



5 KEY STEPS

to start planning

YOUR WEDDING DAY CELEBRATION

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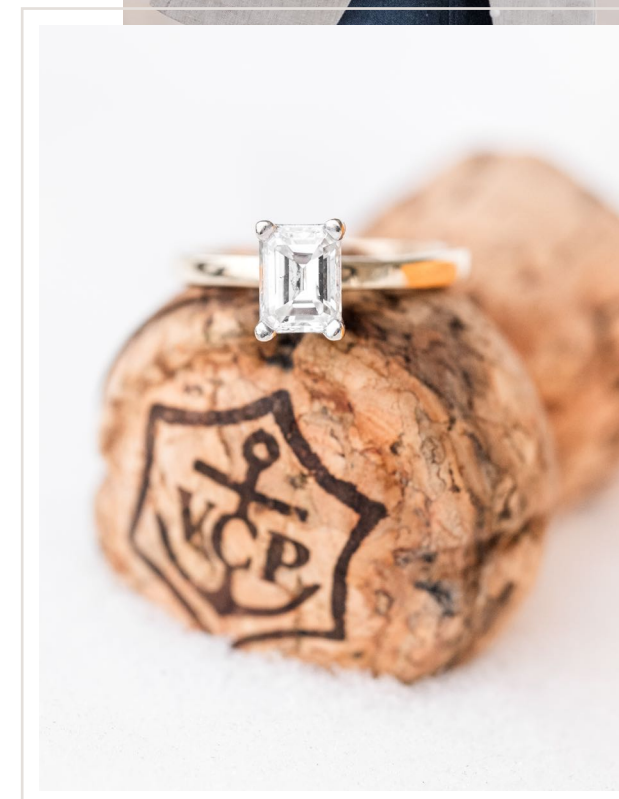
Um, now what??

I know from personal experience that planning your wedding is a daunting task! It's all very exciting but it can also be somewhat overwhelming. You're planning one of the biggest milestones of your life and yet you only get one shot at it! By the time you get the hang of it, the planning is over!

So, where to begin?

There are tons of different ways to go about planning your wedding. And sometimes, the most daunting part is simply getting started. Certain key decisions in the planning process can have a waterfall effect on other later decisions, so it's important to get those right first!

What are those key decisions? Here are the first five critical steps that married couples recommend you take when starting to plan your wedding! Cheers!





O. CELEBRATE!

Before you do anything else, STOP and CELEBRATE! You're getting married, for goodness sake! Let the excitement and fun soak in before the real planning begins.

You're going to be married for decades, but you only get to call each other "fiancé" for a short period of time. So after you've said "Yes!" take a week or two to soak in this beautiful time in your lives before the planning begins.



1. DECIDE YOUR PRIORITIES

The very first thing you and your fiancé should discuss when you start wedding planning are your priorities. Really, any part of your wedding can be a priority. Intimate elopement or 300+ guest count? Plated dinner or dream venue? Show-stopping gown or to-die-for live band? It's entirely up to you and your fiancé what you want to prioritize with your time and budget.

Setting your top 3-5 priorities for the celebration early on will give you a North Star as you navigate the planning process.

2. DRAFT YOUR GUEST LIST

Once you've decided on your priorities, you can start to draft your guest list. At this point in the process your guest list doesn't need to be perfect or complete, but it will help give you an idea of what size of venue you'll need. Your guest list can also affect key parts of your wedding budget such as florals (for all of your guests' tables), food, and beverage (to keep the dance floor packed!).

3. DETERMINE YOUR BUDGET

Now that you have a good idea of the size and vision of your celebration, you can start narrowing down your budget! This is where your guest count can really make a difference. And your priorities can help you decide which parts of your celebration you'd like to put for money or effort into.

4. FIND YOUR VENUE

Selecting your venue is a huge milestone in the wedding planning process because it will lock in your wedding date! Another reason choosing your wedding venue is a big deal? Its style and design will help inspire so many other planning decisions like your color palette, decor style, wedding day timeline, and more!





5. SECURE YOUR KEY VENDORS!

Now that you've found your venue and locked in your wedding date, it's time to pack your bench with a team of wedding pros that are going to make your wedding day vision a reality!

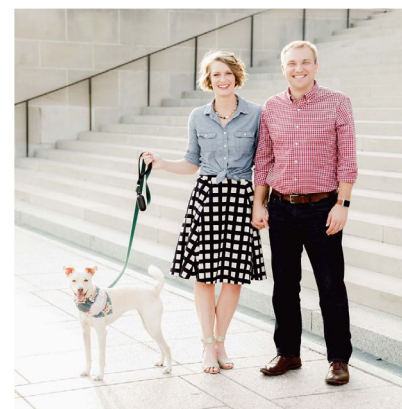
But who to book first? Start with the vendors that can only work one event per day. This is typically your coordinator, photographer, DJ/band, and florist. If any of these vendor categories are priorities to you, snatch them first!

If you're overwhelmed with options for your vendors, lean on the pros you've already booked. Your venue and coordinator especially will have recommendations for tried and true vendor pros in your area.





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Hello and thank you for downloading this guide! You're one step closer to planning the perfect wedding for you :)

I'm Bailey Pianalto, the owner of Bailey Pianalto Photography! Because I believe that getting to know my clients is the #1 way to ensure an awesome experience, I'd love to tell you a little about me and my family. Here are a few things you should know!

- I started BPP in 2014 after photographing my friends' engagement session.
- My husband Vince and I met playing coed kickball after work.
- In 2018 we adopted our puppy Nora!
- My must-have working accessory (besides my laptop) is a fresh stack of stickie notes.
- In my office I have an irresponsible number of house plants (35 and counting!)
- When I'm not working, I volunteer my time at NourishKC, the JoCo Master Gardeners, and Children's Mercy Hospital.
- My favorite editing ambience is listening to podcasts!
- I believe in imagery that is bright, classic, true to life, and as timeless as your marriage!

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