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# editor's note

When she was younger, my grandmother once made a wedding dress for a friend. It was a carefully picked pattern based on a design from a fashion magazine. The fabric was hard to work with and there was lace and beading galore. She put hours and weeks into creating this perfect gown with the help of her friend's mother.

Whenever I think of weddings, I think of my grandmother creating this beautiful dress so that her friend, who could not afford the dress she had seen in the fashion magazine, could have something beautiful to wear on her special day.

Create a day that will be meaningful to you for years to come, but remember your community and family as you do. Planning a wedding can be a lot of work, so accept help when it is offered, be gracious and remember to stay true to who you are.

*Pacific Coast Weddings* is here to help. As your go-to guide for planning, budgeting and choosing vendors, *Pacific Coast Weddings* wants to help make your day perfect. 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 when 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 an in-depth vendor finder, gorgeous venues, wedding shows and our blog featuring real Pacific Northwest weddings, DIY projects, how-tos, current trends and more. Our website features photos of and Q&As with our vendors and venues to give you a clear picture before you even send that email inquiry or make the call. We also have inspirational wedding ideas and events spread across Instagram and Facebook. 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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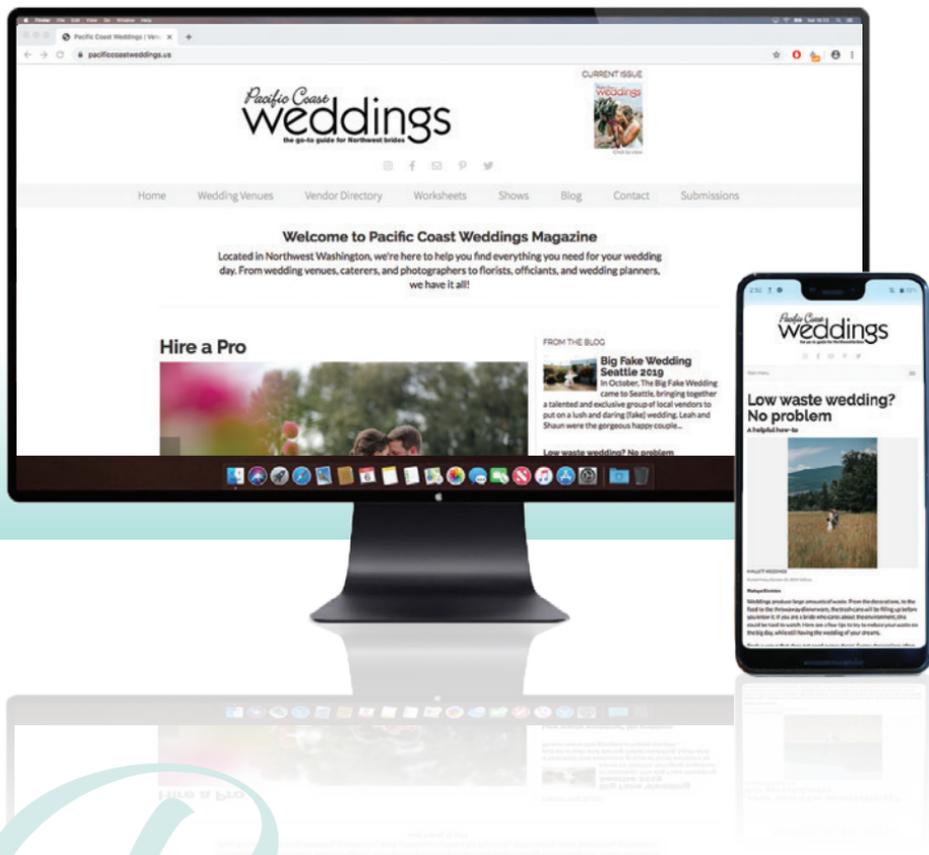
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# Getting Started

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The question has been popped, the answer was yes and now it is time to get down to brass tacks. Or rather, it's time to get down to gingham and dahlias and color schemes. A lot of time, work and decisions go into every wedding, whether it is bare bones or grand and complex. Here are the things to focus on post-engagement.

**1. Take some time to enjoy being engaged.** The time that you are engaged is special and exciting, and though it will certainly involve wedding planning, it isn't just about planning the wedding. Your engagement is about you as a couple, your love and your commitment. Revel in those things.

**2. Tell important people personally before blasting the news on social media.** Even if important members of the family, like grandparents, are not

on social media, they are more likely to hear it from a third party once it's public. Once you put that telltale ring picture on social media, people will assume that it's fair game to share the news.

**3. Begin a basic budget outline.** No need to hammer out all the details the second the ring is sized and slipped on. Instead, figure out what you can contribute from savings, what percentage of your paycheck you are willing to set aside in the coming months and note any external contributions that you know of, such as help from parents or in-laws.

**4. Discuss the big picture of the wedding with your partner.** You don't have to start compromising or deciding just yet, but be sure to discuss whether you want a lot of guests or few, a summer wedding or a winter one and pos-

sible themes and locations, especially if your families are from different places. Make sure that you both understand each other's priorities and wants, so that you are on the same page when it is time to have tough discussions and make decisions.

### 5. Look at photographers.

Engagement shoots are great for social media, save-the-dates and for your wedding website. Deciding which photographer you want for your wedding can be a tough call with so many different styles of photography. An engagement shoot can be a great opportunity to work with a photographer and see if you mesh well before committing to having them do the whole wedding. If you do find the perfect photographer, ask them if they have packages or deals that include engagement photos.

**6. Browse.** For everything from the dress to choosing the maid of honor, just take your time. It is easy to get caught up in the first dress that seems right or to start handing out titles like bridesmaid as the inspirations strike you. Don't make any choices that you can't change right off the bat. Asking a friend to be your maid of honor and then finding out that your little sister wanted that role more than anything will put you in an awkward situation, where nobody will walk away totally happy. Talk out your thoughts before you announce your choices or put down deposits.



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# Blazing your own path

Traditions can be found around every corner at a wedding, under hems, in piles of flower petals and even under placemats. Whether you always pictured a little something blue, stomping on the glass or a garter toss, traditions probably snuck their way into your wedding dreams early on. In this day and age, traditions can be meaningful, important, fun or an annoying hassle. A wedding is about the couple, so incorporate the traditions that you like and ditch the ones that don't feel valuable to you. Here are some ideas on how to blaze your own nuptial path.

## Seats not sides

Back in the day, ceremony seating was separated, one fiancé's family on the left and the other's family and friends on the right. Today, many brides and grooms find that things aren't so black and white, and they don't have to be. You are joining your two families together, so why not let everybody sit together? Cute signs with quaint rhymes

encouraging guests to sit where they want are popular features at many weddings these days.

## Check please

It used to be traditional for the parents of the bride to foot the bill, but that is not always the case anymore. If either side's parents are willing to help with costs, that's great, but don't expect anyone to foot the whole bill. Some parents are willing to pick up one aspect of the day as a wedding present, like the catering or the dress, so talk to your parents about whether they want to help out where they can but be respectful of their finances and generosity.

## White wedding

More and more these days, we are seeing colorful wedding dresses, black wedding dresses and even patterned wedding dresses. When the big day comes, you want to feel like you are at your most beautiful, and if you get that special, confident, butterfly feel-

ing in stripes, blue, paisley or white, it doesn't matter. Grandma might question your choice at first, but tell anyone who asks the truth: this is your day and you feel fabulous in the threads you're in.

### Say yes to the ... dress?

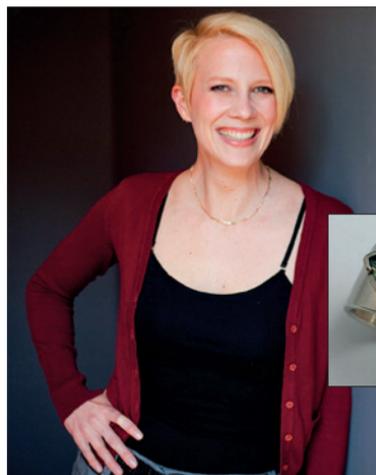
We are in an age of self-expression, and if you feel like a queen in a cupcake dress, that's fantastic, but there are other options if a dress doesn't feel like you. Tailored suits and tuxedos are great options regardless of gender; however, a nice middle ground between a dress and a tux is a jumpsuit. We are seeing more and more jumpsuits in weddings and on bridal runways. Wear what makes you comfortable. It's your day, and if you want to rock a dress, tux, jumpsuit or romper, that's completely up to you.

### Public first looks and vows

Traditionally, the first look was when the bride walked down the aisle, but

these days, a lot of couples would rather have a private first look with just the couple and the photographer. Some couples take this a step further, exchanging personal vows privately during the first look and opting for traditional vows at the actual ceremony. A wedding is deeply personal and there is nothing wrong with saving some of the most emotional moments for just the two of you.

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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.

## **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 lets you know whether you can 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. 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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# How to *ask for help*

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 day of duties.

How to ask for help:

## 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.



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## Writing vows

It can be really easy to get caught up in the trap of what vows are “supposed” to sound like. Let’s throw that word “supposed” over our left shoulder with some salt for luck and forget about it. Vows are personal. Pretty words and elegant sentences are not important. When writing your vows, just be authentic.

Vows can be serious, dramatic and/or humorous. Clichéd as it sounds, good vows come from your heart.

Write down anecdotes from your relationship. Tell stories to yourself in the mirror about beautiful moments, funny moments and even hard moments that taught you something. Practice saying the words and see which stories move you most. Write those ones down.

Make notes about the promises that you want to make. Of course, promise to be there for better or for worse, but you can also promise to be there through

the chronic back seat driving and late night ice cream runs. It’s your marriage, what promises do you want to make and keep?

Tell the story about the moment you knew this was the real deal. Say what you are looking forward to about marriage – that’s going to be different for everybody. Bring up adventures, laughter, support or whatever it is that makes your relationship so wonderful and important to you that you ended up here, declaring your love.

After you get all your ideas out, figure out how you want to string them together. Take notes in a way that works for you. Some people like bullet points, while others need their vows written out word for word.

If you can’t figure out the right order of the stories and promises that you want to include, try writing each idea on a separate index card, lay them all out on



the floor and arrange them in different ways until they fit together the way you want. Then number the cards, so you don't forget the order if they get mixed up.

Vows are simply a conversation between you and your partner, so don't stress about them too much. Just make sure that you say what you mean and you mean what you say.

## TIP:

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

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# Planning a low waste wedding?



Here are  
some tips to  
help you get started!

**Email invitations:** a nicely designed invite is a great way to save paper, plus it can link directly to your wedding website, which allows people to RSVP easily. For guests who don't respond within a month, send an invite on recycled paper.

**Compost excess food:** Compost and recycle bins with clear labels will minimize food waste and waste that could be recycled. Announce early on during dinner not to throw food in the trash, and talk to your caterer about how they can help with your zero waste wedding vision.

**Rent dinnerware:** Throw-away plates, cutlery and napkins may seem easy, but real, rented plates, cutlery and cloth napkins will actually make your food look more upscale and there will be far less waste. Compostable napkins will also minimize waste at your reception.



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## Unplugged wedding

Unplugged weddings are becoming more and more popular, as couples find more wedding pictures coming back filled with guests looking down at their phones or blocking the photographer to snap a pic for social media.

- Let people know in the wedding invitations. Be clear right off the bat that your wedding will be “unplugged,” but that a photographer will be present to capture every moment and that you will share the photos after the wedding.
- Have the officiant announce it at the

beginning of the ceremony. This makes sure that everyone has a chance to turn off and stow their phone for the duration of the event.

- Reminders around the reception venue will ensure that guests won't forget the no phone rule during the reception. Make the signs fit your theme and décor. Consider adding rhymes or jokes that can keep the message light instead of militant.
- Have alternative ways to capture moments. Putting disposable cameras on



# tips

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each table, having a polaroid station or employing a photo booth will make sure that guests can contribute to capturing all the special little moments of the reception.

- Be understanding of guests with children, who may need to have their phone handy for emergencies or babysitters. Ask guests who need access to their phone to leave their phone on vibrate and take calls or answer texts outside of the reception area.



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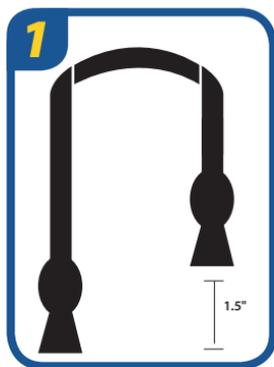


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# How to tie a BOW TIE



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**1.** Hang one end 1.5 inches longer than the other.



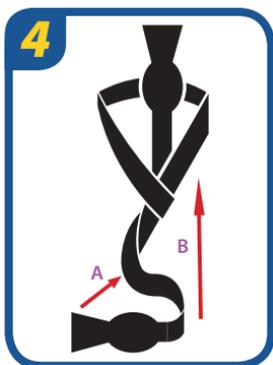
**2.** Take longer end and cross over shorter end.

*tip:*

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



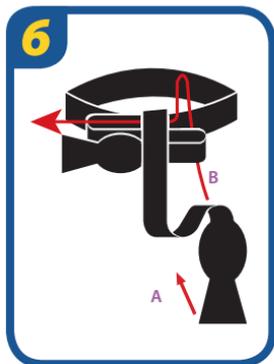
**3.** Pass longer end up and under the neck loop. Put over shoulder until step 5.



**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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# What to include in your WEDDING WEBSITE



**1.** 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.

**2.** A fun questions and answers section will add some personality and possibly even humor to the site.

**3.** 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.

**4.** 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.

**5.** 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.

**6.** 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.

**7.** 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.

**8.** 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.

## TIP:

Update your site after the wedding with photos, so that the guests can have access to some of the great memories that they made with you.



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# venues AT A glance

A photograph of a wedding reception. A bride in a white dress and veil is seated at a table with white linens, looking towards the groom. The groom, in a dark suit and glasses, stands at the head of the table, facing the bride. The table is set with white flowers, glasses, and plates. Other guests are visible in the background, seated at similar tables under a white tent with string lights. The overall atmosphere is elegant and celebratory.

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|  |            |     |      |         |
|--|------------|-----|------|---------|
| <b>Marysville Opera House</b><br>Marysville<br>marysvillewa.gov/868/Opera-House-Rental-Information | In/Outdoor | 200 | Open | Open    |
| <b>Nature's Connection Place</b><br>Arlington<br>naturesconnectionplace.com                        | Outdoor    | 225 | Open | On-site |

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|   |                    |     |           |         |
|---|--------------------|-----|-----------|---------|
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|   | <b>VENUE</b>                                      | <b>CONTACT</b>                                   | <b>IN/OUTDOOR</b>  | <b>CAPACITY</b> | <b>CATERING</b> | <b>BAR</b> |
|---|---|--|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
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|    | <b>Fox Hall</b><br>Bellingham                     | 360-296-0789<br>bellinghamfoxhall.com            | Indoor             | 250             | Open            | Open       |
|    | <b>Gatherings by Grandiflora</b><br>Lynden        | 360/318-8854<br>grandiflorahomeandgarden.com     | Indoor             | 108             | Open            | Open       |
|   | <b>Glen Echo Garden</b><br>Bellingham             | 360/961-7486<br>glenechogarden.com               | Indoor/<br>Outdoor | 150             | Open            | Open       |
|    | <b>Hotel Bellwether</b><br>Bellingham             | 360/392-3179<br>hotelbellwether.com              | Indoor/<br>Outdoor | 250             | On-site         | On-site    |
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|   | <b>Lombardi's</b><br>Bellingham                   | 360-714-8412<br>lombardisitalian.com             | Indoor/<br>Outdoor | 75              | On-site         | On-Site    |
|    | <b>Loomis Trail Golf</b><br>Blaine                | 360/383-0777 x8<br>golfloomis.com                | Indoor/<br>Outdoor | 150             | Preferred       | On-Site    |
|    | <b>The Majestic Ballroom</b><br>Bellingham        | 360/676-0292<br>bellinghammajestic.com           | Indoor             | 350             | Open            | Open       |
|   | <b>Misty River Weddings</b><br>Deming             | 360/826-2790<br>mistyriverweddings.com           | Outdoor            | 150             | Open            | Open       |
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|  | <b>Oxford Suites</b><br>Bellingham                | 360/676-1400<br>oxfordsuitesbellingham.com       | Indoor             | 80              | On-site         | On-site    |
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In this section, you'll find checklists, worksheets, to-do's 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 at [pacificcoastweddings.us](http://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 (see our blog for advice)
- 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

- Create your wedding website
- Send save-the-date cards
- Register for gifts
- Select an invitation style and determine the proper wording
- 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
- 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

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- 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!

## CHECKLIST

# PLANNING YOUR *Budget*



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### Wedding Attire

|                     | Budget          | Actual          |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bridal Gown         | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Headpiece, Veil     | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Undergarments       | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Accessories         | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Shoes               | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Groom's Apparel     | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Attendants' Outfits | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Wedding Rings       | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| <b>Subtotal</b>     | <b>\$ _____</b> | <b>\$ _____</b> |

### Stationery

|                  | Budget          | Actual          |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Save the Dates   | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Invitations      | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Announcements    | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Reply Cards      | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Wedding Programs | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Thank You Notes  | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Postage          | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>\$ _____</b> | <b>\$ _____</b> |

### Rehearsal Dinner

| Budget   | Actual   |
|----------|----------|
| \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

### Reception

|                  | Budget          | Actual          |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Hall/Site Rental | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Food             | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Beverages        | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Wedding Cake     | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Rentals          | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Decorations      | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Gratuities       | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>\$ _____</b> | <b>\$ _____</b> |

### Attendants' Gifts

| Budget   | Actual   |
|----------|----------|
| \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

### Transportation

| Budget   | Actual   |
|----------|----------|
| \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

## Flowers

|                     | Budget          | Actual          |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| At Ceremony         | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Bridal Bouquet      | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Groom's Boutonnière | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Attendants          | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Parents             | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| At Reception        | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| <b>Subtotal</b>     | <b>\$ _____</b> | <b>\$ _____</b> |

## Music/Entertainment

|                 | Budget          | Actual          |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Ceremony        | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Reception       | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| <b>Subtotal</b> | <b>\$ _____</b> | <b>\$ _____</b> |

## Photography

|                 | Budget          | Actual          |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Wedding         | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| Wedding Album   | \$ _____        | \$ _____        |
| <b>Subtotal</b> | <b>\$ _____</b> | <b>\$ _____</b> |

## Videography

|  | Budget   | Actual   |
|--|----------|----------|
|  | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

## Hotel Accommodations

|  | Budget   | Actual   |
|--|----------|----------|
|  | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

## Ceremony Site

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

## Marriage License

|  | Budget   | Actual   |
|--|----------|----------|
|  | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

## Miscellaneous

|  | Budget   | Actual   |
|--|----------|----------|
|  | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
|  | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

|              |                 |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ _____</b> | <b>\$ _____</b> |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|



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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 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?

QUESTIONS TO ASK A

# venue?

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- 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 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 *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?

### TIP:

Plan your cake cutting for early in the reception so older guests and those with children can cut out early without feeling guilty.

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?

QUESTIONS  
TO ASK A

# *dj/band?*

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- 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?



# EMERGENCY KIT

## HEALTH/MEDICAL

- Antacids
- Band-Aids
- Breath mints
- 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



## 10:30 A.M.: GET PAMPERED

Head to the salon for your hair and makeup appointments

## 12:30 P.M.: GIRL TIME

Gather your bridesmaids and start getting ready

## 1 P.M.: GUY TIME

Groom and groomsmen get dressed

## 1:30 P.M.: FIRST LOOK PHOTO OP

Take separate bridal party photos

## 2:30 P.M.: TIME OUT

Enjoy a last quiet moment as a single woman

## 3 P.M.: GET HITCHED

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

## 3:30 TO 5 P.M.: SMILE

Photos of the couple, bridal party and family

## 5 TO 8 P.M.: PARTY TIME

Celebrate with friends and family at your reception

- 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

## 10 P.M.: SAY GOODNIGHT

Head out for your honeymoon

# REGISTERING

## *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 into music? 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.
- **Honeymoon fund.**  
If you don't need any physical items, you can always have a honeymoon fund option, allowing people to give to your honeymoon experience.

## Charitable alternatives

- **Monetary 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.
- **Other donations.**  
If you're uncomfortable asking people to cut checks, try asking people to donate items. A summer wedding is a great opportunity to ask guests to bring school supplies for kids who can't afford them. Fall weddings are a great time to ask for winter coat and clothing donations. Winter weddings are a great opportunity to ask people to participate in a holiday toy drive.

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Marysville Opera House  
[marysvillewa.gov/980/Marysville-Wedding-Show](http://marysvillewa.gov/980/Marysville-Wedding-Show)

## Kitsap Wedding Expo

February 1

Kitsap County Fairgrounds  
[kitsapweddingexpo.com](http://kitsapweddingexpo.com)

## Wedding Showcase

at the ESB

March 1

The ESB (Environmental Services Building), University Place  
[piercecountywa.gov/weddingshowcase](http://piercecountywa.gov/weddingshowcase)

## The Chrysalis Inn & Spa Spring

Wedding Show

March 8

Chrysalis Inn & Spa Bellingham  
[facebook.com/Chrysalis/](https://facebook.com/Chrysalis/)

## Tacoma Spring Wedding Expo

March 21-22

Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall  
[bridesclub.com/Tacoma-Spring-Wedding-Expo](http://bridesclub.com/Tacoma-Spring-Wedding-Expo)

## 10th Annual Seattle

LGBTQ Wedding Expo

March 22

The Factory Luxe  
[rainbowweddingnetwork.com](http://rainbowweddingnetwork.com)

## The Snohomish

Wedding Tour

May 31

[mysnohomishwedding.com](http://mysnohomishwedding.com)

## Tacoma Fall Wedding Expo

September 5-6

Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall  
[bridesclub.com/Tacoma-Fall-Wedding-Expo](http://bridesclub.com/Tacoma-Fall-Wedding-Expo)

## Bellevue Fall Wedding Expo

September 27

Meydenbauer Exhibition Hall  
[bridesclub.com/Bellevue-Fall-Wedding-Expo](http://bridesclub.com/Bellevue-Fall-Wedding-Expo)

## The Big Fake Wedding

November

Location TBA  
[thebigfakewedding.com](http://thebigfakewedding.com)

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