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Let's throw our ideas of what a wedding is supposed to look like out the window. There is no one true wedding look or theme or trend anymore. Weddings today are a reflection of the happy couple, their tastes and their relationship. Traditions are being cast away in lieu of hashtags, striped gowns and sapphire rings. With the usual wedding templates being tossed aside, the choices can be overwhelming. That's why we are here. *Pacific Coast Weddings* is your go-to guide for planning, budgeting, to-do lists and keeping you on time and on track. Let us help you get organized, so that you can focus on making the decisions that matter.

In *Pacific Coast Weddings*, you will find everything from how to tie a bow tie, to what questions to ask your DJ, to how soon you need to obtain your marriage license. There are to-do lists, check lists, and helpful tips. We also feature Pacific Northwest photographers, so you can be inspired by real local weddings.

It doesn't stop at the last page of this book either. *Pacific Coast Weddings* has a dynamic website with vendor listings, gorgeous venues, wedding shows and our blog featuring real Pacific Northwest weddings, DIY projects, current trends and more. We have a downloadable workbook filled with our helpful worksheets, so that you can plan right from your phone or computer. We also have inspirational wedding ideas spread across Instagram and Facebook. Subscribe to our email list on our website for updates delivered straight to your inbox. No matter what kind of fabulous your wedding is going to be, *Pacific Coast Weddings* is here to guide you through the process with ease and grace.



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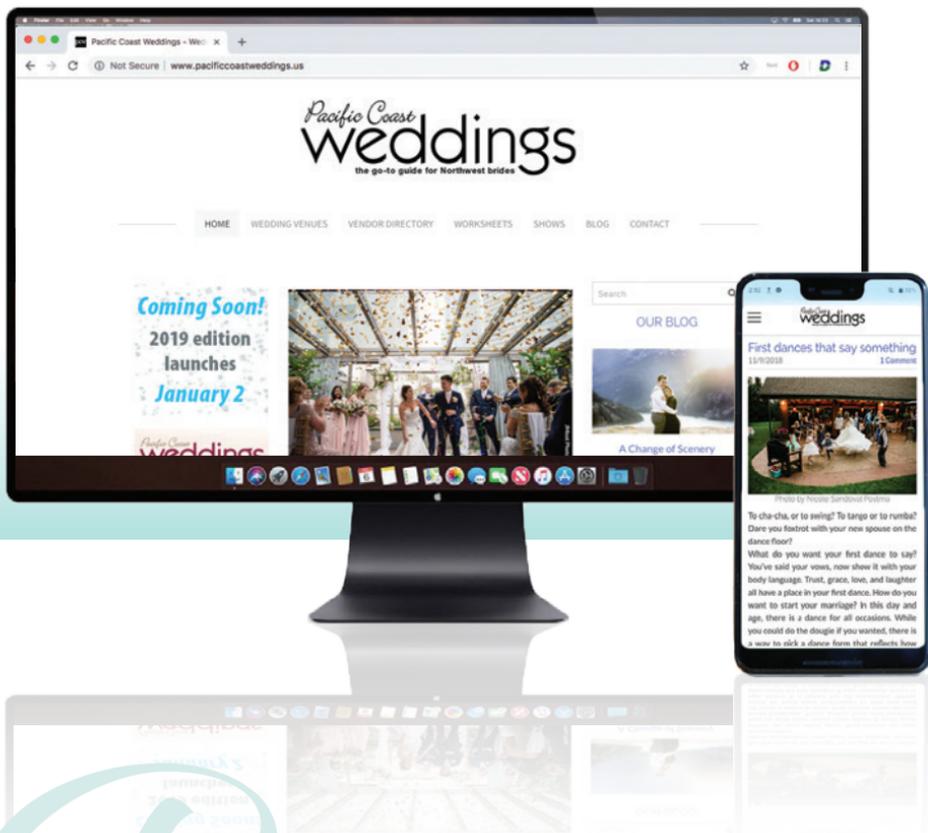
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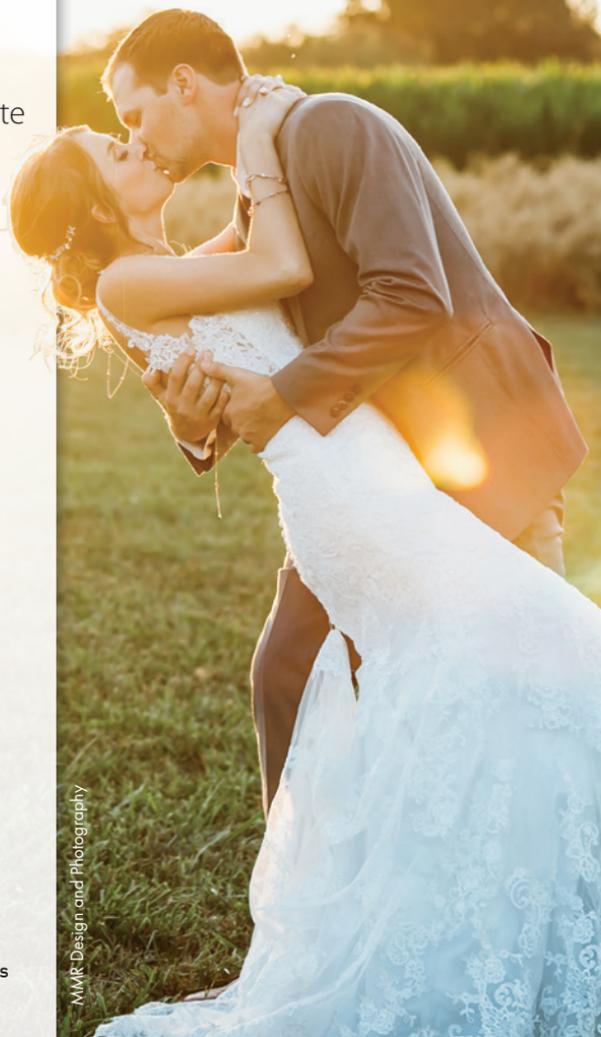


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blog featuring everything from do it yourself projects, to trends, to real Pacific Northwest weddings. Stay in the know by signing up for our email blasts, which are full of updates and information that you will need to get planning. From the day of the proposal to the day you tie the knot, *Pacific Coast Weddings* is just a click away.

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Congratulations!

YOU JUST GOT ENGAGED!

There is a lot to do, but don't think it all has to happen at once. You have some time to figure out the details. Here is what you should focus on right away.

Do...

1. Enjoy the moment

You just got engaged! Make sure not to obsess too much on the expenses, dates or what steps you need to get done right now. Enjoy the moment you two are in, and the journey that awaits you. Chances are you've thought about your big day before. Discuss the wedding of your dreams and bask in how exciting it'll all be.

2. Start small

Ok, now you can start crunching the numbers. What is that budget going to look like? Make a rough estimate of where you think you two want to go money-wise. What are the things you are willing to splurge on and areas where you could save?

3. Pick a season

Decide when this grand event should

happen. Do you want a summer wedding in the outdoors or the backdrop of amber and gold leaves?

4. Size it up

The cost of your wedding mostly depends on the number of people who will see you walk down the aisle. Do you and your partner foresee an intimate wedding of close family and friends or a ballroom filled with everyone you know? Start by each making a list of who you absolutely must have, and then a bit more. Get an estimate – you can start scaling it down once you start looking at possible venues.

5. Think about engagement photos

Go ahead and schedule your engagement photo session. These photos are fun to post on social media and, of course, to use for save-the-dates. Many wedding photographers offer a package that include engagement photos. See our section on why we recommend hiring a professional on page 12.



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Don't ...

1. Start out sprinting

Go ahead and start planning a little – it's part of the fun! But don't stress yourself and try to get venues, photographers and vows right away. You want to take your time and make sure you see all the options out there. A speedy decision could mean missing out on a better option down the road.

2. Broadcast

Staying tight lipped about your proposal isn't going to be easy. But until the people closest to you get a visit or a phone call (don't forget grandma!) the not-so-close friends on social media can wait.

3. Make promises

It is easy to get caught up in everyone's fantasy for your wedding. Your best

friend might have the best idea for a color scheme and your mom might know just where you should book the venue, but at the beginning, make sure you're just listening instead of jumping into anything too soon.

4. Plan the party

Don't start sharing the big news and handing out titles for bridesmaids or maid of honor. Talk to your spouse about who they are thinking of including, figure out numbers and take your time before handing anyone a bouquet.

5. Shop and stop

The perfect wedding dress could be the first one you find, but unless you're absolutely sure, be careful in writing that check too soon. Feel free to go shopping early on, but try to get all of your options before deciding on the dress. Compare prices at different locations and shop around so you know you've found the perfect gown.



Wedding rules

you **don't** actually have to follow

Wedding planning is stressful enough as it is – who needs all the fussy rules to boot? Traditions have been at the core of weddings since they began. While some are fun to follow and carry a lot of meaning, others are more of a hassle and have become old fashioned. While you might see a lot of things in this book that you probably should “do,” here are few rules you just don’t actually have to follow.

The parents of the bride foot the bill.

While traditionally the bride’s parents were always expected to pay for the wedding, that is no longer the case. As weddings get more expensive and

bride and groom get married a bit older, it has become more common for the couple to pay some or all of the expenses. Some couples split the bill with both of their families, and some pay for it all themselves. Do what is best for everyone’s family and finances.

Only the wedding party can come to the bachelorette party.

While your wedding party may be limited to a small and finite number of friends, that doesn’t mean your bachelorette party has to as well. A party only gets better with more friends around, so feel free to invite everyone you want to share in the celebration. The only rule?

They have all be invited to your wedding, otherwise it is considered rude.

You can't see the bride before the ceremony.

This one has been out of favor for a while, especially since "first look" photos have become more common. While this tradition is still followed by some for its charm, don't feel like you have to wait until the ceremony to see your betrothed.

Your wedding palette should consist of three colors.

Let the color palette roam where it may. Don't let yourself feel limited to a few colors – brides are utilizing embellishing colors, bright pops of color and different hues to make their wedding their own. The only thing stopping you

is what you might find available online. Specific shades can be hard to find. Make sure you look around before you settle on those creative colors.

Freeze your cake for the first year.

Frozen cake just isn't for everyone. If you aren't a huge cake person, or simply don't see yourself fawning for it a year later, drop the freezing-your-wedding-cake tradition and get a small one when the year mark rolls around.

Are you with the bride or the groom?

It's becoming rare to see divisions of families at weddings. Cute signs are now seen guiding guests to whichever side they choose to sit on, because why separate the families who are coming together to celebrate the same two people?

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Hire a Pro

When coming up with a wedding budget, it might be tempting to take a few shortcuts. Whether it's your cousin who wants to utilize their amateur piano skills at the ceremony, or the friend who offers to take your photos with their new camera, think twice before taking the easy route.

Let your loved ones enjoy the day along with you and do what they are best at – laughing, crying and making memories – here's why we think you should hire professionals instead.

You know what to expect.

With professionals, you have options, you can look through portfolios and read reviews, you have the right to be picky. Their past work entitles you to expect excellence. This day is one you'll always remember, after all,

and so it is important that all the details - big and small - are exactly how you want them. You don't want to be uncomfortable asking your friend to change something or, even worse, end up unhappy with the way things turn out.

They know what to expect.

You're bound to have a million questions when planning an event this big and the professionals know how to answer them. Whether you are asking about something directly related to their expertise or not, they've spent enough time around weddings that they can offer some perspective and guide you through the process when the time comes. Let the professional ease your mind with their experience and direction.

You're protected.

Most brides aren't thinking of the worst case scenario, and rightly so. But if a mishap happens, you want to be covered. Hiring a professional includes a contract that protects you, whether it be your caterer showing up late or your photographer getting sick. Any such problems with a family member or friend and you are out of luck. Don't even think about the stress it will put on your relationship. Plus, professionals have insurance which means that most potential mistakes can be compensated.

Everyone can enjoy your day.

Your family and friends have been waiting to see you walk down the aisle for months. Surprise them with your choices of entertainment

and food and let them enjoy the day with you. You worked hard to make everything just right, and the professionals you hired won't need you to guide them along. Relax, enjoy the company of your loved ones and take comfort in the fact that the professionals will do the rest.

There is no doubt that your loved ones still want to be involved in planning for such an exciting event. Have your mother and close friends look through photographer portfolios together and help pick the one that looks most like your style. They know you best, after all. From wedding dress shopping to manicures, they can still be there with you for the fun stuff along the way. But when it comes to the essential components of your wedding, it's best to leave it to the professionals.

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Tip:

Create a vision board before you start planning. Collage colors and flowers cut out from magazines that reflect your style. Put this in your wedding planning binder, so you can keep coming back to a visual of what you want to see in your wedding. Or go digital and keep a collection of screenshots on your desktop or mobile device.



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How to *ask for help*





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The day has arrived at long last! The dress is draped on the hanger, the bouquets placed in vases and the rings are safely tucked away in the best man's breast pocket. Eager excitement may be peaking in your chest. Weddings have many moving parts, and as the bride, there's no reason for you to have to worry about all of them. There is nothing wrong with asking for help and delegating those duties on the big day.

Ask your ...

Mother: ...

to greet and coordinate with caterers, photographers, the officiant and other hired personnel as they arrive. Mom can even step in to organize bridesmaids. This way, all you have to worry about is getting yourself ready and to the alter on time. Let Mom handle getting everybody else there in an orderly fashion.

Maid of Honor: ...

to manage your phone. Someone needs to handle the inevitable phone call interruptions, but it doesn't have to be you. The last thing you want to worry about on your wedding day is giving directions and fielding errant congratulations. Ask your maid of honor to manage your cell and text or answer phone calls for you throughout the day.

Trusted Bridesmaid: ...

to remind you of the little things. Does your purse have all the emergency necessities? Have you eaten anything today? Make a check list for your bridesmaid so she knows what details are going to be important to you. Don't be afraid to ask a bridesmaid to run a last minute errand of some kind, should you forget something at home or need an emergency item from the store.

TIP

No matter who you're asking for help, make sure you express your appreciation and say thank you. The last thing you need is the drama of a bridesmaid or Mom feeling under-appreciated. Plus, you want to be the bride who exuded gratitude and poise when the big day came.



Writing your
VOWS



It can be difficult to know where to start when writing vows. How do you begin to put into words all your love and gratitude for your fiancé? Well, this guide should help. First, ask yourself questions, and you may find vows in your answers. Here are some to get you started:

1. How did you meet?
2. When did you know you were falling in love?
3. Why did you say yes? Or why did you pop the question?
4. What do you love about your fiancé?
5. How do you feel when you are together?
6. What have you overcome together?
7. How would you describe the perfect marriage?
8. What promises can you make to one another?
9. What are you most looking forward to about being married?

TIP:

Make copies of your vows and save them in a wedding scrapbook or photo album. It will provide meaningful reminiscing in later years.

When it comes to writing your vows, no formal structure can take the place of a genuine, but organized outpouring of emotion. Think of your vows as a story, with a beginning, middle and end.

Try looping back to the beginning as you conclude. For example, if you begin with how you fell in love after you went to the pound together and rescued your French bulldog, Bowser, try looping back to a related anecdote at the end. Promise to be there for all the future puppy rescues. Pick a theme or a story to keep coming back to throughout your vows. This will keep you on track

and make your vows feel more focused.

End on a promise, a vow, a guarantee that means something to both you and your betrothed.

What is your tone when you talk to your partner? Are you goofy or serious? Sweet or direct? Make sure the tone of your vows matches the tone of your relationship. There is nothing wrong with funny vows, and nothing wrong with serious ones. Just remember, vows are a conversation between you and the person you are marrying. They don't need to satisfy anyone else's idea of what vows should sound like.



*Love doesn't make
the world go round.
Love is what makes
the ride worthwhile.*

Franklin P. Jones



Wedding invitation TIPS:

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- Make it clear on the invitation whether kids are welcome or not. Be kind in your wording, as many think “Adults only” is a little brusque. Consider specifying the number of seats reserved for the recipients. This also makes it clear what the plus one situation is on a case by case basis. Try fun or flattering wording for no kids, such as, “We love your little darlings, but please leave them with a sitter.”

- Number your RSVP cards in the bottom corner, so that if a guest’s name is illegible, you will still know who it came from. Another option is writing their initials in invisible ink on the RSVP card, for later decoding.

- Involve your guests by asking them for a song request on the RSVP.

- Use the invitation to redirect your guests to the wedding website. There you can have more information about the wedding, dress code, children and your registry. You can even have your guests RSVP online.

- Have an envelope station at the wedding. Request that each guest write down their own address on an envelope. This way, your hand won’t cramp writing down all the addresses for thank you notes, and ultimately, you will be able to get those thank you notes out faster.



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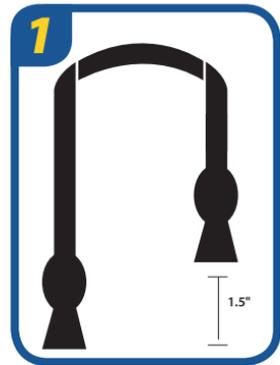
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How to tie a BOW TIE



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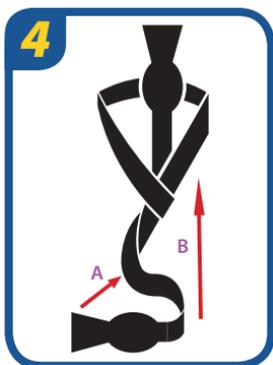


2. Take longer end and cross over shorter end.

tip: Some bow ties come with adjustable straps in the back. Tighten these last.



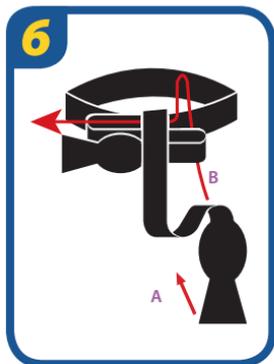
3. Pass longer end up and under the neck loop. Put over shoulder until step 5.



4. Fold short end (a) in half to make the front loop of the bow. Then pull the loop parallel to neckline (image 5).



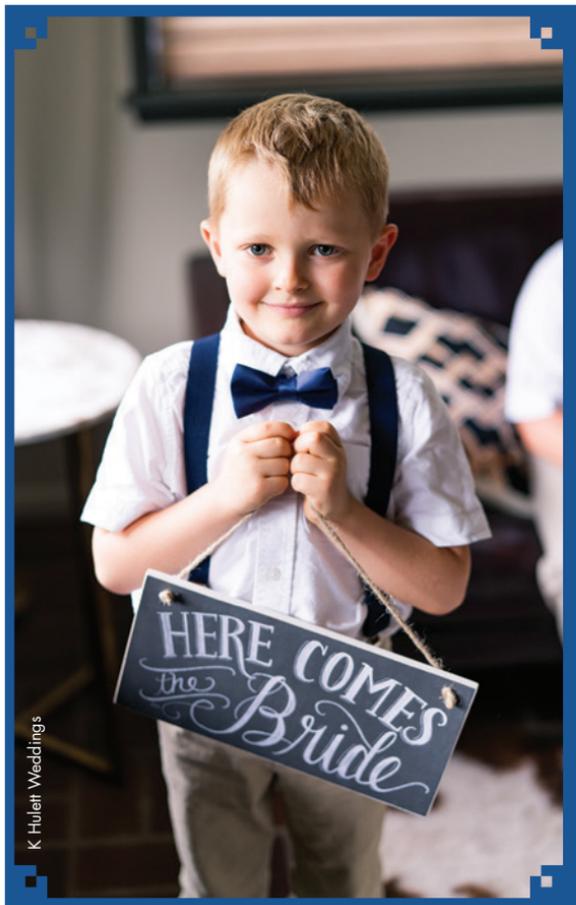
5. Drape long end over the front of the bow.



6. Fold long end over with tail toward your chin. Then, leading with folded edge, pass loop between first bow and neck loop.



7. Pull on both ends of the bow to tighten and adjust.



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- Have people RSVP online. This makes things simple. All of the RSVPs will be in one place, well organized and this eliminates worry about anything getting lost in the mail or coming back illegible.
- Your wedding website is the perfect place for your registry. Add this in as a separate page, and link to various sites you are registered on.
- Another fun addition is a who's who in the wedding party page. Here, you can include photos of bridesmaids and groomsmen, and you can write out a little blurb for each one. This is a nice way to acknowledge the people who will be helping you through the planning process and the big day itself.
- Write out your story. Tell your guests how you met and fell in love in a simple paragraph on the home page of the site. Include the proposal story here as well.
- Add a video of the proposal itself, or a video of you and your fiancé playing a version of the Newlywed Game or two truths and a lie. This is an entertaining addition that shows who you are as a couple.
- Available accommodations are an important inclusion. List hotels that meet a variety of price points, rental car agencies and available shuttles. Make sure you are helping your traveling guests as much as you possibly can with this section.
- A fun questions and answers section will add some personality and possibly even humor to the site.
- A schedule of events should also have its own page on your site. This should include directions to both the ceremony and reception sites. This way, even if your guests lose the invitation, they can just pop onto your site and find all the details. This is a good place to include whether or not kids are allowed. Be sensitive and gracious in your wording if they are not invited.



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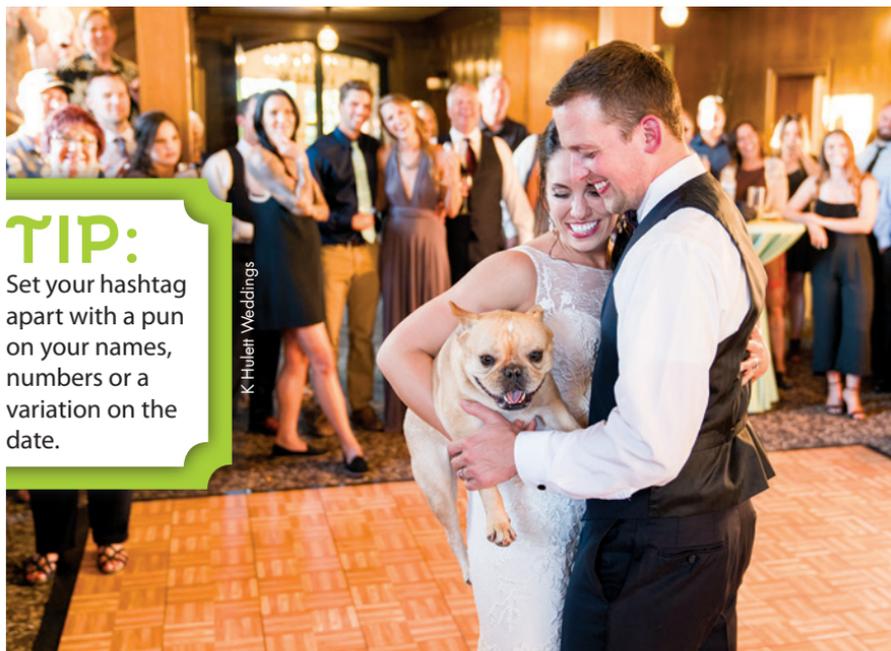
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Wedding shows are a great source for ideas and inspiration. Attending wedding shows will help you stay up to date with trends and meet local vendors. See page 98 for a list of wedding shows in the area, and check pacificcoast-weddings.us for updates.

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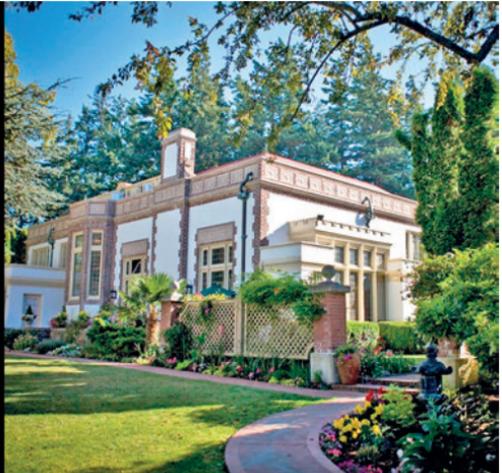
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In this section, you'll find checklists, worksheets, to-dos and suggested questions to ask prospective wedding vendors to stay organized from start to finish throughout the planning process.

This is your copy of *Pacific Coast Weddings*, so mark it up, take notes and add items as needed. All of these worksheets are available to download at pacificcoastweddings.us.

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What to do AND WHEN

12-6 months

- Announce your engagement
- Pick the date
- Start working on your guest list
- Decide on and invite your wedding party
- Develop a budget, taking into consideration family contributions
- Plan on attending local wedding shows
- Research and visit wedding and reception venues (p. 26)
- Create a wedding notebook to keep yourself organized
- Create a wedding website (p. 24)
- Select your wedding party
- Book blocks of hotel rooms in varying price ranges for out-of-town guests
- Hire a wedding planner
- Order your dress and veil
- Book an officiant
- Hire your photographer and videographer
- Pick out your DJ or band
- Research and book caterers and florists
- Start shopping for a dress

6-4 months

- Send save-the-date cards
- Register for gifts
- Select an invitation style and determine the proper wording (see page 21 for tips)
- Shop for your bridesmaids' dresses
- Determine what the groom and groomsmen will wear
- Discuss ceremony ideas and wording with your officiant
- Set up premarital counseling (some officiants require this)
- Book honeymoon and make travel arrangements
- Purchase your wedding rings
- Select a baker and confirm wedding cake and decorations
- Reserve rental equipment (tent, chairs, tables, etc.)
- Schedule tastings with your selected caterer
- Finalize floral arrangements
- Create or select a playlist with your band or DJ
- Arrange transportation to and from your wedding
- Order personalized wedding favors

4–2 months

- Finalize guest list
- Invite friends and family to give toasts
- Select a hair stylist and makeup artist
- Consider teeth whitening
- Sign up for dance classes
- Finalize menu
- Arrange rehearsal dinner
- Mail invitations four to six weeks prior to the big day
- Update your wedding website
- Take engagement photos

One month

- Organize RSVPs and contact guests who haven't responded
- Get marriage license
- Try on wedding dress with shoes for final fitting
- Assign seating for reception
- Finalize your playlist
- Check bridal party attire
- Practice your first dance
- Find someone to watch your home or feed pets during honeymoon
- Review “must have” shots with photographer and videographer
- Meet with hair stylist and makeup artist for a test run
- Begin writing thank you notes for early wedding gifts
- Write vows and toasts
- Update your registry

2–1 weeks

- Confirm final guest count and wedding day schedule with all vendors
- Confirm all transportation arrangements
- Confirm times and locations for photo sessions
- Share wedding day schedule with wedding party and family members
- Book a spa treatment
- Organize wedding dress, shoes and all



accessories, including jewelry and bridal emergency kit

- Pack for wedding night and honeymoon
- Decide who will take home your reception gifts
- Assign people to do reception site cleanup

The day before

- Prepare payment envelopes for vendors and determine how they will be delivered
- Rehearse ceremony with officiant and wedding party

On your wedding day

- Give yourself plenty of time to get ready
- Take a quiet moment to yourself
- Eat a nutritious breakfast and drink plenty of fluids
- Exchange gifts with your betrothed
- Have fun and enjoy the biggest celebration of your life!

Budget CHECKLIST

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Wedding Attire

	Budget	Actual
Bridal Gown	\$ _____	\$ _____
Headpiece, Veil	\$ _____	\$ _____
Undergarments	\$ _____	\$ _____
Accessories	\$ _____	\$ _____
Shoes	\$ _____	\$ _____
Groom's Apparel	\$ _____	\$ _____
Attendants' Outfits	\$ _____	\$ _____
Wedding Rings	\$ _____	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____	\$ _____

Stationery

	Budget	Actual
Save the Dates	\$ _____	\$ _____
Invitations	\$ _____	\$ _____
Announcements	\$ _____	\$ _____
Reply Cards	\$ _____	\$ _____
Wedding Programs	\$ _____	\$ _____
Thank You Notes	\$ _____	\$ _____
Postage	\$ _____	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____	\$ _____

Rehearsal Dinner

Budget	Actual
\$ _____	\$ _____

Reception

	Budget	Actual
Hall/Site Rental	\$ _____	\$ _____
Food	\$ _____	\$ _____
Beverages	\$ _____	\$ _____
Wedding Cake	\$ _____	\$ _____
Rentals	\$ _____	\$ _____
Decorations	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gratuities	\$ _____	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____	\$ _____

Attendants' Gifts

Budget	Actual
\$ _____	\$ _____

Transportation

Budget	Actual
\$ _____	\$ _____

Flowers

	Budget	Actual
At Ceremony	\$ _____	\$ _____
Bridal Bouquet	\$ _____	\$ _____
Groom's Boutonnière	\$ _____	\$ _____
Attendants	\$ _____	\$ _____
Parents	\$ _____	\$ _____
At Reception	\$ _____	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____	\$ _____

Music/Entertainment

	Budget	Actual
Ceremony	\$ _____	\$ _____
Reception	\$ _____	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____	\$ _____

Photography

	Budget	Actual
Wedding	\$ _____	\$ _____
Wedding Album	\$ _____	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____	\$ _____

Videography

Budget	Actual
\$ _____	\$ _____

Hotel Accommodations

Budget	Actual
\$ _____	\$ _____

Ceremony Site

	Budget	Actual
Officiant Fee	\$ _____	\$ _____
Rental Fee	\$ _____	\$ _____

Marriage License

Budget	Actual
\$ _____	\$ _____

Miscellaneous

Budget	Actual
\$ _____	\$ _____
\$ _____	\$ _____

Total	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Ask YOUR VENDORS

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Not every wedding vendor will fit into your glass slipper. To choose the wedding vendors who best suit your needs, we have compiled a list of questions to ask each one – from the officiant to the DJ – so you make sure you get the best fit with your personality, goals and budget.



QUESTIONS TO ASK AN

officiant?

- How long have you officiated weddings? Please describe your experience?
- Are you licensed to perform a wedding in the state of Washington?
- Will you travel to our location?
- Is there any reason you wouldn't marry a couple?
- (If religious) Will you perform the ceremony somewhere other than a place of worship?
- Will you allow us to customize the ceremony? Can we write our own vows?
- Do you require any premarital counseling?
- Will you attend the rehearsal dinner, reception or other wedding-related events?
- What is your cancellation/refund policy?
- How much do you charge for your services?



QUESTIONS TO ASK A *venue?*

- How many people can your facility accommodate?
- What packages do you offer?
- Do you have on-site catering? Can we choose to have an offsite caterer?
- Do you have a liquor license?
- Is there a surcharge for bringing in alcohol? Corkage fees?
- Can you provide lighting?
- Do you provide linens, tables, chairs, dinnerware, etc.?
- Is there an extra fee for those items?
- When will we have access to the room to setup? How long will we have it?
- Can we hold our rehearsal dinner here?
- Will any other events be scheduled on the same day as ours?
- What are your policies should we need to cancel?
- For outdoor venues: Is there a plan in the event of inclement weather?
- Who is responsible for acquiring licenses and coordinating any facility rentals?
- Are there any restrictions on entertainment, decorations, dress code or alcohol?

QUESTIONS
TO ASK A

wedding planner?

- How long have you been in business?
- Do you have a business license?
- How many meetings do you expect we'll have?
- Will you come with us to meetings with other vendors?
- How many other clients do you expect to have during the month of our wedding?
- What happens if for some reason you become unable to be present at our wedding?
- Do you have a minimum budget that you work with?
- Are there any additional expenses on top of your base fee?
- Do you have experience working with our chosen venue?
- What parts of the planning will we be responsible for?
- Can you provide a list of the services included in your fee?





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QUESTIONS TO ASK A

dj/band?

- How many weddings have you worked at?
- Do you take requests from guests?
- Can we see you perform live at any approaching event?
- Will you also emcee the reception?
- How much time will you need to set up?
- Will you bring your own equipment?
- What about backup equipment?
- Do you provide a microphone for toasts?
- What is your cancellation/refund policy?

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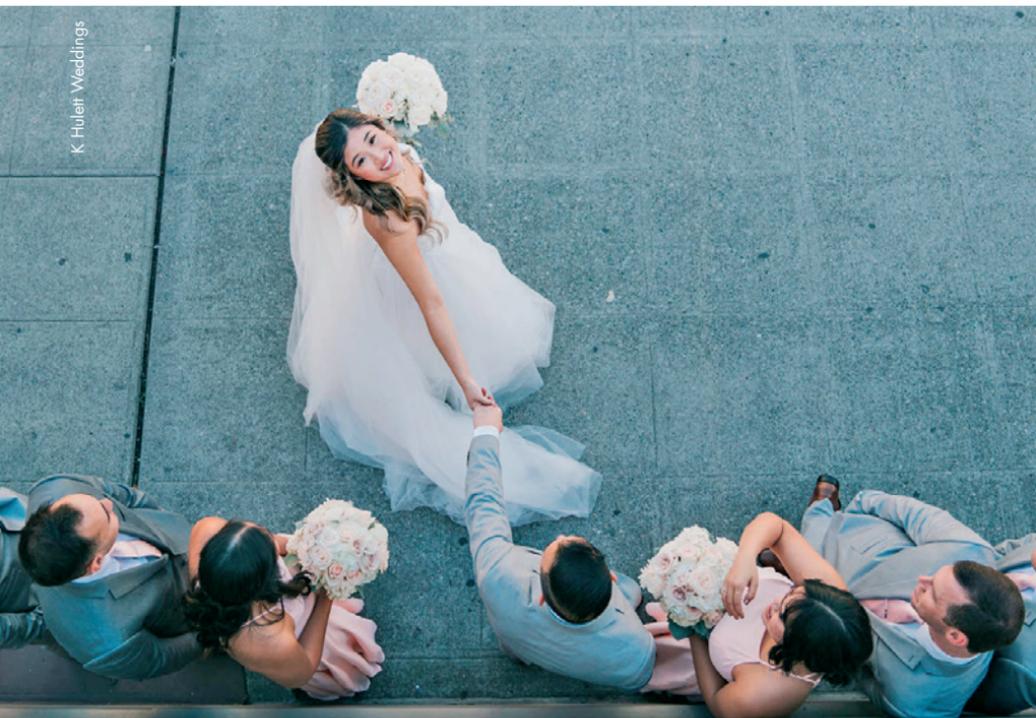
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QUESTIONS TO ASK A *photographer* *videographer*

- How many weddings have you shot to date? Independently?
- Do you have a business license?
- How would you describe your style? Traditional, photojournalistic, portraiture?
- How independent or collaborative are you with couples?
- What does a package include? Will we receive prints, digital copies or an album?
- How long will it take us to get photos after the wedding?
- What rights do you retain to photos or videos from our wedding?
- How comfortable are you shooting in differently lighted areas?
- How many hours will you be onsite for the wedding day?
- Will you attend any other wedding-related events?
- Does your package include engagement photos?
- Do you have an assistant or second photographer?
- Do you carry backup equipment?
- What is your cancellation/refund policy?



QUESTIONS TO ASK A

caterer?

- Do you have a business license?
- Is there anything you specialize in? What are your favorite menu items?
- What was your favorite meal to cater? Why?
- Do you provide samples/tasting?
- Can you provide references?
- Who will be setting up and serving the food? What about clean up?
- Are extra charges or deposits required for cake stands or serving dishes?
- When is the final head count due?
- Is your quote inclusive or are there any additional charges (i.e. travel, service, etc.)?
- Are you insured?
- What is your cancellation/refund policy?
- Do you bake wedding cakes? Do you have recommendations for a baker?





QUESTIONS TO ASK A *florist?*

- Can I see examples of your past work?
- Can you help me determine what flowers would be most suitable for my wedding, and/or in season?
- Will you work in coordination with the style of my wedding?
- Do you rent items such as arches, aisle runners, vases and/or pedestals?
- How much time do you need for setup and take down?
- What is your delivery policy?
- Can floral pieces from the ceremony be reused at the reception?
- What is your cancellation/refund policy?



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- Eye drops
- Pain reliever
- Spare contact lenses
- Feminine hygiene
- Tissues
- Toothbrush, paste and floss
- Tweezers

BEAUTY

- Compact mirror
- Deodorant
- Eye makeup remover
- Eyeliner
- Face powder/blotters
- Lipstick or gloss
- Nail file
- Nail polish and remover pads
- Perfume
- Q-tips

HAIR

- Bobby pins
- Brush or comb
- Curling and/or straightening iron
- Hair spray

NUTRITION

- Snacks
- Water

DRESS/CLOTHING

- Comfortable flats
- Extra earring backs
- Extra panty hose
- Medical tape (for torn seams)
- Lint roller
- Small sewing kit with safety pins
- Spare buttons for your dress
- Spare cufflinks
- Stain-remover wipes or stick
- White chalk (to disguise dress stains)
- Instructions for tying a bow tie
- Wooden hanger for dress photos

MISCELLANEOUS

- Camera
- Extra batteries
- Cash
- Cell phone and charger
- Drinking straws
(to avoid smudging your lipstick)
- Notebook and pens
- Super glue
- Umbrella (at least one)

WEDDING TIMELINE

GET PAMPERED - 10:30 A.M.

Head to the salon for your hair and makeup appointments

GIRL TIME - 12:30 P.M.

Gather your bridesmaids and start getting ready

GUY TIME - 1 P.M.

Groom and groomsmen get dressed

PHOTO OP - 1:30 P.M.

Take separate bridal party photos

TIME OUT - 2:30 P.M.

Enjoy a last quiet moment as a single woman

GET HITCHED - 3 P.M.

It's time to say, "I do!"

SMILE - 3:30 TO 5 P.M.

Photos of the couple, bridal party and family

PARTY TIME - 5 TO 8 P.M.

Celebrate with friends and family at your reception

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| 5 p.m. | The couple arrives |
| 5:45 p.m. | Dinner is served |
| 6:15 p.m. | Enjoy the toasts |
| 6:30 p.m. | Cut the cake |
| 7 p.m. | First dance |
| 7:15 p.m. | Party the night away |
| 8:30 p.m. | Toss the garter/bouquet |

SAY GOODNIGHT - 10 P.M.

Head out for your honeymoon



WEDDING REGISTRY

the basics

Starting a life together is going to require a few basics.

That's why registering for the right items is a key part of the wedding planning process. To help you list everything you will need, we've put together a set of basics for your registry. Customize it to meet your own needs!

Kitchen

- Coffeemaker
- Crock pot or slow cooker
- Food processor
- Cast iron Dutch oven
- Toaster
- Blender
- Teapot
- Stand mixer
- Knife set
- Silverware
- Place settings (a set of eight is a common suggestion – it might be too many for now, but it won't always be!)
- Serving dishes
- Pots and pans (skillet, stockpot, saucepan, multipurpose)
- Measuring spoons and measuring cups
- Baking items: Mixing bowl, cupcake tin, baking sheets, whisk, cake pan, pie pan
- Oven mitts
- Cutting board
- Table decorations, such as candlesticks, table runners, linen napkins and place mats
- Various types of glasses (wine, water, cocktail)
- Mugs

Living Room

- Art
- Curtains
- Decorative pillows and throws

Living Room continued

- Picture frames
- Rugs
- Vases, bowls and other decorative pieces (these are great as less expensive registry items)

Bedroom

- Comforter/duvet
- Humidifier/dehumidifier
- Quality pillows
- Blankets
- Pillowcases
- Bed skirt
- Sheet sets (specify bed size)

Bathroom

- Bathroom set (toothbrush holder, soap holder, etc.)
- Full-length mirror
- Shower curtain
- Hand towels, bath towels, washcloths
- Waste basket

For Cleaning

- Waste baskets, hampers
- Ironing board and iron
- Vacuum

Outdoors

- Grill/Barbeque, tools
- Patio furniture
- Welcome mat

Miscellaneous

- **Totes and other organizational supplies.** Especially if you have a small home, you're going to need some help making good use of your space and organizing all of your gifts.
- **Supplies for your hobbies.** Do you love camping? Include a tent or a camp stove. Are the two of you both music dorks? Register for great vinyl or a set of quality speakers. This is your registry after all, and it's there to set you up for your life together.
- **Gift cards option.** These are great contingency gifts. You'll realize you forgot to register for something you need, or something will come up, and you'll be prepared. This is even more crucial if you're getting married far from your home, either at a destination wedding or close to your families; you won't want to cart a bunch of gifts home on the plane.
- **Donations.** If you've already got most of what you need, asking for donations to your favorite charity is a generous way of spreading the joy.

“Nobody has ever
measured, not even poets,
how much the heart
can hold.”

Zelda Fitzgerald



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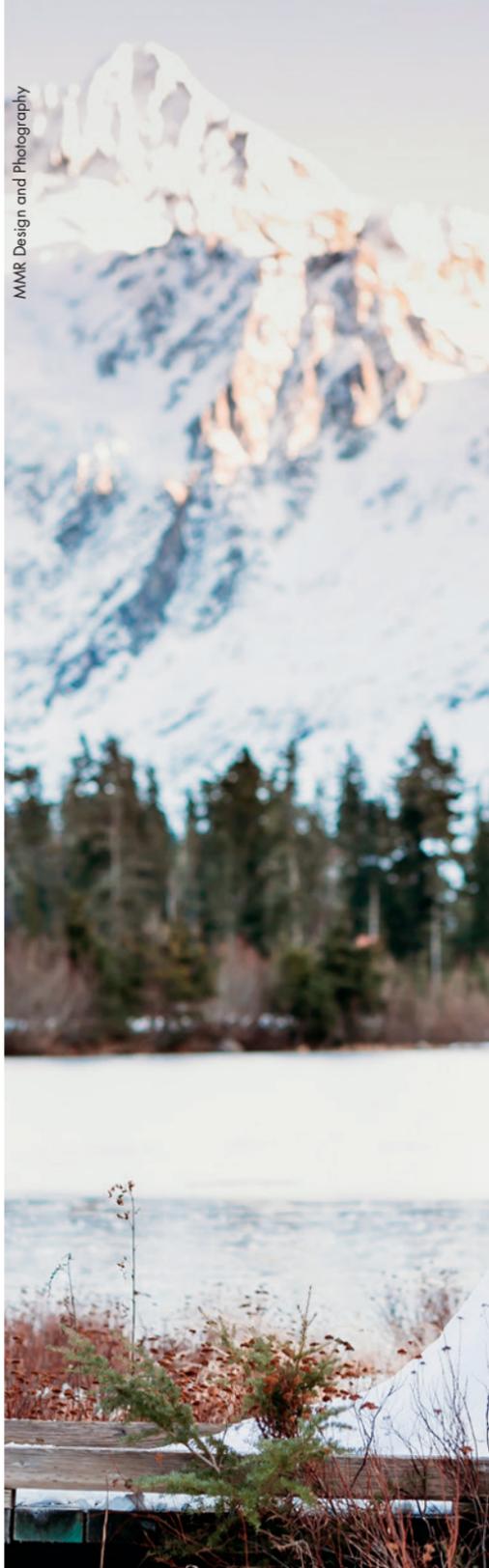
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