

OUR TOP 10 TIPS FOR *planning your wedding*

NO. 01 HIRE A TEAM YOU LOVE

No matter what type of vendors you choose to hire, you should look beyond their work and into their personality and how it works with you and your spouse to be. These people are the ones you will spend the majority of your day with and they should be there to make it run as smooth as possible, but also a joy to be around. Nothing is worse than a bride's day being bothered by a vendor who just rubs them the right way! Meet with them prior to booking via skype or for a drink and see if you really mesh well, you won't regret it!



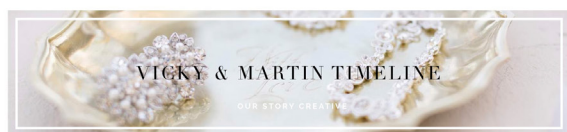
NO. 02 PLAN FOR GREAT LIGHTING

One detail that often gets overlooked but can make a big impact in your overall album of images is lighting. Whether it is your getting ready space, the uplighting you choose at the venue, or anything in between- lighting will play a big role in the outcome of your images and video. Choosing a space that is filled with natural light gives you beautiful softness, is flattering, and allows for consistency in your images. Keep in mind the kind of uplighting you choose for your reception may also cast that color on your guests and the surrounding decor, so speak to your lighting vendor to make sure you get the results you desire.

Details are so important in your overall gallery. They truly do tell the story of the day and are especially important for albums and prints in general once the wedding day is done. We take it upon ourselves to bring a styling kit filled with ribbons, ring boxes, stamps, envelopes and styling boards that will tie your details (think invites, shoes, jewelry and any other personal touches) together, to help elevate your images and video and curate your overall gallery.



A detailed schedule keeps everyone on the same page. You may not realize it but having a scheduled time for small things like the bridesmaids getting dressed, or when certain photos will be taken will help keep everyone on schedule so that things don't get too behind. We like to make a timeline for our brides like the one on the left that focuses on photography so that they can share it with their bridal party- taking the guess work and confusion out of the day!



Planning a wedding can get expensive really quickly. Having a planner to help you tackle all things wedding is a great way to relieve some of the stress that goes along with planning your big day. Not in the budget? Consider hiring a day of coordinator instead, so that there is at least one dedicated person there to tackle the things that go on throughout your big day so that you (and your loved ones) are free to fully enjoy the day and not worry about things that can be left to a professional.

NO. 06 HIRE A PHOTOGRAPHER & CINEMATOGRAPHER THAT WORK WELL TOGETHER



We have worked both just as cinematographers, and as photographers at weddings and have seen what it's like to work alongside other teams. We always make it our top priority to respect the other team and make sure everyone is capturing what they need for the couple, after all, that's our top priority! Unfortunately a team dynamic isn't always other vendors' priority. We decided to offer both photography and cinematography after so many brides had come to us saying they wish we could have done both. This allows us to work seamlessly and capture everything with the same mindset! After all, **photo does not replace video, and video does not replace photo**. They each offer something so invaluable, that we really do encourage couples to do both if they can make it work. There's so much truth to the saying that the day will fly by- make sure you capture it.

NO. 07 CREATE A LIST OF FAMILY PHOTOS

Family portraits are a very important part of the day for capturing those closest loved ones who mean the most to you. It is also something that few family members look forward to, especially if not executed well. These photos are normally taken during cocktail when they rather be mingling and enjoying themselves. Making a list ahead of time allows your photographers to take these pictures more efficiently so that they can be done and we can move on to your romantic portraits! Nothing is worse than family members who are growing impatient and time being taken away from your bride and groom portraits so make a list, and keep it to the people who are essential for those kinds of portraits... remember, you can always get pictures with the rest of your guests at the reception!





NO. 08 PLAN FOR AN ENGAGEMENT SESSION

An engagement session is more than just pretty pictures, it's a great way to really get to know your photographer before the big day. Beyond that, it's a great way for you to get comfortable in front of the camera and get familiar with the types of poses you like. We always have the best time at engagement sessions and really leave feeling connected with our couple- not only does that make us even more excited for the wedding day but it makes them just as excited to see us again- we all have such a great time!



NO. 09 SET THE SCENE & ADD YOUR OWN TWIST

Picking a theme, color scheme, and adding your own personal style will give you a wedding that is uniquely your own. Memories that are unique to you and your spouse can be incorporated in so many ways on a wedding day and really allow you to personalize such a big occasion for you and your guests!

NO. 10 HAVE A BLAST, & SOAK IT ALL IN!

Your wedding day will truly be one of the best days of your life, so soak it all in, and live in the moment! Remember what it's all about and don't stress the small stuff. You are marrying the one that you love- there's nothing more important!

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