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PLANNING YOUR DREAM WEDDING:

*A Complete and Simple
Step-By-Step Guide*

Congratulations on your engagement! Now your biggest question is “now what’s next?” While most couples prefer to hire professionals to help plan and coordinate everything for their wedding, some couples might also consider a tight wedding budget or they, too, love to be on top of every detail.

Before anything else, remember that this is your wedding. You must be clear about your goal – that is to celebrate your union with your partner. You can align all the details of your wedding according to what you want.

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9-12 months to go

Set your Budget



Talk to your partner and decide on the budget and stick to it. This is the first and non-negotiable steps in planning a wedding. Setting the budget will allow you to decide on the details of the wedding. Make a spreadsheet and adjust the numbers that will fit your budget. Along with the budget, you can decide whether you can afford to hire a wedding planner or organise it yourself.

Pick the Date and Venue

Be sure to investigate the prices, packages, and other venue restrictions from various potential wedding and reception venue.

Your date will ensure that you have availability for the people and Your venue will affect almost every aspect of the reception i.e., the number of guests, table setting, theme, and even the flowers that you will put on the tables.

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Finalise your Guestlist



Let your budget be your guide in deciding the number of people you want to be in your wedding. Ask your families for a rough list of who they want to share your celebration with, but don't make promises. Again, prioritise who you want on your big day according to your budget. You wouldn't want to go overboard your limits just because someone really wants your great-uncle's third cousin to come. Otherwise, they can throw in extra cash per head.

Pick out a Theme

The theme will determine the style and vibe of the wedding reception.

Deciding the vibe of the wedding is not just your decision, but a team effort. So, take time to converse with your partner about this. Before you get caught up with all the wedding inspo that you saw in Pinterest, ask yourselves the following questions: What is important to me and why? What do I value? What do I like and what do I dislike at weddings?

When you have set those boundaries, then you can really decide on a wedding party that you both will enjoy.

Get a marriage license

Visit your municipality for the requirements. This varies slightly between states and municipalities. Common identification is required i.e., birth certificate, passport, and other government IDs. So, go ahead and make an appointment in advance.

Select the best vendors

Remember that you should only book vendors whom you are comfortable with, not just because you are pressured to hire them.



Outsourcing vendors will depend on whether the venue can take care of some of these services, but ideally, you should hire the following:

Catering service
Videographer
Florist

Photographer
DJ, singer, or band
Cake designer



Remember to make your budget spreadsheet as your guide in deciding which elements of the wedding you want to splurge on. It is important to read reviews and recommendations, especially the contract before deciding. Book as soon as possible because these vendors might have wedding bookings a year in advance.

Choose a Bridal Style

You can find a good resource of bridal inspiration that you will like best – Pinterest, Instagram, trusty bridal sites, and magazines. But experts recommend that before diving into a rabbit hole trying to want a bridal style that might not look best on your features, consult with your Hair and Makeup Artist – which brings us to the next step.



A collage for the 'Minimal' bridal style. It features a woman with light hair and a white veil, a close-up of eyes with light shimmer, and a woman with dark hair and a white veil. The text 'Bridal Styling' and 'www.marielemua.site' is centered in a gold box.

Minimal

Neutral eyeshadows for eyes with a pop of light shimmer, natural looking lash with a light coat of mascara. Lightweight base with a hint of blush and soft highlight, pair along with light natural lip shades



A collage for the 'Soft Glam' bridal style. It features a woman with dark hair and a white veil, a close-up of eyes with bronze tones, and a woman with dark hair and a white veil. The text 'Bridal Styling' and 'www.marielemua.site' is centered in a gold box.

Soft Glam

More enhance on the eyes with nude tones or bronze tones that compliment for eyes and skin tones; soft smokey liners with natural lashes for those gorgeous eyes to pop. To balance out the look, a light to medium base with a radiant glow and bronze

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Glamorous
Glamorous eyes makeup with smokey eyes effects and more enhanced liners and lashes to make sure those eyes catch all the attention. Full coverage base along with sculpted contouring and highlighting



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Classic | Timeless
Neutral towards Pink and rose tones, natural lashes and natural tinted lips with a hint of gloss. Blush and contour are subtle

Hair and Makeup

This is a very important decision to make because you would want a stylist that has already provided you with excellent service and ask for a look that has made you feel like the most beautiful woman on Earth. If you want to try someone new, you can book a hair and makeup trial in advance.

Choose only the best make-up artist. You can check out the wedding portfolio of various makeup artists and browse through what inspo you like most.

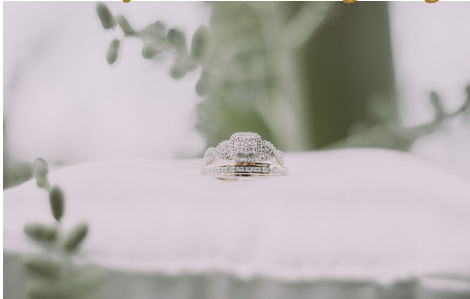
To guide you in choosing only the best on your wedding day, here are the necessary tips you shouldn't miss:

- [5 Best Tips On Choosing A Hair And Makeup Artist For Your Wedding](#)
- [Things You Need To Know About Wedding Makeup](#)
- [Wedding Hair & Makeup Inspiration and Knowledge](#)



5 - 9 months to go

Purchase your wedding ring



Pick out a wedding ring that you and your partner are both happy wearing in a daily basis. Usually, couples pick matching rings, but if you have a different style preference, don't fret about it. As long as you both are happy with your choices.

Build a Wedding Site/Online Registry

Wedding websites nowadays have become the most efficient way to share all your wedding details in one place. There are numerous wedding website templates that you can find online.

On your website, you should include:

- your love story including photos of you together
- date and venue of your wedding
- map to the location of the venue
- sites and attractions around the venue
- transportation and hotel booking
- you can include the link to your online wedding registry
- contact information

Shop for your Wedding dress

We recommend you search for your wedding dress nine months before so you can have enough time for fittings and alterations.



Also, pick out your wedding shoes. Make sure that you are comfortable wearing it.

A quick tip: Try slipping into your them at home for increments of 30 minutes the week before your wedding to ensure that they have been lightly worn to offer greater ease of movement.

Send out invitations

If you opt for paper invitations, make sure that you know the exact addresses of your guests and include RSVP cards with stamped and addressed envelopes.

On the like manner, if you opt for online invitations, it will be faster, easier, and more efficient. The guests can RSVP immediately and you will complete your guest lists in no time.

There are available online tools that are readily available for your customisation. You can even include the link to your wedding site in email invitations!

3-5 months to go

Bridal and groom's party attire

Choose a color that complements your theme. Whether you prefer that all bridesmaids wear the same dress or a variation for every person is all up to you, the bride. But if you choose the former, you can ask them to vote for the few options that you provided.

It is also a good idea to coordinate the colours for both your groomsmen and bridesmaids. Your aesthetic is your limit! Be creative and fun!



Pick out your Marriage Celebrant

Find the right officiant or celebrant to preside over your nuptials. It is important to meet with your celebrant and organise together a rehearsal ceremony so you make sure he or she gets right the tone you want for your ceremony. Also, ask if you can exchange your personal vows during the ceremony.

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Coordinate your wedding reception



Plan and meet with the host, the band and the DJ on the flow of the party and your desired playlist – yes, it's your wedding so you are allowed to have a playlist! It is your wedding after all!

The music played from your wedding ceremony until the reception will set the tone and ambiance of both events. Soft music during dinner and upbeat music on the dancing part.

2-3 months to go

Make seating arrangements

You need to draft seating arrangements once the guests begin to RSVP. You will need to know how many people can be seated together at one table.

Ideally, you would want to make sure all your guests are comfortable where they are seated. So, you consider seating family members with other family members that know each other or a group of friends who are in similar walks of life.

Hotel and transportation for out-of-town guests

For guests who are coming in from out-of-town, make sure that they have a place to stay for a discounted rate. Thus, booking a hotel room block is ideal. It is best to overestimate the number of rooms to reserve or you can book various nearby hotels at different price points for more options.

1 month to go

Final review



Go over all the steps in your checklist and see if there are any concerns that need your attention or some last-minute things.

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Wedding reception

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One week before your wedding is all about pampering yourself and making sure that you give your skin a natural glow by trying to sleep enough and taking Vitamin E. Have a day at the spa, manicure and pedicure session, facial, and go have that milk bath for a soft glowing skin!

Do you know what's the secret to a wedding day that runs smoothly? It is planning ahead. It is a lot of work to keep track of everything for the big day.

However, if you remind yourself that this wedding is not just a bunch of checklists that you have to tick off, but rather a celebration of your unity with your partner in love and marriage, then you can make wedding planning a breeze.

You can rock this wedding planning love, all the best!

I want you to be the most beautiful bride anybody has ever seen in their entire lives. So, let's make that happen!

Love,

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