

## Five Tips to Planning the Wedding of Your Dreams



Being engaged is such an exciting part of your life, and hopefully you've had the opportunity to share your news with the people who matter most and have basked in the bliss of the moment. Now that you're ready to start planning the wedding of your dreams, you may be wondering where to start. While wedding planning can be stressful, following the right plan can help ease the stress and empower you to enjoy your special day to the fullest. Here are five simple steps to get you in the right mindset for wedding planning.

**Create a Game Plan:** This includes identifying your support team and defining your vision for your wedding day. Think about what would make this day the most special for you and who will be able to help you get there. Include a season or date that you would like to get married and a rough estimate of the number of guests. Get a wedding planner (digital and/or paper). [Schedule a consultation](#) if you need help brainstorming your plan.

**Build a Budget:** Have an idea of how much you will be spending and where the money will be coming from. Discuss the details with your significant other and come to an agreement on the range for the wedding. Download a budget planner so that you have an idea of how much you have to spend on each element.

**Vendor Selection:** Research and get recommendations for each vendor category, starting with your venue/caterer as well as your officiant and ceremony location (if the location is different from your venue. Book all your vendors (by putting in your deposit and getting contracts) as soon as possible to secure your date.

**Dive in to Details:** Once all your vendors are booked, be sure to add any follow up appointments to your calendar along with any deposit or final payment dates. Delegate tasks as appropriate to members of your support team and keep track of any deadlines for choice selections. This is a good opportunity to use a wedding planning checklist to ensure that you're not missing any tasks.

**Finalize Events:** You're at the home stretch, so it's time to bring the game home! Create a timeline for the events of the day, share the timeline with the vendors and clear up any last-minute questions, and have someone help you coordinate for the day of your event. Your coordinator shouldn't be anyone involved in the wedding ceremony because they will need to be able to focus on getting ready and wedding-party responsibilities and won't have any more time than you do to manage all the details of the day.



Now that you have the right framework, [contact us](#) today so that we can help put your plan in action!