



ELOPEMENT GUIDE

HELPFUL TIPS TO GET YOU
STARTED

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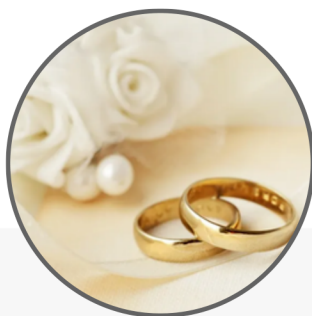
Attention all adventurous lovebirds!
Are you ready to embark on the journey of a lifetime?

Look no further than our exclusive elopement guide. Whether you're dreaming of exchanging vows under a starlit sky or saying "I do" on a picturesque mountaintop, this guide is your go-to resource for planning the intimate wedding of your dreams.

Packed with fun tips, creative ideas, and interactive worksheets, it's your secret weapon for crafting a memorable and personalized elopement experience. So grab your partner's hand and get ready to make magic happen!

Need a hand?

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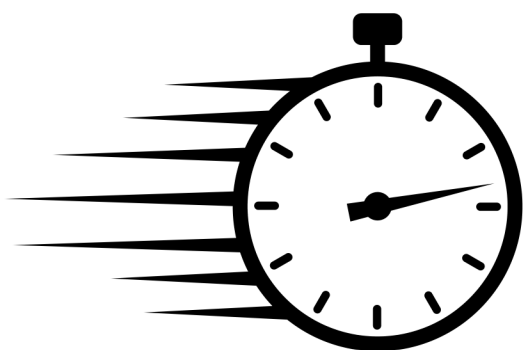
Before the Wedding...

Get ready to explore, brainstorm, and make those first crucial decisions that will set the stage for your unforgettable day.

DO YOUR RESEARCH,

Find out what you need to get married. Locate the county clerk and obtain your marriage license.

(Don't wait too late-most will expire after 90 days)



TIMING IS EVERYTHING,

Start thinking about what time of year you would like to marry. (This helps narrow your window to a few months)

Think of the themes (summer luau, winter wonderland, traditional spring, etc) Remember-certain seasons such as spring can be more expensive and difficult to book.

"If you fail to plan, You plan to fail."

Benjamin Franklin

Make a Plan. Start a vision board with your sweetheart.

This guide will help you get started but it's better to work with a professional like a registered wedding officiant, wedding planner or coordinator. Wedding professionals such as these, will be able to assist in creating your vision by connecting you with industry partners who can provide their services such as florists and venues.



Wedding

CEREMONY
VISION BOARD

Wedding Theme :

Ceremony Plan

Important!

Wedding Schedule

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Before the Wedding...

BUDGET

Eloping doesn't mean your wedding won't be elegant.

There are many options that can save money you may want to use later. Think of putting extra money towards a honeymoon, house, or even a savings account.

You can save thousands by renting over buying your attire. You can use artificial flowers which can be both an economical and environmental choice.

Even choosing a location can be a decision that can be made frugally. Think of options such as an intimate dinner party celebration, where your family and friends can attend without the need for accommodations of a rented space.

Location, Location, Location.

Is there a family home? Favorite hiking spot? On the beach? In the mountains? Wherever you two decide, make sure it speaks to your unique love story.

(Remember elopements are typically less than 10 people. Now is the time to have a discussion about who you will tell and how.)

Some places may require permits or have dates/times that are restricted. Always do your research.

You'll find helpful worksheets on the following pages.

Wedding Budget

CEREMONY

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
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RECEPTION

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DECORATION

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OTHER

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
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NOTE : _____

Before the Wedding...

VENDORS

You'll need the services of qualified and trusted wedding vendors. In order for your marriage to be legal, you'll need an officiant to perform your ceremony and sign your marriage license.

Always check with your state's requirements for officiants/celebrants. A registered officiant can show validation of credentials upon request. Always look for reviews.

OTHER VENDORS

Wedding officiants and planners usually have a recommended vendor list of trusted partners they work with. There are even combination discounts available sometimes. With an elopement, you may only need a photographer, florist, and venue in addition to an officiant. But it is always good to have these vendors on hand for a later celebration. Remember to think of how these options will affect your budget.

You'll find helpful worksheets on the following pages.

wedding vendor list

Vendor #1	Vendor #2
Vendor #3	Vendor #4
Vendor #5	Vendor #6

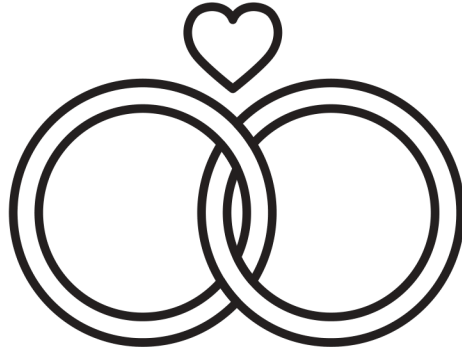
Wedding

C H E C K L I S T

- Draft guest list
- Book venue
- Book Photographer
- Book caterer
- Wedding Officiant
- Order gown
- Cake tasting
- Meet florist
- Start gift registry
- Plan rehearsal dinner
- Reserve place, tent, chairs, etc.
- Write vows
- Mail out wedding invitation
- Prepare place cards
- Confirm with all vendors



During the Wedding...



After doing all the hard work, you are finally ready to enjoy this special occasion. A wedding can seem pretty frantic but I will give you some pointers on the ceremony and what to expect.

TIPS

- Have your valid ID/DL or acceptable proof of identity
- Bring a wedding emergency kit (tiny sewing kit, safety pins, hair pins, bandaids, tissue and other handy dandies)
- Make sure to bring a charger (clear space for photos and videos)
- Don't forget your plus 1 (most states require at least one witness 18+)
- Check the weather and traffic

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During the Wedding...

ENTRANCE

- **Family first** (Before the music, the family should come in and assemble (**Bride's family=left/Groom=right** EXCEPT ESCORT OF THE BRIDE- if available, they will walk the bride in later. If doing an elopement or small ceremony without a wedding party, everyone will come in and be seated. The bride remains out of sight until cued in)
- **GROOM/GROOMSMEN** (will come down to altar and assemble to the right)
- **BRIDESMAIDS** (will come down and assemble to the left-can be done to musical intro but NOT wedding march)
- **OFFICIANT** (will enter and stand in center. Upon cue, officiant will ask assembly to be seated and cue WEDDING MARCH-if music will be used.)
- **FLOWERCHILDREN** (if flowerchildren are used, they should enter here, moving swiftly down the aisle. Please consider age and temperament of child)
- **BRIDE** (The bride should be out of sight until flowerchildren have cleared the aisle. Bride will enter with escort or upon cue) The officiant will ask "who will give this person away?" The escort will answer "I will." and be seated to the right. (If no wedding party/escort-bride will enter on cue and stand to the right.)

During the Wedding...

CEREMONY

- **INTRO** (The officiant will start by asking everyone to be seated announcing the parties to be married. Some officiants may insert a special reading.)
- **VOWS** (At this point, the couple may now read their vows one after the other.)
- **DECLARATION OF INTENT** (DECLARATION OF INTENT is asked by the officiant. THIS IS NECESSARY to make your marriage legal. The officiant will ask if you will accept each other as partners for life. This is necessary because the officiant is acting similar to a judge or clerk. Your witness is there to witness your promises to one another. You are basically entering into a verbal contract that will be bound by signatures later. This will then be entered into vital records.)
- **RINGS** (Although an exchange of symbols is traditional, it is not required. Some couples opt for necklaces or even tattoos!)
- **PRONOUNCEMENT** (PRONOUNCEMENT is given by the officiant. THIS IS NECESSARY to make a marriage legal.) This is the moment where you will be announced to the world. Be sure to inform the officiant of the term you would like to use.
- **THE KISS OF BLISS** (The moment you have all been waiting for! The deal is sealed with a kiss.) Make it a long one so the photographer can get good shots.

After the Wedding...

YOU MADE IT!

The signing

- After the kiss, it may be frantic but take that moment to step to the side with your officiant and witness to sign your license.
- A lot of officiants will return the license for you. Most states require the license to be returned within 10 days. Be sure to research and get it in on time.
- Your wedding certificate will be mailed to the address listed on the license in a few weeks. Check return times as they vary from county to county. (Sometimes you may receive a keepsake wedding certificate. This is NOT a legal document.)

Post-Ceremony Checklist

- Marriage License
- Create thank you cards (online/offline)
- Change name online/offline
- Create photo memories (online/offline)
- Honeymoon plans
- Vendor reviews



After the Wedding...



Let's party!

When you elope, you can spend more on the after party. Some couples plan a combo wedding/celebration. You can rent a banquet hall or event space and set up a beautiful reception with caterers and decorations.

This can also be a great opportunity to plan a group activity such as skiing or camping. Sometimes the event is the celebration. Some people have gotten married at expos and theme parks. Think of this as a way to share your great news with the people you love.

IDEA-have a videographer capture your wedding and invite everyone over for an intimate dinner party/movie night. Reveal your nuptials for all to share for the first time. You're welcome, lol.

Finally...The honeymoon.

A honeymoon doesn't have to be expensive to be magical.

There are always staycation options such as a spa day. Get creative. Make it your expression of love to one another to be your guide on your path. Do whatever makes you happy. Always look for package deals.



After the

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Checklist

- Marriage License
- Complete bride's name
- Mail thank you card
- Submit the favorite photo
- Honeymoon gift
- Manicure and Spa

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Preparation :

Wedding Days :

Closing :

Weakness

Notes



Rehearsal

D I N N E R

Location :
Date/time :
Contact :
Food Themes :

ITEM	BUDGET	ESTIMATE	SPENT
TOTAL			





PLANNING TO *Elope?*

WEDDING SERVICE

I've created affordable package deals that have covered everything from tables and chairs to dazzling decorations including unforgettable keepsakes. Let me handle the details while you focus on creating magical memories with your special someone. Reach out to Tiki today and let's start your journey to the altar in style!



SWEETHEART DEAL

Prices Start From \$395

Celebrate with rental of a gorgeous cascading silk bridal bouquet, officiant services, marriage license signing and processing, a commemorative marriage certificate, a keepsake corsage and boutonniere, with a sweetheart table for the loving couple.



CEREMONY UPGRADE

Prices Start From \$265

The package includes:
everything in the sweetheart package AND a beautifully decorated ceremonial arch and choice of unity ceremony. Intimate seating with 2 decorated tables and chairs with seating for 10.



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