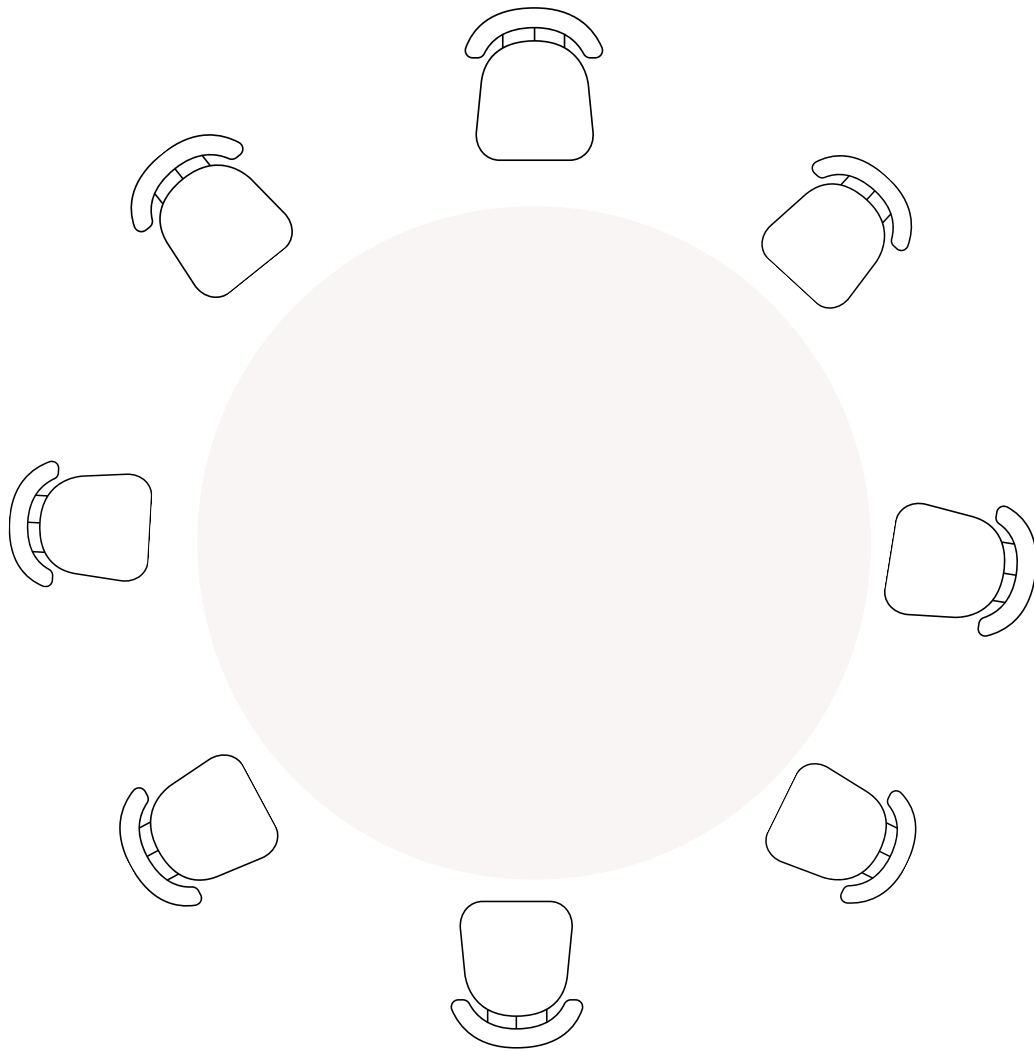


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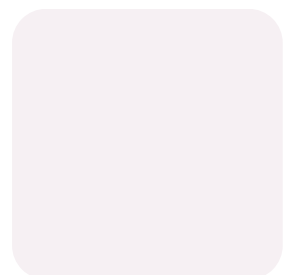
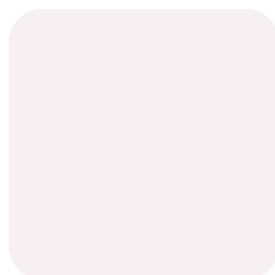
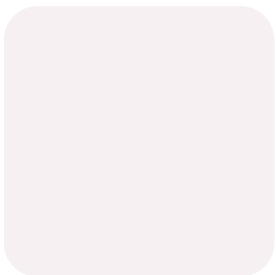


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All Tables Planner



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WEDDING GOWN

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Inspiration

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Shopping Plan

	SHOP 1	SHOP 2	SHOP 3
SHOP NAME			
CONTACT			
WEBSITE			
ADDRESS			
BOOKING DATE			
BOOKING TIME			
WHO IS COMING WITH?			
LINK TO SPECIFIC DRESS YOU WANT TO TRY			

WEDDING GOWN

Order

SHOP NAME	
CONTACT	
WEBSITE	
ADDRESS	
ESTIMATED ARRIVAL DATE	
FIRST FITTING DATE	
SECOND FITTING DATE	
DRESS PRICE	
DEPOSIT	
SEAMSTRESS FEES	
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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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Months Before

WEDDING
ACCOMMODATIONS

WEDDING ACCOMMODATIONS

Bridal Suite

HOTEL NAME	
CONTACT	
WEBSITE	
ADDRESS	
CHECK IN	
CHECK OUT	
DATES BOOKED	
NUMBER OF ROOMS BOOKED	
DEPOSIT	
TOTAL COST	

WEDDING ACCOMMODATIONS

Guest Options

	WEBSITE LINK
HOTEL OPTION 1	
HOTEL OPTION 2	
HOTEL OPTION 3	
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WEDDING ACCOMMODATIONS

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HONEYMOON PLAN

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Vision Board

**Travel &
Adventure**

Relaxation

**Romance &
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**Health &
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**Amazing
Food**


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Destination Bucket List

PLACES

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Trip Overview

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Months Before

6-9 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ SELECT AND ORDER GROOM'S ATTIRE
- ☐ SELECT AND ORDER BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES
- ☐ SELECT AND ORDER GROOMSMEN ATTIRE
- ☐ SELECT AND ORDER FLOWER GIRL AND RING BEARER OUTFITS
- ☐ CREATE WEDDING WEBSITE:
- ☐ SCHEDULE ENGAGEMENT PHOTOS
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Months Before

GROOM

GROOM

Attire Inspiration

GROOM

Order

	GROOMS ATTIRE
SUIT SHOP	
BOW TIE/TIE SHOP	
SHOES SHOP	
ESTIMATED ARRIVAL DATE	
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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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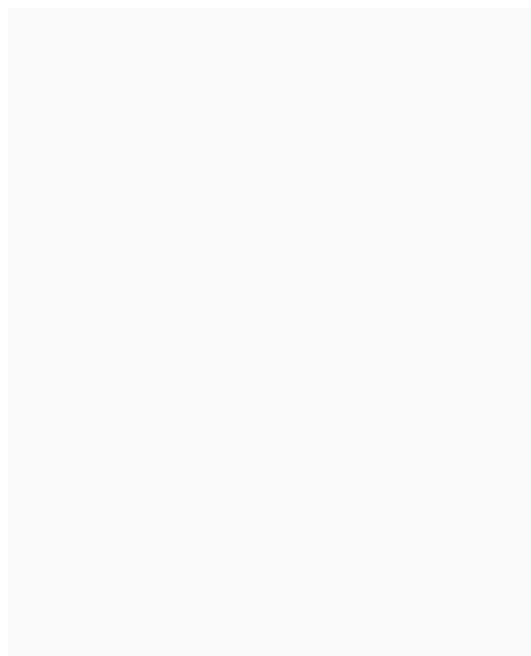
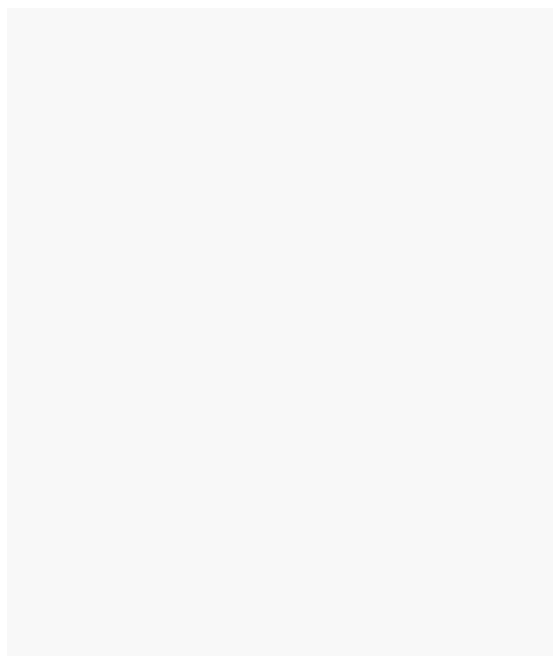
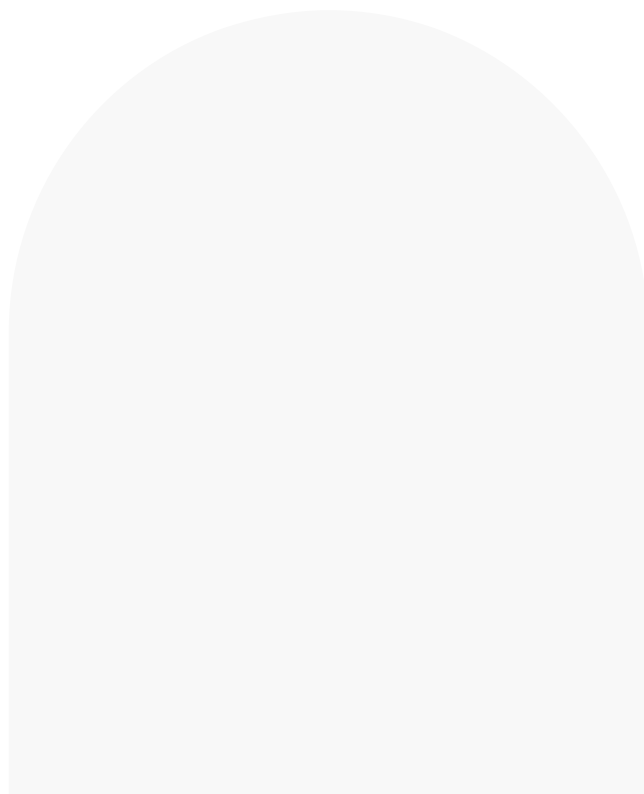
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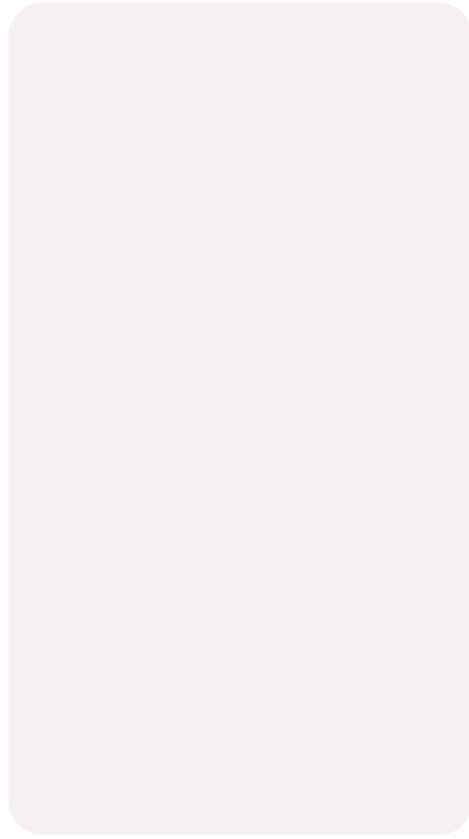
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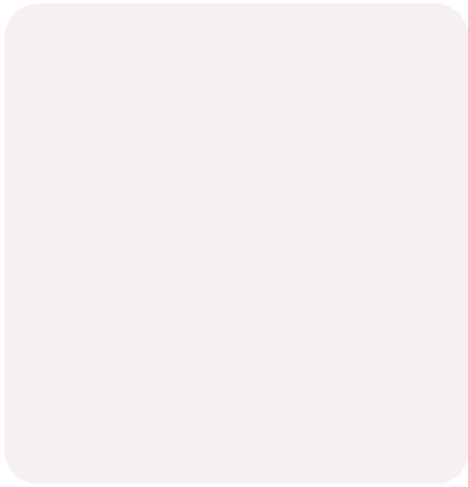


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DRESS



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COVER

BRIDESMAIDS

Order

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ADDRESS	
ESTIMATED ARRIVAL DATE	
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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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GROOMSMEN

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Attire Inspiration

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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Months Before

FLOWER GIRL
AND
RING BEARER

FLOWER GIRL AND RING BEARER

Attire Inspiration

FLOWER GIRL AND RING BEARER
Order

FLOWER GIRL DRESS	
FLOWER GIRL ACCESSORIZE	
FLOWER GIRL SHOES	
FLOWER GIRL BASKET	
PAGE BOY ATTIRE	
PAGE BOY ACCESSORIZE	
PAGE BOY SHOES	
PAGE BOY PILLOW	

ADDITIONAL NOTES

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Months Before

CREATE WEDDING
WEBSITE

CREATE WEDDING WEBSITE

Creating a wedding website can offer numerous benefits for couples preparing to tie the knot. Here are some of the advantages:

1. **Centralised Information:** A wedding website serves as a centralized hub where guests can find all the essential details about the event, including date, time, location, dress code, and accommodation options. This reduces the need for repeated communication with guests and ensures everyone has access to the same information.
2. **RSVP Management:** Many wedding website platforms offer built-in RSVP functionality, allowing guests to RSVP conveniently online. This streamlines the RSVP process for both the couple and their guests, making it easier to keep track of attendance and meal preferences.
3. **Customization:** Couples can personalize their wedding website to reflect their unique style and preferences. This includes choosing themes, colors, fonts, and layouts that align with the wedding's aesthetic. Personal touches such as photos, love stories, and engagement anecdotes can also be included to make the website more meaningful.
4. **Guest Communication:** Wedding websites enable couples to communicate important updates and announcements to their guests efficiently. Whether it's last-minute changes to the schedule or reminders about gift registries, couples can easily disseminate information to all attendees through the website.
5. **Gift Registry Integration:** Many wedding website platforms offer integration with popular gift registries, allowing couples to showcase their preferred gifts and provide direct links for guests to purchase or contribute towards them.
6. **Photo Sharing:** Couples can create galleries on their wedding websites to share photos and videos from their engagement shoot, bridal shower, and other pre-wedding events. After the wedding, guests can also upload and share their own photos from the big day, creating a digital keepsake for everyone involved.
7. **Countdown and Timelines:** Including a countdown to the wedding day and a detailed timeline of events can help build excitement among guests and ensure everyone is on the same page regarding the schedule for the day.

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Months Before

ENGAGEMENT
PHOTOS

ENGAGEMENT PHOTOS

Inspiration

Booking engagement photos is a wonderful way to capture the joy and excitement of this special time in your relationship, creating timeless memories that you'll cherish for years to come.

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Months Before

CEREMONY MUSICIANS

CEREMONY MUSIC

How to choose

Choosing and organizing musicians for your wedding ceremony can significantly enhance the atmosphere and ambiance of your special day. Here are some tips and advice to help you make the right decisions:

1. **Define Your Vision:** Start by envisioning the type of music you want for your ceremony. Consider the atmosphere you want to create and whether you prefer traditional, classical, contemporary, or a mix of genres.
2. **Research and Listen:** Take time to research different musicians or ensembles in your area. Listen to their samples or attend their live performances if possible to get a feel for their style and expertise.
3. **Consider Your Venue:** Think about the size and acoustics of your ceremony venue when choosing musicians. Some venues may require amplification for certain instruments or ensembles to ensure the music is heard clearly.
4. **Communicate Your Preferences:** Clearly communicate your musical preferences, ceremony timeline, and any special requests or songs you'd like to include with the musicians you're considering. This will help them tailor their performance to suit your vision.
5. **Book Early:** Musicians, especially popular ones, can get booked up quickly, so it's advisable to secure your preferred choice as early as possible. Aim to book your musicians at least several months in advance to ensure availability.
6. **Review Contracts:** Before finalizing your booking, carefully review the contracts or agreements provided by the musicians. Pay attention to details such as the performance duration, fees, cancellation policies, and any additional services included.
7. **Arrange a Consultation or Rehearsal:** If possible, schedule a consultation or rehearsal with your chosen musicians to discuss logistics, timing, and any specific cues or transitions in the ceremony music. This will ensure everyone is on the same page and can address any concerns or questions in advance.
8. **Provide Clear Instructions:** Provide clear instructions to your musicians regarding their cues, timing, and any changes to the ceremony schedule. This will help ensure a smooth and seamless performance on the day of the wedding.
9. **Prepare a Song List:** Work with your musicians to create a song list for each part of the ceremony, including prelude, processional, recessional, and any special moments such as unity ceremonies or musical interludes.
10. **Stay Flexible:** While it's essential to plan and organize your ceremony music carefully, it's also important to remain flexible and open to last-minute adjustments or changes that may arise. Trust your musicians' expertise and be prepared to adapt as needed to ensure a memorable and harmonious ceremony.
11. **Explore Venue Recommendations:** If your wedding ceremony is religious and held at a church, mosque, synagogue, or other place of worship, inquire whether they have in-house musicians or recommendations for musical performers. They may have established relationships with musicians who are familiar with the venue and its requirements.
12. **Consider Speaker Playback:** If hiring live musicians isn't feasible due to budget constraints or venue restrictions, consider playing recorded music through speakers instead. Many couples opt for this option for cost savings while still achieving the desired musical ambiance. Ensure that the venue has suitable audio equipment and discuss logistics with the venue coordinator or sound technician beforehand.

CEREMONY MUSIC

Comparison

	P 1	P 2
NAME		
CONTACT		
WEBSITE		
PRICE		
STYLE		
HOW MANY MEMBERS IN THE BAND		
FEMALE/MALE SINGER		
HOURS OF OPERATION		
CANCELLATION POLICY		

	P 3	P 4
NAME		
CONTACT		
WEBSITE		
PRICE		
STYLE		
HOW MANY MEMBERS IN THE BAND		
FEMALE/MALE SINGER		
HOURS OF OPERATION		
CANCELLATION POLICY		

CEREMONY MUSIC

Choice

NAME	
CONTACT	
WEBSITE	
CHOSEN PACKAGE	
WHAT IS INCLUDED	
TOTAL COST	
DATE DEPOSIT DUE	
DEPOSIT PAID	
DATE FULL AMOUNT DUE	

ADDITIONAL NOTES

CEREMONY MUSIC

Music List

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Months Before

CHOOSE CAKE

WEDDING CAKE

Inspiration

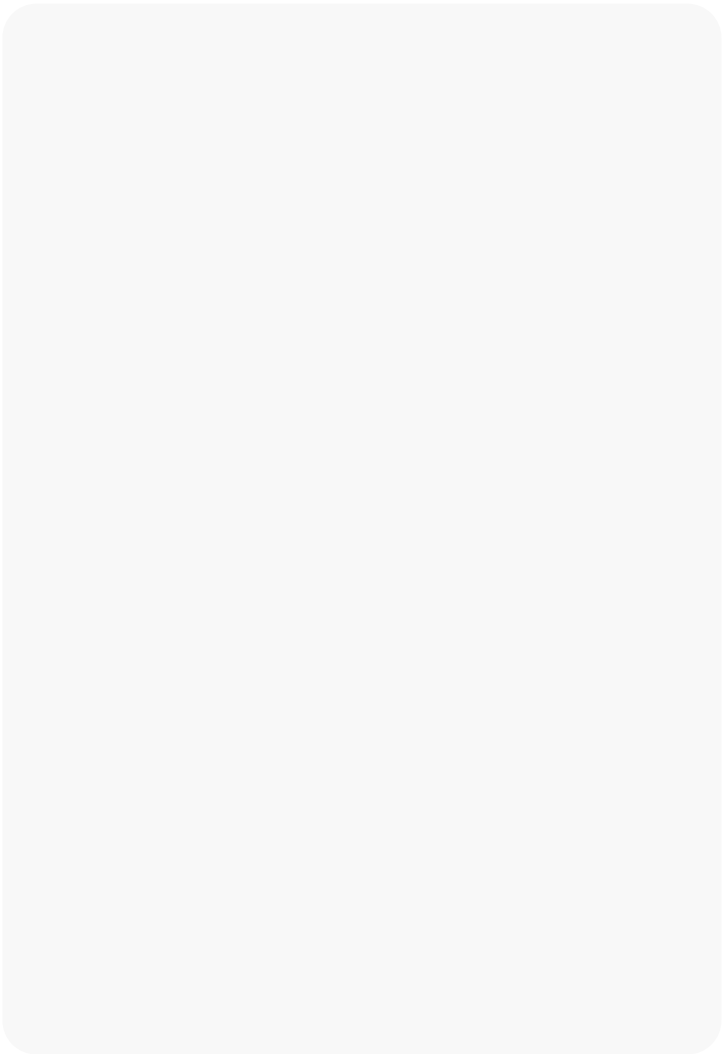
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Comparison

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CONTACT		
WEBSITE		
OPTIONS FOR DIETARY ACCOMODATIONS		
TASTING AVAILABILITY		
ESTIMATED COST PER PERSON		
ESTIMATED TOTAL PRICE		
TASTING AVAILABILITY		
TIER 1		
TIER 2		
TIER 3		
EXTRA DETAILS		
CAKE TOPPER		
SLAB CAKE?		

WEDDING CAKE

Design



	WEDDING CAKE
TIER 1 FLAVOR	
TIER 2 FLAVOR	
TIER 3 FLAVOR	
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TOPPER	

NOTES

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Months Before

BOOK

TRANSPORTATION

WEDDING TRANSPORTATION

Inspiration

WEDDING TRANSPORTATION

Tips

When booking transportation for a wedding, whether it's for the bride and groom or for the guests, there are several important factors to consider to ensure a smooth and memorable experience:

1. **Budget:** Determine how much you're willing to spend on transportation. This will help you narrow down your options and make decisions that align with your budget.
2. **Number of Guests:** Consider how many guests will require transportation. This will help you determine the size and type of vehicles needed.
3. **Type of Transportation:** Decide on the type of transportation that suits your wedding theme and logistics. Options include limousines, classic cars, vintage buses, horse-drawn carriages, or modern luxury vehicles.
4. **Distance and Locations:** Take into account the distance between venues and the locations of your guests. Choose transportation that can accommodate the travel distance and any specific routes or locations.
5. **Accessibility:** Ensure that the chosen transportation is accessible to all guests, including those with mobility issues. Consider factors like wheelchair accessibility if necessary.
6. **Timeline:** Plan the transportation schedule carefully, considering the timing of events such as the ceremony, reception, and photo sessions. Allow for extra time for potential delays, traffic, or unexpected circumstances.
7. **Amenities:** Check what amenities are offered with the transportation service. Amenities such as champagne, music, and decorations can enhance the overall experience.
8. **Driver Experience:** Ensure that the transportation company provides experienced and professional drivers who are familiar with wedding logistics and routes.
9. **Contracts and Insurance:** Always read and understand the contracts before booking any transportation services. Verify that the company has proper insurance coverage for the vehicles and passengers.
10. **Personalization:** Consider personalizing the transportation experience to reflect the wedding theme or the preferences of the bride and groom. This could include custom decorations or signage.
11. **Guest Communication:** Provide clear instructions to guests regarding transportation arrangements, including pickup/drop-off locations, departure times, and any other relevant details.
12. **Backup Plan:** Have a backup plan in case of any unforeseen circumstances, such as vehicle breakdowns or last-minute changes in schedule.

WEDDING TRANSPORTATION *Choice*

BRIDE AND GROOM TRANSPORT	
CONTACT	
TYPE OF CAR	
WHAT TYPE OF TRANSPORT IS NEEDED?	
DRIVER NAME	
ARRIVAL TIME	
ADDITIONAL DECORATION NEEDED?	
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DECORATION?	
TOTAL COST	
DEPOSIT DUE	
TOTAL DUE	
GUEST TRANSPORTATION	
CONTACT	
TYPE OF CAR	
WHAT TYPE OF TRANSPORT IS NEEDED?	
DRIVER NAME	
ARRIVAL TIME	
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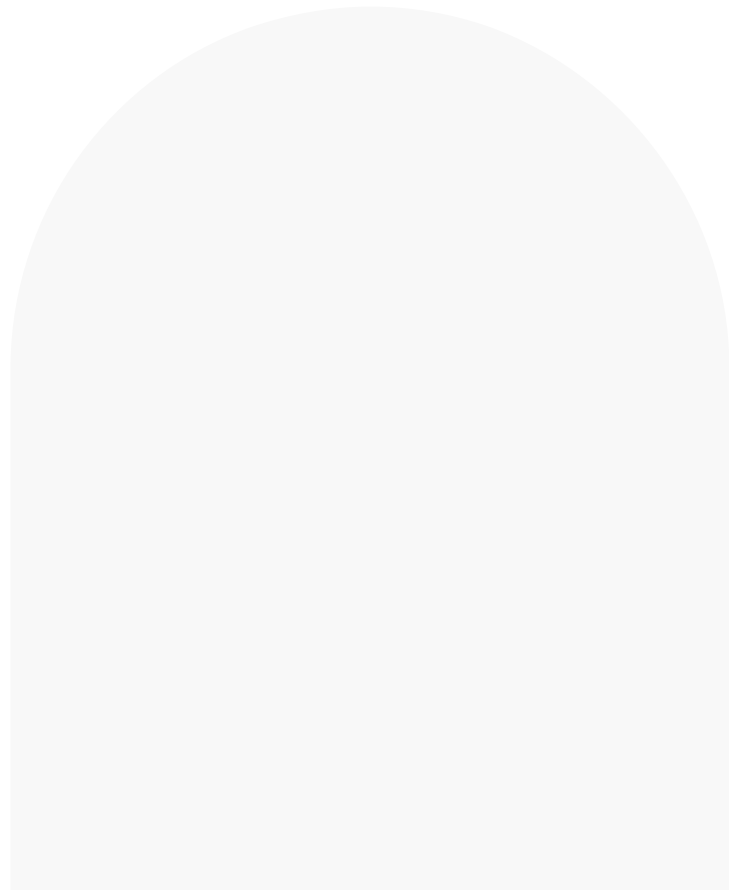
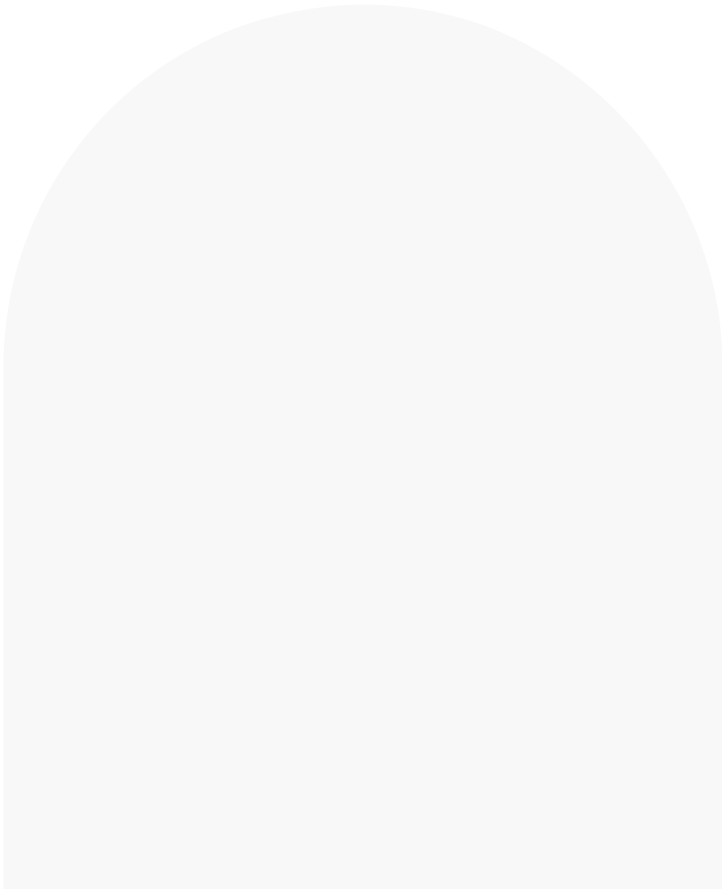
Months Before

BOOK

HAIR AND MAKE-UP
TRIALS

BRIDES HAIR AND MAKE-UP

Inspiration



HAIR AND MAKE-UP *Questions*

Here are 15 questions to ask a hair and makeup stylist for a wedding party:

1. What is your availability on the wedding date?
2. How many people can you accommodate for hair and make-up services?
3. Do you specialize in bridal hair and make-up?
4. Can you provide examples of your previous work or a portfolio?
5. What is your pricing structure for bridal hair and make-up services?
6. Do you offer trial sessions, and if so, what is included in the trial?
7. Can you accommodate specific hairstyles or make-up looks requested by the bride or members of the wedding party?
8. Will you travel to the wedding venue or do we need to come to your salon/studio?
9. How much time will you need for each person's hair and make-up on the wedding day?
10. What products do you use, and are they suitable for all skin types?
11. Are there any additional fees for travel, early morning appointments, or touch-up services?
12. Do you have a team of stylists available for larger wedding parties?
13. Can you accommodate any special requests or accommodations, such as allergies or religious preferences?
14. How far in advance do we need to book your services?
15. What is your cancellation or rescheduling policy?

HAIR AND MAKE-UP

Book

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Months Before

ORDER
WEDDING BANDS

WEDDING BANDS

Questions

Choosing wedding bands is an important decision, as these rings symbolize your commitment and love for each other. Here are 10 tips to help you select the perfect wedding bands:

1. **Start Early:** Begin your search for wedding bands early in the wedding planning process to allow time for browsing, trying on different styles, and making any necessary customizations.
2. **Set a Budget:** Determine how much you're willing to spend on wedding bands. Setting a budget will help you narrow down your options and focus on rings that are within your price range.
3. **Consider Your Lifestyle:** Choose wedding bands that suit your lifestyle and daily activities. For example, if you lead an active lifestyle or work with your hands, you may want to opt for a more durable and low-maintenance metal.
4. **Match with Engagement Ring:** If you have an engagement ring, consider how the wedding band will complement it. Some couples prefer a matching set, while others opt for contrasting styles that still complement each other.
5. **Metal Choice:** Decide on the type of metal for your wedding bands. Popular options include gold (yellow, white, or rose), platinum, palladium, and titanium. Each metal has its own unique characteristics in terms of durability, color, and price.
6. **Style and Design:** Explore different styles and designs of wedding bands to find one that resonates with your personal taste and preferences. Whether you prefer a classic, timeless design or something more modern and unique, there are endless options to choose from.
7. **Comfort Fit:** Consider opting for a comfort-fit wedding band, which has a slightly rounded interior for a more comfortable fit, especially if you plan to wear the ring daily.
8. **Customization Options:** Explore customization options such as engraving, adding gemstones, or incorporating unique design elements that hold special meaning to you as a couple.
9. **Try Before You Buy:** Visit jewelry stores to try on different wedding bands and see how they look and feel on your finger. Take your time to find the perfect fit and style that you both love.
10. **Shop Together:** Consider shopping for wedding bands together as a couple. This allows you to make a decision that reflects both of your preferences and ensures that you're both happy with the final choice.

WEDDING BANDS

Choice



Hers



His

NAME	
CONTACT	
WEBSITE	
HER RING DESIGN	
HIS RING DESIGN	
TOTAL COST	
DEPOSIT DUE	
ARRIVAL DATE	