# The HEIRLOOM

WEDDING PLANNER



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#### WELCOME

I'm so glad you're here.

As I write this, I'm sitting in my childhood bedroom, miles away from my own house, my husband, and our life together. This room is now my mom's office - full of books, stacks of notes, and binders of paperwork. Ever the thoughtful hostess, a vase of roses sits on the bedside table next to a bowl of toffee, and she's lit a pumpkin candle, ushering in fall with graceful welcome.

When I first arrived, it seemed an odd place to reflect on marriage and weddings. But now, as I look around this space, at the framed photo of my grandparents, an image I took of my sister pregnant with her first child, a snapshot of my mom with her dad - it seems the perfect place to write about planning a wedding, preparing for a mariage, and dreaming about life together.

My marriage looks forward in time and back in history in the same breath. Matt and I are continually building a beautiful life together, making mistakes, crossing things out, and adding in changes to the blueprint of our marriage. It is living and breathing and growing with us. But the foundation is unchanging, built solidly on the heritage of those who came before us - the things they taught, the love they shared, and the hope & dreams they instilled in us. Though many of them are gone now, their legacy lives on. I pray that my marriage provides this same foundation of love for future generations.

Now, it's your turn to start your own legacy and establish the framework of your lives together. The Heirloom Wedding Planner is here to help. From choosing your vendors to building your guest list, this guide has been written with care to make the process joyful, stress-free, and full of intentionality so you can plan a gorgeous wedding and prepare for amarriage that is even more beautiful.

Love.

Hani Kathryn

Heirloom: an object or treasure of special sentimental value handed down from one generation to another.

The Heirloom Wedding Planner includes resources, worksheets, and all the helpful checklists you'd hope to find in a guide for wedding planning! It also includes unique tips, ideas, and exercises created to customize your wedding day to your unique relationship, help you build your own traditions, and guide you through making intentional decisions to create legacy-building heirlooms.

This wedding planner itself is an heirloom for you to hold on to long after you exchange your vows! So mark on the pages, cross things out, and fill it up with your story, dreams, and vision for the start of your lives together.



When you see this symbol, you'll find an idea or suggestion to incorporate into your wedding design for an Heirloom Wedding & marriage.



When you see this symbol, you can find a corresponding digital resource at theheirloomwedding.co/resources



Let's set the tone – visit theheirloomwedding.co/resources for The Heirloom Wedding Planning Playlist.

#### PHILOSOPHY

This is my hope for each of us in this lifelong pursuit of intentional marriage



*Grace*: Grace is at the heart of marriage. Our hope is that we can allow ourselves to forgive one another, to refine our relationship, to love each other freely with no conditions, and to grow in kindness as we pursue intentional marriage.



**Adventure:** While marriage is sacred and special, it should also be fun & full of adventure! We hope every marriage includes spontaneity, romance, surprise, and a relationship filled with excitement and laughter through the years.



**Wisdom:** As we grow in our experience of marriage and come to more deeply know our spouses, we can each find an increase of wisdom and understanding that allows us to better serve our marriages with compassion and discernment.



*Joy:* Even as you walk the path toward marriage, you have already experienced so much joy in your relationship! Our hope is that your happiness will only multiply in this next chapter. We wish an abundance of joy for you and for every marriage!



**Resilience:** Every relationship holds peaks and valleys; our prayer is that we may find the resilience to weather life's tougher seasons united as husband and wife and to ultimately emerge with a stronger relationship and an enduring foundation in marriage.

May our marriage be even more beautiful than our wedding day filled with grace, adventure. Wisdom, joy, and resilience. Thay we remember and honor the very we gave to one quother. and know how valuable and lovely our marriage is.

#### RESOURCES

We know that some couples just love having a physical planner to make notes, cross things out, and carry with them on their wedding planning adventures, while others prefer to keep digital records and type up detailed notes. And for some couples, they each prefer something different! For that reason, we've included blank charts, empty notes pages, and plenty of space to fill this planner up – so grab a pen and get to it! However, we also want to provide access to resources that will help you keep up with your planning digitally. Spreadsheets, fillable PDFs, and other digital resources are housed for you at theheirloomwedding.co/resources.



So, don't forget - when you see this symbol, you can find a corresponding digital resource at theheirloomwedding.co/resources

WHAT TYPES OF RESOURCES CAN YOU EXPECT TO SEE?

Budget, Payments, & Vendor Spreadsheet
Guest List & RSVP Spreadsheet
Gift & Thank You Note Spreadsheet
Wedding Music Spreadsheet
Wedding Inspiration Board Template

You'll also find extra copies of notes pages, seating chart templates, timeline templates, vendor meeting note sheets, and much more!

# Wedding Planning

#### CHECKLIST

However long or short your engagement, you can plan a beautiful wedding! Consider this a general guide as you prepare for your wedding day. Add your own tasks, change the list as you need to, and mark it up with your notes!

Visit theheirloomwedding.co/r	resources to find a digital version of this checklist!
9 – 12 Months Before Your Wedding Day	6 – 9 Months Before Your Wedding Day
Celebrate your engagement!	Order your wedding dress and veil
Insure your engagement ring	Work with your photographer to set a ceremony time
Create a budget	Create your wedding website
Build your Wedding Inspiration Board	Finalize your guest list and gather addresses
& select a color palette	Design, order, and send out your Save the Dates
Tour & choose your ceremony and reception venues	Meet with, Select, and book:
Choose a date and reserve your ceremony	Florist
and reception venues	Rehearsal Dinner Venue
Meet with, Select, and book:	Wedding Night Hotel
Wedding Planner	Honeymoon
Photographer	Band or DJ
Videographer	Wedding Cake Baker
Caterer	Hair & Makeup Artists
Officiant	Day-of Transportation
Schedule your engagement session	Create your wedding registry
with your photographer	Select and order bridesmaids' gowns
Select your wedding party & ask them	Select groom & groomsmen attire
Start your guest list	
	Design and order your Wedding Invitations
Make bridal boutique appointments & go dress shopping!	Book a calligrapher
	Research and consider investing in wedding insurance
	Order rental items (chairs, linens, other specialty items)
	Research & consider pre-marital counseling or

marriage prep classes

#### 3 - 6 Months Before Your Wedding Day 0 - 3 Months Before Your Wedding Day Order your wedding dress and veil Meet with, Select, and book: Ceremony Musicians Have your bridal portraits taken Any extra vendors (coffee cart, photobooth, Send out your wedding invitations lighting/sounds, etc.) Send out your rehearsal dinner invitations Purchase wedding shoes, jewelry, under-the-dress essentials, and any other accessories Groom & Groomsmen get measured for suits or tuxes Schedule your first dress fitting Schedule manicure & pedicure appointment Book your bridal portraits with your photographer Purchase gifts for bridesmaids, parents, and Confirm bridal portrait bouquet with your florist any other special gift purchases Schedule hair & makeup trials Purchase a gift for your soon-to-be spouse and write a letter for them to read on the wedding day Finalize your menu Make a seating chart Address your invitations Select & purchase any wedding favors, décor, Work with your wedding planner & photographer place cards, or other details to build a preliminary wedding-day timeline Write or select your vows Plan your ideal wedding day morning Create & drop off hotel welcome bags Think through any special traditions you would like to incorporate in your wedding day Attend final dress fitting & learn how to bustle your dress Purchase your wedding bands Finalize timeline and shot list with your wedding Select your ceremony and reception music, confirm planner and photographer with musicians Send timeline to your wedding vendors Research your local marriage license requirements Pick up your dress Make sure your passport is up-to-date if traveling abroad for your honeymoon Confirm details with all vendors and finalize all payments Create your ceremony outline, readings, & confirm details with your officiant Get hair cut/colored Finalize details for preserving your wedding dress and/or bouquet Organize special details for your photographer to photograph

Put all cash tips in envelopes to be distributed

Inspiration

#### OUR RELATIONSHIP

## Establishing your wedding & marriage foundation

We believe in marriages that are even more beautiful than the loveliest of wedding days. Some of the questions might not seem relevant, but the details of your lives might bring you the creative vision you need as you choose the details of your wedding. After all, your love is story is the perfect place to start for wedding planning inspiration! Use this space to write out the history of your relationship, the details of your lives now, as well as your vision for your wedding and future marriage. Consider this a way of documenting the start of your lives together. How We Met: Our First Date: The Proposal: The Ring: Traditions We Have a a Couple:



#### HIS & HERS PRIORITIES

Narrowing Down Your Wedding Style

Narrowing down your biggest wedding day priorities will help determine where to focus your attention and bring clarity to the type of wedding that might be the best fit for you. For example, if it's your priority to have a large bridal party and full guest list, then a destination wedding or intimate chapel wedding probably isn't the best fit for you. But if time with your family and time with your soon-to-be spouse is top of your list, a destination wedding might be just the right fit!

#### HIS PRIORITIES

Dream travel destination.	•		Favorite color:	
Must have accessory:			Favorite food:	
Product you couldn't live	without:		Favorite store:	
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Three words to describe y	our fiancée:			
Three things that make ye	ou excited for your marriag	e:		
Three things that make ye	ou excited for your wedding	ÿ.		
How do you want to feel	on your wedding day?			
What is the most importa	nt thing to you about your	wedding day?		
How are you feeling abou	t wedding planning right 1	now? What would bring yo	ı peace and take away and stress or anxiety	?
Highlight your biggest we	dding day priorities:			
Time with Groomsn	nen Time Alo	one (Bride & Groom)	Religion/Faith	
Time with Family	Tradition	18		
Time with Guests	Focus on	Marriage		
Highlight your biggest we	dding day priorities:			
Elegant	Whimsical	Rustic		
Romantic	Vintage	Casual		
Modern	Intimate	Classic		
Traditional	Formal	Boho		

#### HER PRIORITIES

Dream travel destination:			Favorite color:	
Must have accessory:			Favorite food:	
Product you couldn't live u	vithout:		Favorite store:	
Three words to describe yo	u:			
Three words to describe yo	ur fiancé:			
Three things that make you	u excited for your marriag	ge:		
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Romantic	Vintage	Casual		
Modern	Intimate	Classic		
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# Our Wedding

## VISION & PURPOSE

Season	Ceremony Location	Wedding Size
Winter	Indoor	Small Guest List
Spring	Outdoor	Medium Guest List
Summer	Location Type:	Large Guest List
Fall	Church, chapel, place of worship, venue, city hall, beach, mountain, forest, park, backyard, etc.	# of People:
Day of the Week	Reception Location	Bridal Party Size
	Indoor	Small
Are you open to weekdays, Sundays, or Fridays, or would you prefer a Saturday date?	Outdoor	Medium
	Location Type:	Large
Location	Church, chapel, place of worship, venue, city hall,	# of Bridesmaids:
Local	beach, mountain, forest, park, backyard, etc.	# of Groomsmen:
Domestic Destination		
International Destination		
Hopes & Dreams for Our Man	riage:	
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Things you love about weddings you've attended:
Things you don't love about weddings you've attended:
Wedding traditions you love:
Wedding traditions you don't love:
Special ideas, traditions, or significant moments you want to include from your family, faith, college, sorority/fraternity, etc.?
Keep going! As you think through your wedding day, what other ideas, words/phrases comes to min

Look through all that you both have written in the last few pages and your answers to the questions. Go through and circle or highlight consistent words or ideas that jump out to you.

	OUR WEDDING	
We want our v	vedding to be,	
&	, and at the end of the day,	we want t
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	and	*

As you continue to make decisions about your wedding, come back to this statement. If something isn't lining up with the purpose you want behind your wedding, let it go – it's okay! If any stress or anxiety builds during the process, return to the value of your relationship and the words you've written above.

#### CREATING AN INSPIRATION BOARD & COLOR PALETTE

Tip: Pinterest is such a great source for inspiration... but it can also be overwhelming and can create confusion that clouds your style and obscures your vision. So right now, pin away! But once you choose your color palette and begin making decisions, consider taking a step back and using your inspiration board to keep you grounded.

- 1. Create your Pinterest board and pin, pin, pin! Don't overthink it if you're drawn to it, add it. Not all of your pins need to be wedding related that gorgeous living room chair, stunning cocktail dress, or perfect bedroom color scheme? Add it!
- 2. Look through all your images and observe any trends, duplicate pins, or colors you tended to prefer.
- 3. Start narrowing it down delete pins that are inconsistent or no longer appeal to you. Select your top 20, choosing a variety of images that speak to you most. Try to select an assortment of images not just florals or gowns, but other unique wedding images or things that aren't wedding related at all!
- 4. Begin to narrow it down further, selecting only images that you're truly in love with that complement one another. Narrow it down to your top 5-8 photos.
- 5. Pull your color palette from those images. Typically, 5 colors makes for a beautiful color palette. This should include a neutral (such as white, ivory, beige, gray, etc.), multiple shades of one color, and consider including a metal color as well (silver, gold, bronze, etc.).
- 6. Put it all together. Create your wedding inspiration board in Canva or your preferred software and include your color palette.

Visit theheirloomwedding.co/resources to find a Canva template to use to create your wedding inspiration board.

7. Use your wedding inspiration board! Refer back to it constantly as you make design decisions, and share it with all of your vendors so that they can clearly understand your vision and help create a cohesive aesthetic for your wedding day.

# Print your wedding inspiration board and tape it below!

Budget



#### HIS & HERS PRIORITIES

Where to Save & Where to Invest

Take some time to go through this list of priorities on the following pages. Cross out the items that don't matter to you and highlight the ones that do. Circle your top 5-10 priorities.

Narrowing down your biggest priorities will help focus in on where you want to invest your budget and where you'd like to save – if your #1 priority is your guests' experience but you don't care too much about making a grand exit, consider investing in a live band, but skip the fancy getaway car!

His & Hers Top Priorities:

# HER PRIORITIES

Bridal Bouquet	Bridal Gown
Bridesmaids' Bouquets	Bridal Accessories
Boutonnières	Groom's Attire
Corsages	Wedding Rings
Centerpieces	Bridesmaids Dresses
Ceremony arch/backdrop	Groomsmen Attire
	Bride's Hair & Makeup
Plated meal	Bridesmaids' Hair & Makeup
Buffet	
Appetizers	DIY
Cake or dessert	Low Cost
Champagne Toast	High Budget
Cocktail Hour	Saving Money
Open Bar	
Signature Drinks	Wedding Party Gifts
	Family Gifts
Flatware & Dishes	Bride & Groom Gifts
Reception Table Design & Decor	Hotel Welcome Bags
Linens	Favors
Specialty Chairs	
Lounge Furniture or Specialty Rentals	Invitations
	Save the Dates
Full-Service Wedding Planner	Wedding Signage
Day-Of Coordinator	Guest Book
Reception Venue	Calligraphy
Ceremony Venue	Programs
Photographer	Printed Menus & Place cards
Videographer	Seating Chart
Ceremony Musicians	
Officiant/Pastor	Guest Experience
DJ	Grand Exit
Band	Reception Lighting
Photo Booth	Bridal Party Transportation
	Guest Transportation
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### HIS PRIORITIES

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	Bride's Hair & Makeup
Plated meal	Bridesmaids' Hair & Makeup
Buffet	
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Videographer	Seating Chart
Ceremony Musicians	
Officiant/Pastor	Guest Experience
DJ	Grand Exit
Band	Reception Lighting
Photo Booth	Bridal Party Transportation
	Guest Transportation
	Getaway Car

#### BUDGET TIPS

Keep your purpose & priorities in mind. When making your budget and your spending decisions, refer back to your wedding purpose (on page 19) and your priorities (on page 23). Budgeting isn't the most glamorous part of wedding planning, but it doesn't have to be painful if you focus on your marriage and are thoughtful, creative, and intentional with your investments.

*Make your budget a priority.* Once you've agreed on a budget, stick to it. Keep track of what you spend, and do not go into debt for your wedding. Taking on debt for your wedding is not necessary (you can have a beautiful wedding on any budget!) and isn't worth starting off your marriage on difficult financial footing.

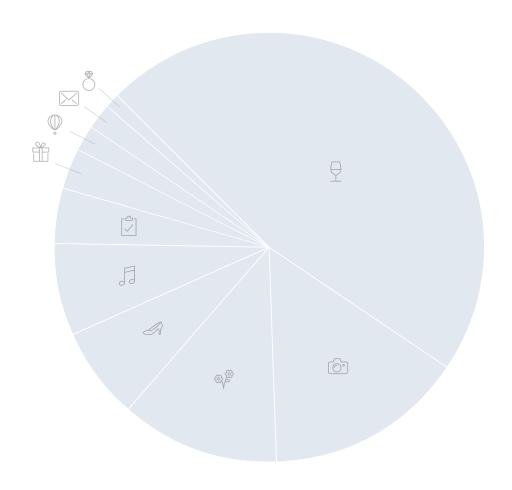
Choose DIY projects thoughtfully. Some DIY projects will save tons, but others may cost more to make than they would to rent! Be thoughtful and do your research before making decisions and spending tons at the craft supply store.

Borrow décor & incorporate family heirlooms. There might be items that you can borrow from friends and family that would not only save on the budget but add meaningful personal touches throughout your wedding day! For example, consider wearing a close friend's veil or your grandmother's earrings, incorporating your mother's china into your head table design, or using family linens for your guest book table.

Keep your guest count in mind. Almost all wedding costs are dependent on your guest count (remember that iconic scene in Father of the Bride where Steve Martin's eyes pop as the wedding planner tells him it'll be "\$250 a head"?). If it's important to you to have a large wedding surrounded by all your friends and family, that's wonderful! But know that your budget may require you to prioritize feeding your guests rather than having a huge floral backdrop at your ceremony. If other elements of your wedding design outweigh having a large guest count, a smaller and more intimate wedding might be something to consider.

Consider your wedding date. Some vendors and venues may offer special pricing if you choose a wedding date that isn't peak-season or is on a weekday or a Sunday. If you're flexible with your date selection, you'll likely find more savings and less competition for vendors!

#### BUDGET BREAKDOWN



- 47%: Venue, Catering & Cake, Rental Costs
- 15%: Photography & Videography
- 12%: Décor & Florals
- 7%: Attire, Hair & Makeup
- 7%: Entertainment

- 4%: Wedding Planner
- ≥ 3%: Stationery
- © 2%: Transportation
- 2%: Favors & Gifts
- 1%: Officiant

# Build Your WEDDING BUDGET

Set your budget. Sit down with each contributor and note how much they are contributing. Discuss with your fiancé how much the two of you will be contributing, and add it to the chart below. Then, go through each category, and create your budget.

 $Visit\ the heir loom wedding. co/resources\ to\ find\ the\ digital\ Budget\ Spread sheet,\ which\ includes\ sample\ budgets.$ 

Name	Amount

Category	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Notes
ATTIRE			
Gown			
Alterations			
Veil			
Under-The-Dress Essentials			
Bride's Shoes			
Jewelry			
Gown Cleaning			
Gown Preservation			
Suit or Tux			
Groom's Shoes			
Tie or Bowtie			
Subtotal			
BEAUTY			
Bride's Hair			
Bride's Makeup			
Bridal Portrait Hair			
Bridal Portrait Makeup			
Bridesmaids' Hair			
Bridesmaids' Makeup			
Manicure or Pedicure			
Subtotal			

Category	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Notes
CAKE			
Cake			
Cake Stand			
Cake Topper			
Cake-Cutting Fee			
Additional Sheet Cake			
Delivery Fee			
Additional Desserts			
Subtotal			
CATERING & BAR			
Tasting Appointment			
Hors D'oeuvres			
Meal			
Food Stations			
Late Night Snack or Extras			
Service Staff			
Catering Equipment			
Vendor Meals			
Tax & Gratuity			
Setup & Cleanup Fees			
Bar & Beverage Service			
Champagne Toast			
Subtotal			

Category	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Notes
FAVORS & GIFTS			
Wedding Favors			
Wedding Party Gifts			
Bride & Groom Gifts			
Family Gifts			
Hotel Welcome Bags			
Subtotal			
FLORALS & DECOR			
Bridal Bouquet			
Bridesmaids' Bouquet			
Boutonnieres			
Corsages			
Ceremony Florals			
Cocktail Florals			
Reception Florals			
Wedding Cake FLorals			
Decor Florals			
Delivery Fees			
Bouquet Preservation			
Subtotal			

Category	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Notes				
INVITATIONS & PAPER							
Save the Dates							
Wedding Invitations							
Envelopes							
Postage							
Address Labeling or Calligraphy							
Ceremony Pograms							
Ceremony Signage							
Printed Menus							
Seating Chart							
Table Numbers							
Place Cards							
Reception Signage							
Custom Napkins							
Subtotal							
MUSIC & LIGHTING							
Ceremony Musicians							
Cocktail Hour Musicians							
DJ or Band							
Sound System Rental							
Uplighting							
Dance Floor Lighting							
Subtotal							

Category	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Notes
PHOTO & VIDEO			
Engagment Session			
Bridal Portrait Session			
Rehearsal Dinner Coverage			
Wedding Day COverage			
Album			
Prints			
Videography			
Photo Booth			
Subtotal			
RECEPTION			
Reception Venue Rental Fee			
Chair & Table Rental			
Lounge Furniture Rental			
Flatware & China Rental			
Linen Rental			
Dance Floor Rental			
Parking Fees			
Security			
Subtotal			

Category	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Notes
TRANSPORTAION			
Bridal Party Transportation			
Guest Transportation			
Valet Service			
Getaway Car			
Subtotal			
WEDDING PLANNER			
Wedding Design			
Wedding Coordination			
Rehearsal Coordination			
Setup & Teardown			
Subtotal			
OTHER			
Wedding Insurance			
Subtotal			



# Build Your GUEST LIST

Now that you've decided on your budget, think through how many guests you would like to invite and attend your wedding. Assume that about 15% of your guests will decline.

Start by making a preliminary list with your fiancé. Include all close friends and family that you absolutely must have there, as well as any guests you know will be must-haves for your parents and families. Then work with your families to round out your guest list. Be sure to make a decision about whether or not children will be included and decide who will be given a plus-one.

Keep your budget and your vision & purpose for your wedding in mind as you create your guest list and decide with whom you would like to celebrate the start of your marriage.

Visit theheirloomwedding.co/resources to find the digital Guest List, which includes address information, RSVP tracking, and seating chart sections.

	Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Save the Date Sent	Invitation Sent	RSVP	Meal Choice	Table Number	Notes
1								Y N			
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Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Save the Date Sent	Invitation Sent	RSVP	Meal Choice	Table Number	Notes
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Vendors

# Vendor CONTACTS

Visit theheirloomwedding.co/resources and find the Budget, Payments & Vendor
Spreadsheet to help you keep up with your vendors' contact information digitally.

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### Ceremony & Reception VENUES

#### QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING VENUE TOURS

- 1. What dates are available in the month we're considering?
  - 2. What is the guest capacity?
- 3. What do the standard packages include? How many hours does the rental fee cover, and is there an overtime fee?
- 4. What rentals are provided (tables, linens, chairs, plates, silverware, glassware)?
  - 5. Is there a required caterer, cake baker, and/or vendor list, or can we choose all our own vendors?
  - 6. Can we bring in our own alcohol? Is there a corkage fee?
    - 7. Who will assist us on our wedding day?
  - 8. Will there be a wedding coordinator who will lead the wedding rehearsal and wedding ceremony, or will we need to provide our own?
    - 9. How much time are we given for our wedding rehearsal?
    - 10.Is there an additional fee to use the venue for my bridal portraits?
    - 11. For outdoor spaces, what are the weather contingency options?
      - 12. Any décor restrictions?

# Venue Inspiration Notes: Inspiration

## Wedding PLANNER

Do I need a wedding planner?

- 1. Do you have time to plan your wedding?
- 2. Do you have extra wedding weekend events you're responsible for planning? (welcome party, tea ceremony, rehearsal dinner, farewell brunch, etc.)
  - 3. Do you want someone else to manage your budget, or are you confident in allocating your resources yourself?
    - 4. Are you having a short engagement?
    - 5. Are you planning a destination wedding?
  - 6. Do you have reliable wedding vendor recommendations?

    Are you comfortable understanding and negotiating vendor contracts?
- 7. Do you have a clear vision of what you want your wedding day & design to look like?
  - 8. Do you want family/friends to help set up and tear down, or would you prefer to pay someone else to take care of those things?
    - 9. Do you enjoy wedding planning?

#### WHAT KIND OF WEDDING PLANNER IS RIGHT FOR ME?

*Full-Service Planning.* Full-service planning includes the full design, planning, and event management process. Full-service planners often handle all the details, including helping you meet with, hire, and communications with vendors, designing your wedding day, managing your budget, coordination transportation, and running the timeline on your wedding day.

*Partial Planning.* Partial planning often includes services such as wedding design assistance, vendor recommendations/ connections, and all wedding day management (such as running the wedding rehearsal and ceremony, setup and tear down, etc.).

*Month-of Coordination.* Month-of coordination is for the bride who wants to handle all the design & planning process herself but wants to have someone else handle the final details and manage the wedding day. Often includes final communication and confirmation of all contracted vendors, overseeing setup and teardown, and running the wedding rehearsal and ceremony.

Tip: Look for a planner with a similar aesthetic to you – explore her website for past weddings and see if you're drawn to her designs! While your wedding will be curated especially for you, knowing that you already love her past work is a good place to start!

Tip: Need extra help? Many planners also offer a la carte services if you have specific help you're looking for or if you need assistance in planning other wedding weekend events! Ask them for their offerings and if they might be willing to build a custom collection to fit your needs!

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#### FLORIST

Ask your florist for ways to maximize your budget!

A few of our favorite tips are below.

- Repurpose floral pieces (like using ceremony arrangements on the head table, or placing bouquets in vases as centerpieces).
- 2. Invest in a beautiful bridal bouquet (which will be seen the most and in the most photos), and save on the bridal bouquets by choosing less expensive blooms or smaller arrangements.
  - 3. Make sure to ask your florist which flowers will be in-season. Out-of-season florals will be more expensive and may not be as high quality as those that are in-season.
    - 4. Use lower-cost greenery for big impact rather than expensive blooms.

      Greenery can be used to make beautifularrangements, arches, and can be put on accent items (like seating charts, table runners, and even staircases!).

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Elevate your bouquet and create a keepsake with a beautiful embroidered bouquet wrap or silk ribbon wrap, and don't forget to research ways to preserve your bridal bouquet after your wedding.

Tip: Don't forget to ask your florist for the cost of a bridal portrait bouquet, a toss bouquet, and cake florals, and see what décor items they provide or have available to rent!

Tip: Come to your floral consultation with numbers in hand: your budget, the size of your bridal party, and the number of tables you'll have at your reception. If there are specific pieces you know you want (a floral arch at your ceremony, or tall centerpieces at your reception, for example), bring those ideas with you so that your florist can provide an accurate quote and help you understand how to maximise your budget.

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# Stationery & CALLIGRAPHY

Your wedding stationery sets the tone for your guests about how you'll be celebrating the start of your marriage, so it should give them a taste of the formality and style of your wedding and get them ready to attend! Between stationery designers and invitation websites, you have many choices for your paper products.

Here are a few tips as you begin to explore your options!

WHEN TO SEND OUT SAVE THE DATES six to eight months prior to the wedding date

WHEN TO SEND OUT WEDDING INVITATIONS six to eight weeks prior to the wedding date

WHEN TO SEND OUT WEDDING INVITATIONS

two to three weeks prior to the wedding date

For destination weddings, send out save the dates ten to twelve months prior to the wedding date, and invitations ten to twelve weeks prior to the wedding date.

#### The full wedding invitation suite can include:

Invitation + Main Envelope RSVP Card + Envelope

Details Card (hotel block information, etc.)

Reception Card (can include details specific to the reception only)

Registry Card (can include wedding website information)

Special Events Cards (welcome party, after party, farewell brunch, etc.)

Map, Venue Drawing, or Other Special Insert Card



Ask your stationer about ways to make your invitations even more personalized!

Customization & add on options might include:

Envelope Liners Handmade Paper Belly Band
Letterpress Engraving Silk Ribbon
Foil Stamping Screen Printing Envelope Calligraphy
Vellum Inserts Inner & Outer Envelopes Vintage Postage
Wax Seal

While you're working with your stationer, consider which additional paper products you'll need for your wedding. Possible paper goods include:

Ceremony program Table Numbers Reception Signage
Seating Chart Welcome Sign Signature Drink Signage
Place Cards Ceremony Signage Buffet Menu Signage

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Be sure to order a few extras of your invitations so that you have them as keepsakes, and so that your photographer can style and photograph them with your other wedding day details.

Tip: If having your calligrapher address all the invitations isn't in the budget, ask them to calligraph just a few for your photographer to include in the images of your invitation suite.

Tip: If it's not in the budget to have a fully-custom wedding suite designed, look into semicustom designs! Many stationers offer these at a lower price point, but you may still have some custom elements, like hand-calligraphed names or a small venue illustration.



## Sample WORDING

SAVE THE DATE

Should Include

May Include

Your Names

Wedding Website

Your wedding date

The city & atate of your wedding

Formal

Kindly save the date

for the wedding of

October 15, 2022

Please reserve

Kathryn Nichols to Robert Joseph

For the wedding uniting

October Fifteenth

Kathryn Nichols & Robert Joseph

Two Thousand Twenty Two

Dallas, Texas

Dallas, Texas

Invitation to follow

Formal invite to follow

Casual

Save the date!

10.15.22

Kathryn & Robert are tying the knot

Save our date

October 15, 2022

Kathryn & Robert

Dallas

Dallas, TX

Invitation to follow

www.kathrynandrobert.com

INVITATION

Should Include

May Include Who is hosting

Your names

Your wedding date and time

The reception time & venue

(if there is no separate reception card)

Your wedding venue

Attire suggestions

The invitation to join the wedding

Wedding Website

Formal

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank James

Mr. and Mrs. Frank James

request the honor of your presence

request the pleasure of your company at the

at the marriage of their daughter

marriage of their daughter

Kathryn Marie

Kathryn Marie

Robert Joseph

Robert Joseph

Saturday, the fifteenth of October

the fifteenth of October

Two thousand and twenty-two

two thousand and twenty-two

at two o'clock in the afternoon

six in the evening

Chapel in the Woods

Chapel in the Woods

Dallas, Texas

Dallas | Texas

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Casual

Together with their families

joyfully invite you to join

their wedding celebration

Kathryn Marie

Kathryn Marie + Robert Joseph

request the pleasure of your company

at their wedding celebration

Saturday, the fifteenth of October, twenty twenty-two

six in the evening

Chapel in the Woods

October 15, 2022

at five o'clock

Robert Joseph

Chapel in the Woods

Dallas, Texas

Reception to follow at six o'clock at

Royal Woods Country Club

Dallas, Texas

Cocktail attire

RECEPTION	Should Include	May Include
CARD	Time	What the reception will include
	Venue	(cocktail hour, dinner, dancing)
Sample	Reception at five o'clock in the evening	The pleasure of your company is requested for
	Royals Woods Country Club	Cocktails, dinner, and dancing
	Dallas, Texas	To celebrate the new
		Mr. & Mrs. Robert James
		Immediately following the ceremony
		Royals Woods Country Club
		Dallas, Texas
RSVP	Should Include	May Include
CARD	Space for Names	Meal Selection
	Place to indicate attendance	Song request, etc.
	RSVP deadline	
Sample	Kindly respond by the first of October.	The favor of a reply is requested by
1	M	October 1, 2021
	Accepts	(name)
	Regrets	Accepts with pleasure
		Declines with regret
	Please initial entrée choice for each guest	
	Beef Filet	OR
	Chicken	
	Vegetarian	(name)
		Wouldn't miss it!
		Will celebrate from afar.

Please respond by October 1.

## Stationery & Calligraphy Inspiration

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# Videographer & PHOTOGRAPHER

How your wedding is captured is so important. Choose to invest in a team who you can truly trust to create images that you'll cherish for a lifetime. When the wedding day is over, the photos and video will allow you to relive the start of your marriage over and over again and remember how very special your relationship is! For those reasons, we always recommend investing in high-quality professionals – it's on the top of our priority list!

Read the tips below to help you choose the right team for your wedding day and learn how to get the most out of your relationship with them.

#### SELECTING YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER

Choose a photographer whose style you love. There are many different aesthetics to choose from – dark & moody, light and airy, true-to-life, film, natural light specialists, artificial light specialists – find a photographer whose style resonates with you and your wedding inspiration board. Ask to see full wedding galleries so you can fully experience how their style captures every part of the wedding day.

Choose a photographer whose personality you love. More than any other vendor on your wedding day, your photographer is the one who will be by your side. Whether you need a hype girl who is high energy and will get you laughing or a calm presence who will guide you into romantic poses and lower your anxiety, find someone you connect with and feel confident in.

Month-of Coordination. Your photographer has a big responsibility! Capturing such treasured moments is not for the faint of heart. On a wedding day, your photographer not only photographs the things happening around them, but is responsible for choosing the photo locations and monitoring all lighting and weather conditions, posing the couple and the bridal party, corralling family and organizing group photos, creatively capturing all details and décor, and often running the entire timeline from start to finish. If you choose a photographer you trust, you can relax, and depend on their experience and expertise, rather than feeling as though you need to micromanage. Trust them to choose locations with optimal lighting, to pose you in a way that will make you look and feel your best, and to know which shots they need to get when.



#### TIPS FOR GETTING THE MOST OUR OF YOUR EXPERIENCE

Have an engagement session with your wedding photographer. We recommend having your engagement session photographed by the same photographer who will be at your wedding. It's a good chance to get comfortable in front of the camera, get used to how they'll pose you and interact with you, and for you to get to know one another better. After your engagement session, your photographer will have had the chance to see your relationship up close and know how best to capture it on your wedding day and will know which poses and angles are most flattering for you.

Build your timeline with your photographer. Your photographer is such a great resource for helping you build your wedding day timeline from the very beginning (consult them before you even set a ceremony time!). They know when the light is best, when sunset is, and if they've shot at your venue, they'll know which locations are optimal at which times. Trust their timing suggestions and feel free to ask questions so you can understand better what will get you the most beautiful images.

Organize your family formals shot list and leave the rest to your photographer. Be sure to create an organized family formals shot list, complete with the names and relations of your family members, so that your photographer can move through those larger photos with easy and efficiency. Communicate with your family ahead of time so they know when to be and where. As for the rest of the shot list, trust your photographer. If there are two or three unique must-have shots (like the groom putting on his late grandfather's cufflinks, a close up of the heirloom cake knife, or a photo recreating your parents' wedding portrait pose), definitely include those, but otherwise, let your photographer do their work. Avoid sending a Pinterest board or a long list of poses – you chose your photography team for a reason. Trust them!

*Have a second shooter.* If the budget allows, a second shooter is a sound investment. It's ideal for them to be there the entire time your first shooter is there, but if that's not in the budget, we recommend prioritizing having them there for bride & groom and bridal party portraits, the ceremony, and family formals.

#### MUSICIANS

#### Ceremony Music

A string trio, quartet, or other small chamber groups are a classic choice when it comes to ceremony music. Reach out to local colleges with music schools or look at websites like Gig Salad to find local musicians who perform at weddings. If you have a specific song or piece in mind, many musicians will be happy to learn it for you (though they may charge an additional fee for the sheet music and time rehearsing the song).

Visit theheirloomwedding.co/resources to find recommended classical music selections.

#### Cocktail Hour Music

You can use the same musicians from your ceremony at cocktail hour, or find a jazz combo, bluegrass band, or another type of music that will keep the flow of the evening going! If you'd prefer to have recorded music, you can have your DJ cover cocktail hour. If you're having a live band at your reception, they may be willing to play recorded music over their speaker system during your cocktail hour.

#### Reception Music

Check with your wedding planner, venue, and wedding photographer for advice on a good DJ or live band – it can make such a big difference to the mood of your wedding reception! Have an in-person meeting so that you can get to know their personality and make sure they're a good fit for you. Ask them about how much space they'll need at your reception, if you can hear recordings, or (better yet!) if they have any shows you can attend so you can hear them perform live! If you have a specific song you'd like the band to play and they don't already know it, they may need to learn and/or arrange it, so be sure to get a quote from them. Some bands and DJs have lighting and/or special effects, so be sure to ask and get quotes. Also ask them if they'll facilitate your reception (such as introducing speech givers or announcing the cake cutting), or if you'll need to find someone else to do that. Be sure to communicate any must-hear songs (as well as a do-not-play list!)

Bridal G O W N

Make appointments at multiple bridal boutiques. Different boutiques carry different designers, so it's worth the trip to multiple places!

Show your consultant your inspiration board but be open to try on anything. Even if you think you know what you want, you might be surprised! Keep an open minded and try on different silhouettes, styles, and designers.

Bring supportive friends and family. Keep your group small – too many opinions and you might not be able to hear your own!

Communicate in advance how much feedback you'd like to hear from them and bring those who are close to you and will be honest but in a loving and kind way.

Only try on dresses within your budget. Communicate your price range to your consultant and be clear that you want to stay inside that budget. Don't forget to include the cost of alterations, shipping, and taxes in your estimate, as well as any extras (like beaded sashes, veil, shoes, hairpiece, and jewelry!).

Start the process early. Custom gowns can take six to eight months to create, with more intricate gowns taking even longer! Plus, alterations often take at least eight weeks, so the earlier you start looking for your dress, the better.

Be kind to yourself. The tears and that "when you know, you know" feeling might not happen for you – even if you've found your perfect dress! The movie scenes where the bride cries over her dream gown just isn't how it often plays out. And that's normal!! Give yourself grace to feel what you feel, trust your instincts, and remember that your opinion is the most important one when it comes to choosing your dress. Do you feel beautiful? That's what matters – your husband-to-be will be able to tell!

#### Bridal Boutique Appointment Notes

Designer	Gown Name	Boutique	Price	Extras (sash, veil, etc.)	Notes

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# Bridesmaids' DRESSES

*Be considerate of your bridesmaids.* Consider your friends' lifestyles as you set a budget and keep cost in mind as you explore your options. Choose a dress or dress options for your girls that you'd want to wear yourself so that they can look and feel their best, too!

*Be open minded.* Consider mismatched dresses, different styles of the same color gown, or even let your bridesmaids choose their own dress – just specify a color palette, style (long or short), and type of fabric, and have them get your approval before they order!

Stick to a schedule. Be sure you choose your gown first (the color and formality of your dress will help you make decisions about your bridesmaids' dresses!), and then make sure to start the bridesmaids dress process soon after, as it can take up to six months for some gowns to arrive, and your friends may need time to have their dresses altered. If you're planning on going to a bridal salon, be sure to make appointments early, or if you're ordering online, check into how long it takes to receive gowns, and if there are any special steps to be sure that the dresses come from the same dye lot (so that they're exactly the same color!).

#### Tux / Suit Tracking Spredsheet

#### GROOM & GROOMSMEN

*Talk to your groom.* He may have an idea of what he wants to wear, or something unique he wants to do so that he stands out from his groomsmen (like a different tie, or a different jacket color). Go through the list below with him, and see if anything jumps out to him, or what his preferences are. If you're not on board with one of his favorites, see if you can make a compromise (maybe he can change jackets or ties for the reception so you both get your way!).

Tuxedo	Cufflinks	Solid Dress Socks
Suit	Solid Bow Tie	Patterned Dress Socks
Vest Suspenders	Patterned Bow Tie	Black Dress Shoes & Belt
Cummerbund	Solid Neck Tie	Brown Dress Shoes & Belt
	Patterned Neck Tie	

Communicate in advance. If you're using an online rental company, be sure to communicate with your groomsmen how to take their measurements and how to order. If they need to go into a store for a fitting, give them plenty of advance notice and make sure they have the group number that they need. As you get closer to your wedding date, check in with your rental company to make sure they have all the measurements and information they need.

Avoid and pick up or drop off uh-ohs. If they're picking up their suit or tux from a store, have them open the bag and make sure all the pieces are there, and that it's the correct color and size. If they're ordering from an online rental company, have them open the box when it arrives and try everything on so there's time to correct any mistakes. Communicate with them any return instructions before the wedding so that they can coordinate a drop off or mail back within the rental window so they aren't stuck with any extra charges!

#### BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES SPREADSHEET

Bridesmaid Name	Dress (Designer/Style)	Color	Size	Order Date	Date Received

#### GROOMSMEN ATTIRE SPREADSHEET

Groomsman Name	Jacket Size	Pant Size	Neck Size	Shoe Size	Order Date	Date Received (Picked Up)

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# Hair & MAKEUP

*Keep in mind your hair and skin type.* Depending on your skin type, your makeup artist might recommend certain types of makeup or technique, like airbrushing. Talk to your hairstylist about your hair type and see what they recommend (if your hair doesn't hold curl, you may want to reconsider leaving it down and curled on your wedding day – or they might suggest adding in extensions so you can have the look you've been dreaming of!).

Take inspiration from your wedding gown & veil. The neckline or back of your dress might fit beautifully with a certain hairstyle, and the formality of your gown could be perfect with a specific makeup look! Think through any special details on your dress you want to showcase, and how you can use your hair & makeup to highlight those elements. If you've chosen to wear a certain veil or hairpiece, consider where those will be placed in your hair and what type of hairstyle might work best with those items.

Consider the weather. As you choose your hair and makeup options, think through potential weather scenarios. If you're getting married outdoors and it's often windy or humid where you live, it might be best to have your hair pinned up and out of your face. If you'll be indoors, or if humidity and wind aren't a concern, look at options for having your hair down (or partially down), too!

Do a trial run. Looking at endless Pinterest images isn't the same as seeing a look on you – so schedule a trial! At your trial, show them a picture of your dress, your inspiration board, and any photos you have of specific looks you love. If you're having bridal portraits taken, this is the perfect time to test out your wedding day look (plus, you'll get the chance to make sure your makeup lasts and your hair stays pinned!). If you're not doing bridal portraits, it's still worth the investment to practice with your hair and makeup artists and make sure you love how everything looks, so that on your wedding day, all you have to do is relax and be pampered!

Make a plan and stick to your budget. Decide who will be getting their hair and makeup done. If it's a priority for your bridesmaids to be dolled up, make sure it's in your budget! If it's not and they would need to pay for these services themselves, consider giving them the option but not requiring them to have professional hair and makeup. Check with your mom, mother-in-law, and any other VIPs to see if they would like to have their hair and makeup done. Then, confirm with your hair and makeup artists. Many artists have a minimum number of services required to travel to your location, so be sure you're meeting that minimum, and if you're not, consider other options or talk to them directly about how you can still work them on your wedding day.

## Hair & Makeup Inspiration

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#### Catering, Bar Service

#### & BAKERY

Whether you have a plated meal, a buffet, food stations, or a cocktail hour with passed hors d'oeuvres in mind, the food is one of the things that will really impact your guests' experience! A delicious meal and a cold drink can start the reception off right, and a tasty piece of cake can finish it off on a sweet note – so choosing your vendors is so important!

#### Questions to ask during consultation meetings.

- 1. Have you done weddings at my venue before?
- 2. Are you able to accommodate requests for special dishes? What about dietary restrictions? What are the menu options?
  - 3. Is a tasting included?
  - 4. Are linens, glassware, plates, and flatware included?
  - 5. How many servers are provided? How will they be dressed?
  - 6. Can we provide our own alcohol? Is there a corkage fee?
  - 7. How do you price vendor meals and children's meals?
    - 8. Is there an additional cost for setup & tear down?
      - 9. Are there overtime fees?
  - 10. When do they need your final menu selection and guest count?

Tip: If your cake budget is keeping you from getting the creation you've always dreamed of, see if your baker is able to work with your budget by making a smaller cake that fits your vision, and having sheet cake that is cut in the kitchen and served to your guests. Your guests will never know, so it's a great way to have your cake and eat it, too!



## RENTALS

Vendors may provide some of these items (like your caterer might provide basic dinnerware), but if you want specialty or upgraded items (such as china or upgraded chargers), you may need to rent these items.

# Below is a list of items you may want to consider renting.

Dinnerware	ChairsChair Covers/ Sashes	Seating Chart Display
Flatware	Lounge Furniture	Vases
Glassware	Rugs	Table Numbers
Barware	Linens	Votive Candles
Cake Stand	Napkins	Lanterns
Tent	Table Runners	Candelabras
Dance Floor	Ceremony arch	Marquee
Tables	Backdrops	Neon Sign
Chairs		Additional Large Décor Items

Mineline & Plans

# Building Your TIMELINE

Location	Venue Name	Hours Included in Rental
Getting Ready Location		
Ceremony Venue		
Reception Venue		

Location	Travel Time
Getting Ready Location to Ceremony Venue	
Ceremony Venue to Reception Venue	

Tip: Be sure to arrange your transportation in advance. If you and your bridal party are the ones providing transportation, make a list and communicate with them about who will be riding in which car so that no one ends up stranded.

#### A NOTE ON BUILDING YOUR TIMELINE

As you begin to create your wedding day timeline, remember that much of the timeline is built around photos, your ceremony time, and sunset time. The general times and sample timelines and worksheets on the next few pages are a great place to start, but be sure to work with your wedding planner and photographer to create a full timeline that works best for your venues, your vendors, and you!

## First Look General Photo Times

	30 MINS	Photographer Styles & Shoots Wedding Details
	30 MINS	Getting Ready Photos, Bride & Bridesmaids in PJs/Robes Photos
	30 MINS	Bride Gets Dressed
	30 MINS	Setup First Look & First Look
	30 MINS	Bride & Groom Portraits and Individual Portraits
	15 MINS	Bride & Bridesmaids, Bride with Individual Bridesmaids
	15 MINS	Full Bridal Party
	15 MINS	Groom & Groomsmen, Groom with Individual Groomsmen
	15 MINS	Immediate Family Photos
	30 MINS	Bride & Groom are tucked away before ceremony
	30 MINS	Wedding Ceremony (could take longer, depending on religious traditions)
1	5-30 MINS	Extended Family Photos (depends on number of photos/size of family)
2	0-30 MINS	Husband & Wife Portraits



# No First Look General Photo Times

30 ]	MINS	Photographer Styles & Shoots Wedding Details
30 ]	MINS	Getting Ready Photos, Bride & Bridesmaids in PJs/Robes Photos
30 ]	MINS	Bride Gets Dressed
15	MINS	Bridal Portraits
15	MINS	Bride & Bridesmaids, Bride with Individual Bridesmaids
15	MINS	Bride with her immediate family
15	MINS	Groom & Groomsmen, Groom with Individual Groomsmen
15	MINS	Groom with his immediate family
30 ]	MINS	Bride & Groom are tucked away before ceremony
30 ]	MINS	Wedding Ceremony (could be longer, depending on religious traditions
20-30	MINS	Immediate Family Photos
15	MINS	Bridal Party Photos
30	MINS	Husband & Wife Portrait

# Is a First Look RIGHT FOR US?

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That moment when a couple sees one another for the first time on their wedding day is so special, whether you choose to have a first look or wait until your ceremony processional. If you aren't sure if this tradition is right for you, read through the three reasons below that a first look could be a romantic (and practical!) addition to your wedding day.

It's a moment just for the two of you. The first look is one of the most intimate and peaceful parts of the wedding day, as it's one of the only times when the bride and groom are alone. When you walk down the aisle and sweep him off his feet with your beautifulness, he's not able to talk to you, hug you, or tell you how beautiful you are! But, in a first look, he can soak in your gorgeous-ness. You can show him why you chose your dress, the way you decided to pin your hair, and the special details that you've chosen for your wedding day. Those first few moments let you get out all your anxious nerves, relax with one another, and reflect on why you're getting married and how much you love one another.

It creates more time for pictures and allows for a smoother wedding day timeline. When a couple chooses not to have a first look, after the ceremony, they have family photos, bridal party photos, and bride & groom portraits to take. That requires a longer cocktail hour before you can enter your reception. A first look means that you have all the time before the ceremony for photos and can get immediate family photos and bridal party portraits finished before your ceremony even starts! After you exchange your vows, there's time for a few golden hour portraits of the new Mr. & Mrs., and you can either join your cocktail hour, enjoy a few moments alone, or start your reception sooner! So, a first look not only adds a special moment for the two of you, but reduces stress for the rest of your wedding day!

More portraits and a larger final gallery. Because of the images and portraits you capture during the first look, you'll actually end up getting MORE portraits by doing one - meaning a larger final gallery and more beautiful images to hang in your home! Since you'll be with your soon-to-be spouse from your first look until about half an hour before the ceremony, there are so many special moments that we'll be capturing - the first look, those first few kisses of the day, the time you'll spend with one another and all your best friends, and plus, you'll get rid of any nerves or jitters before your ceremony!

All that to say – if you have your heart set on your groom seeing you for the first time when you walk down the aisle, that's okay! Your photographer should be able to work with you to build a timeline that allows you to get the photos you want. Trust your instincts on what will bring you and your fiancé the most joy.

Additional Time

CONSIDERATIONS

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First Looks. Do you want to add in any additional first looks (with dad, bridesmaids, etc.)?

Gift & Letter Exchange. Would you like to add in time to exchange gifts or letters (videographers will often want to have the

letters read out loud)?

Travel Time. Will you be traveling between venues? Factor in extra travel time, as well as time to pack up, get into cars, and park.

The Grand Exit or the Faux Exit. Do you want your photographer to be there for your exit at the end of the evening? If this is

not a priority, or not in the budget, considering doing a "faux exit" earlier in the evening. Your photographer will have just close

family and bridal party fake the exit, and then you'll get back to the party!

Hair & Makeup Schedule. How long does hair and makeup take? Work with your hair and makeup artist to create a schedule

that gets you done on time - be sure to communicate with them exactly what time you need to be ready for photos, and be clear

that it's important you're finished on time. Often, wedding day timelines can get derailed from the beginning because hair and

makeup are not finished in time.

Setting Your Ceremony Time. Work with your photographer to set your ceremony time so that you have ideal lighting for your

photos! Depending on your location, how many venues you have, travel time, and whether or not you are choosing to have a first

look, their recommended ceremony time will likely be somewhere between 90 minutes to 3 hours prior to sunset.

Ceremony Length. Most wedding ceremonies last about 30 minutes. However, if you plan to have a shorter or longer ceremony,

be sure to account for that as you build your timeline.

Cocktail Hour. If you want to attend cocktail hour, consider doing a first look and omitting extended family photos so that you

have minimal photos remaining after your ceremony. If you want cocktail hour to be short, having a first look or a limited family

photo list will also allow you to get to your reception more quickly.

Bride & Groom Time Before Reception. Would the new Mr. & Mrs. like a few minutes before their reception to have a moment

alone to eat, have a cocktail, and soak in the newlywed bliss? Add time on to cocktail hour for allow for these moments!

## FIRST LOOK TIMELINE

## Based on an 8:00pm sunset at one location

Sample Tir	meline	Timeline We	prksheet
2:00 - 2:30	Photographer Arrives  Photographer Styles & Shoots Wedding Details  Final Touches of Hair and Makeup for Bride  (everyone else is finished with hair and makeup)		Photographer Arrives Photographer Styles & Shoots Wedding Details Final Touches of Hair and Makeup for Bride (everyone else is finished with hair and makeup)
2:30 - 3:00	Getting Ready Photos  Bride & Bridesmaids in PJs/Robes Photos  Bridesmaids Get Dressed		Getting Ready Photos Bride & Bridesmaids in PJs/Robes Photos Bridesmaids Get Dressed
3:00 - 3:30	Bride Gets Dressed		Bride Gets Dressed
3:30 - 3:45	Setup First Look		Setup First Look
3:45 - 4:00	First Look		First Look
4:00 - 4:30	Bride & Groom Portraits Individual Portraits		Bride & Groom Portraits Individual Portraits
4:30 - 4:45	Bride & Bridesmaids Bride with Individual Bridesmaids		Bride & Bridesmaids Bride with Individual Bridesmaids
4:45 - 5:00	Full Bridal Party		Full Bridal Party
5:00 - 5:15	Groom & Groomsmen Groom with Individual Groomsmen		Groom & Groomsmen Groom with Individual Groomsmen
5:15 - 5:30	Immediate Family Photos		Immediate Family Photos
5:30 - 6:00	Bride & Groom are tucked away before ceremony		Bride & Groom are tucked away before ceremony
6:00 - 6:30	Wedding Ceremony		Wedding Ceremony
6:45 - 7:30	Cocktail Hour		Cocktail Hour
6:35 - 7:00	Extended Family Photos		Extended Family Photos
7:00 - 7:20	Husband & Wife Portraits		Husband & Wife Portraits
7:20 - 7:30	Photographer Photographs Reception Décor		Photographer Photographs Reception Décor
7:30	Guests are Seated Bride Bustles Dress		Guests are Seated Bride Bustles Dress
7:40	Bridal Party Entrances Bride & Groom Entrance		Bridal Party Entrances Bride & Groom Entrance
8:00	Sunset		Sunset
11:00	Exit		Exit

## NO FIRST LOOK SAMPLE TIMELINE

## Based on an 8:00pm sunset at one location

Sample Timeline		Timeline Worksheet		
2:15 - 2:45	Photographer Styles & Shoots Wedding Details		Photographer Styles & Shoots Wedding Details	
2:45 - 3:15	Getting Ready Photos		Getting Ready Photos	
	Bride & Bridesmaids in PJs/Robes Photos		Bride & Bridesmaids in PJs/Robes Photos	
	Bridesmaids Get Dressed		Bridesmaids Get Dressed	
3:15 - 3:45	Bride Gets Dressed		Bride Gets Dressed	
3:45 - 4:00	Bridal Portraits		Bridal Portraits	
4:00 - 4:15	Bride & Bridesmaids		Bride & Bridesmaids	
	Bride with Individual Bridesmaids		Bride with Individual Bridesmaids	
4:15 - 4:30	Bride with Her Immediate Family		Bride with Her Immediate Family	
	Groom Tucked Away Until Ceremony		Groom Tucked Away Until Ceremony	
/ 20 / /5	Groom & Groomsmen		Groom & Groomsmen	
4:30 - 4:45	Groom with Individual Groomsmen		Groom with Individual Groomsmen	
4:45 - 5:00	Groom with His Immediate Family		Groom with His Immediate Family	
5:00 - 5:30	Groom Tucked Away Until Ceremony		Groom Tucked Away Until Ceremony	
5:30 - 6:00	Wedding Ceremony		Wedding Ceremony	
6:15 - 7:30	Cocktail Hour		Cocktail Hour	
6:00 - 6:30	Immediate Family Photos		Immediate Family Photos	
6:30 - 6:45	Bridal Party Photos		Bridal Party Photos	
6:45 - 7:15	Husband & Wife Portraits		Husband & Wife Portraits	
7:15 - 7:30	Photographer Photographs Reception Décor		Photographer Photographs Reception Décor	
7:30	Guests are Seated		Guests are Seated	
	Bride Bustles Dress		Bride Bustles Dress	
7:45	Bridal Party Entrances		Bridal Party Entrances	
	Bride & Groom Entrance		Bride & Groom Entrance	
8:00	Sunset		Sunset	
11:00	Exit		Exit	

# Blank Wedding Day TIMELINE WORKSHEET

Family

FORMALS

*Plan Ahead!* Provide your photographer with a detailed list of the family photos that are important to you. Discuss these with your fiancé (and mother and mother-in-law) in advance so that on the wedding day, your photographer can run through the list and allow you to have more time to enjoy your wedding day. Make sure all family knows when to be where so that your planner or photographer aren't tracking down family members!

If you're close to your extended family or if it's very important to your parents, it's worth considering having extended family photos taken. However, if you or your parents feel strongly about them, there's no rule that says you must take them, and no extended family photos means getting to your reception more quickly.

If you are doing a first look, family photos will likely happen prior to your ceremony. If you are not doing a first look, family photos will happen immediately following your ceremony. Extended family photos typically happen right after the ceremony.

Below is a standard family shot list. Customize it to your unique needs and add in the names of your family so it's easy for your photographer to gather family (for example: Mom, Betsy; Step-Dad, John).

Bride's Immediate Family

Couple with Parents, Siblings, & Grandparents

Couple with Parents & Siblings

Couple with Parents

Bride with Mom

Bride with Dad

Groom's Immediate Family

Couple with Parents, Siblings, & Grandparents

Couple with Parents & Siblings

Couple with Parents

Bride with Mom

Bride with Dad

Combined

Couple with Both Immediate Families

Couple with Both Sets of Parents

### FAMILY FORMALS WORKSHEET

Bride's Immediate Family	
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Groom's Immediate Family	
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## Building Your

### WEDDING WEBSITE

Many couples choose to create a wedding website to communicate all the details of their wedding weekend with their guests! Below are some of the pages we suggest you include in your wedding website.

Wedding Weekend Details. Include all the information that's on the invitation, in case they've lost it, or need to find the details on the go! If there are any other events happening that you'd like to invite all your guests to (such as a welcome party or after party), include all of those details as well!

*Your Love Story.* Sit down and write out the details of how you met, when you started dating, when you knew you were meant to be, and the proposal! Your guests will love reading it, and it's a great way to preserve that legacy.



Be sure to print out what you've written about your love story and save it somewhere (tuck it inside this wedding planner, or add it to a box of letters or mementos you keep).

*Photos.* Include photos of your proposal as well as engagement photos! You can update the website with images you capture during wedding planning (such as venue tours or cake tasting!)

Details About Your Bridal Party. Including the names of your bridal party and how you know them will make them feel valued and show your guests who will be standing by your side on the big day!

*Travel Information & Hotel Accommodations.* Include information such as which airport to fly into, maps of your venues (with directions), and room block details (including any special codes they'll need to receive your discounted rate, and any deadlines to book before the rooms are released). It can also be nice to include information on fun things to do near their hotels, as well as good restaurants.

Gift Registry. This is the perfect place to include links to your gift registries to make it easy for your guests to find them!

Contact Information. Include your preferred contact info, in case your guests have questions prior to your big day!

*Contact Information.* As you continue to plan and prepare for your wedding day, if any big updates or changes arise, this is a good place to share them.

### WEDDING REHEARSAL

Venue Information:	
Coordinator:	
Rehearsal Date:	
Time:	
Notes:	
REHEARSAL DINNER	
Venue Information:	
Venue Contact:	
Time:	
Menue:	
Speakers/Toasts:	
Any special touches you'd like to incorporate into your rehearsal dinner? This is a great	
soon-to-be Mr. & Mrs. as kids and of their early relationship days! It's also a good opportu	unity to pass out gifts to bridal party and
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# Blank Wedding Rehearsal / Rehearsal Dinner

# TIMELINE WORKSHEET

# Rehearsal Dinner SEATING CHART

Visit theheirloomwedding.co/resources to find the seating chart section in the Guest List & RSVP Spreadsheet					
Table 1		Table 2		Table 3	
Table 4		Table 5		Table 6	

Table 7	Table 8	Table 9
Table 10	Table 11	Table 12
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Table 13	Table 14	Table 15

Ceremony



# Structure of a WEDDING CEREMONY

*Prelude.* Prelude music should begin 30 minutes prior to your ceremony as guests arrive. During this time, all photos should be completed, and the bride tucked away from the view of guests.

*Processional.* Mothers and grandmothers process and are seated first, escorted by their husbands or other special men in their lives (like a son or brother). Then the groomsmen and groom process, followed by the bridesmaids, and then any children in the ceremony come next. Finally, the officiant will ask all to stand for the entrance of the bride. Traditionally, the bride is escorted by her father, but some brides may choose to be accompanied by a brother, mother, both parents, or no one at all. You may even choose to have one person escort you for the first half of the aisle, and another for the second half. Consider how you want to honor your loved ones and what would bring you the most joy on your wedding day.

Welcome. The officiant will greet the guests, thank them for joining, and state the reason for and significance of the marriage ceremony.

Declaration of Intent. This is a statement of commitment in which the officiant asks the bride and groom to agree to marry one another.

#### Traditional Declaration of Intent

Do you take \_\_\_\_ to be your lawful wedded wife/husband? Do you promise to love and cherish her/him, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse, and forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto her/him, for so long as you both shall live?

The officiant may then ask the congregation or families to commit to support the union.

Will all of you witnessing these vows do everything in your power to uphold \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ in their marriage?

*Prayer & Readings.* The officiant may offer a prayer of thanksgiving, followed by readings shared by individuals chosen by the bride and groom. These are often passages from books, songs, scripture, or religious texts.

*Marriage Address.* The officiant will take this moment to address the couple and the congregation, emphasizing the significance of marriage and the vows to be exchanged, and often sharing part of the bride & groom's love story.

*Exchange of Vows.* The couple exchanges their promises to one another. You can choose to recite traditional vows or write your own – see page 97 for sample vows and guidance on writing your own promises.

*Exchange of Rings.* The exchange of wedding bands is a symbol of the vows that have just been shared. Typically, the officiant will have the bride and groom take turns repeating a vow as they place the rings on one another's fingers.

I give you this ring as a symbol of my love; and with all that I am and all that I have,

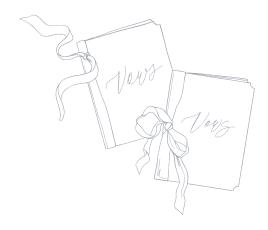
I honor you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

I give you this ring as a symbol of my love and faithfulness. As I place it on your finger, I commit my heart and soul to you.

*Pronouncement of Marriage & the Kiss.* The officiant makes it official, pronouncing the couple as husband and wife, and they seal it with a kiss!

Closing Remarks, Blessing, & Recessional. The ceremony is concluded by a prayer and/or other closing remarks, the officiant presents the couple to the guests, and the newlyweds exit the ceremony, followed by their bridal party.

Tip: be sure to tell your officiant how you would like to be announced (for example, Mr. & Mrs. Robert James, Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Kathryn James, etc.)



#### ADDITIONAL CEREMONY ELEMENTS & TRADITIONS

*Communion.* Some couples may choose to receive communion after they are pronounced husband and wife, or may serve communion to their bridal party and/or guests.

*Music Selections*. A hymn sung by the full congregation, a solo, instrumental music, or another special song can be a beautiful way to break up the ceremony, share in a moment of worship, or create a moment of peace and reflection.

*Unity Element.* Many couples choose to incorporate a unity ceremony or ritual into their wedding ceremony. For example, candle lighting, knot tying, sand blending, etc.

Foot Washing Ceremony. Some couples choose to have their first act of marriage be a foot washing ceremony, where they wash one another's feet. This can be done during wedding ceremony itself, or privately following it's conclusion as a symbol of love and humility.

Other traditions to look into include jumping the broom, military sword arch, a hand-fasting ceremony, breaking the glass, presentation of roses to the mothers, or braiding a triple cord.

# Ceremony Planning

# WORKSHEET

Who will officiate our ceremony?	Do we want our officiant to give a message?  Yes No
Who will be included in our processional?	
What traditions or special elements do we want to include in our ceremony?	
Will we have any readings?   Yes   No	
If yes, what selections would we like read, and who would we like to deliver them?	
Would we like to honor our loved ones who have passed?	
Will we print a ceremony program?	
Do we want our guests to be seated traditionally? (bride's side on the left, groom's side.)  If the answer is no, consider having signage guiding them to choose a seat and not a side.	de on the right) Yes No
Any additional signage we would like at our ceremony?	

For example, a welcome sign or an "Unplugged Ceremony" sign requesting your guests to be off their devices so they can be fully present (and so their phones aren't in all of your professional pictures!).

## CEREMONY MUSIC

Will we have live music or recorded music?	Recorded
If live, who will perform?	If recorded, who is responsible for setting up the sound system & controlling the music?
Prelude	Processional
	Communion
Be sure to select at least 30 minutes of prelude music.	
Hymn and/or Interlude	Recessional

#### CLASSICAL MUSIC SELECTIONS

Having a classical chamber ensemble play during your ceremony, but not sure what to have them play? They'll often have recommendations for you, or here's a list of our favorites! If you have a specific song or piece in mind, many musicians will be happy to learn it for you (though they may charge an additional fee for the sheet music and time rehearsing the song).

Water Music Suite – Handel
The Four Seasons – Vivaldi

Rondeau – Mouret

Cello Suite No. 1 – Bach

Prelude to Te Deum - Charpentier

Alleluia – Mozart

Wachet Auf – Bach

Ode to Joy – Beethoven

La Rejouissance – Handel

Alleluia – Mozart

Sheep May Safely Graze – Bach

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Bach

Canon in D – Pachelbel

Wedding March – Wagner

Trumpet Voluntary by Clark

# Ceremony TIMELINE

# Tips For WRITING VOWS

One of the most meaningful moments in a wedding ceremony is the time that couples share their vows with one another in front of the people who love and care for them most. These promises are so special and so important that choosing what you want them to say can be pretty difficult!

Talk with your officiant and soon-to-be spouse. Make sure you know the rules of the church or location you're getting married in. Some religious ceremonies and officiants have specific requirements for vows, so you definitely want to make sure you know what those are! See if your fiancé is open to writing your own vows, or if they would prefer to use traditional vows. Talk to your significant other about the structure & tone of your vows... below are a few questions you might want to ask!

How long should our vows be? Should we set a range? 100 words? 250 words?

Are there specific things or certain language we want to both include in our vows?

Will we write our vows separately or together?

Will we read each other's vows before the wedding day or will they be kept secret?

What do we want the tone to be? How do we feel about having humor in our vows?

Research wedding vows. Take some time to read through classic literature about love and traditional wedding readings, wedding vows from specific religions, and others' wedding vows. If you find something that resonates with you, write it down!

Be sure to check out sample vows on page 98.

Reflect on your relationship. Take some time to think about your relationship and the marriage you're about to build together.

Come up with the promises you want to make your fiancé, & write it all out. Go through everything you've written down, from quotes that you loved to the reflections on your relationship to the promises you'd like to make as you enter into marriage. Highlight the things that you love the most, and begin to piece together your vows. Then leave it, and come back tomorrow with fresh eyes to take another pass.

*Practice.* If public speaking isn't your thing, it's a good idea to spend some time practicing reading your vows out loud. This may help you find things you'd like to change.

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I,, take you,, for my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part. I will love and honor you all the days of my life.
I,, take you,, to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in
health. I will love and honor you all the days of my life.
, I now take you to be my wedded wife/husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy relationship of
marriage. I promise to love and comfort you, honor and keep you, and forsaking all others, I will be yours alone as long as we
both shall live.
I love your heart for adventure, the way you light a room with your joy, and the consistent way you show up for the people
you love. I believe in who you are, who you will become, and the life we will share together. I promise to be faithful to you,
to make our marriage my priority, and to be yours in sickness and health, in joy and in sorrow. I will hold your hand through
all the adventures to come and all that life has in store for us.
I,, take you,, to be my husband/wife. I vow to encourage you, trust you, and respect you. I will laugh with you, cry
with you, grow with you, and create with you. I promise to listen to you and learn from you, to support you, and to accept
your support. I will love you and I will have faith in your love for me, through all of our years and all that life brings us.
Today, I take my place as your husband/wife. With my whole heart, I promise to respect and appreciate you for who you
are now and the person you will become. I promise faithfulness and supportiveness, friendship and allyship, love and trust. I
promise to love you with honesty and faith through hardship, darkness, joy, and adventure.
From this moment, I take you as my best friend and wife/husband for life. May our days be long, and may they be filled with
adventure, love, wisdom, and joy forever and ever. Today is the day the rest our lives begins. I choose to spend today, and all
of my tomorrows, with you.
I, choose you, to be my husband/wife. I pledge you my love for as long as I live. I promise to share in and support
your dreams. I will listen to you with compassion and kindness, and speak to you with love and encouragement. I promise to
be your partner, friend, and lover today, tomorrow, and all the days that follow.

## Vow Basics

# WORKSHEET

Will we write our own vows, or use traditional vows?  Use Traditional  Our Own  If you're using traditional vows, proceed to page If you're writing your own, fill out the worksheet below.						
Set a length or word	count:	Will we write our vows		Will we read one another's vows before the ceremony?  Before After		
What do we want the to	Emotional	Personal				
Romantic Funny	Serious  TIimeless	☐ Playful☐ Joyful				
Are there any specific te	exts or promises that we w	ill both include in our vows!				

*Inspiration*. Reflect on your relationship. Consider the questions listed or use the space below to write out your love story. Research wedding vows and read through traditional wedding readings, love poetry, scripture, and literature about love and marriage. Anything catch your eye? Write it down below.

What do you love about your future spouse? What hopes do you have for your marriage? When did you know you wanted to marry them? What is your favorite memory with your partner? What does marriage mean to you? What are you most excited for about marriage? How has your relationship challenged you/helped you grow? Notes:

Making Your Promises. Come up with ideas for promises you'd like to make in your vows.

Tip: These vows are promises you're making to one another for the rest of your lives! Consider airing on the side of timeless while finding ways to be personal, and try to avoid using words such as always, never, or making promises you can't keep.

### HIS VOWS

I promise to		
I promise to		
I promise to		
I promise to		
I promise to		
	HER VOWS	
I promise to	HER VOWS	
	HER VOWS	
I promise to  I promise to	HER VOWS	
	HER VOWS	
	HER VOWS	
I promise to	HER VOWS	
I promise to	HER VOWS	
I promise to  I promise to	HER VOWS	
I promise to  I promise to	HER VOWS	

Writing your vows. Go through everything you've written down so far and highlight the things you love the most! Use the space below to begin piecing together your vows. Once you've come up with your vows, read them out loud - it might help you find things you'd like to change!

\_\_\_\_

His Vows	
Her Vows	

## Write out your completed vows below.

His Vows	
Her Vows	



Find a way to honor the covenant that you made one another and the vows you exchanged long after your wedding day is over. Consider writing your promises into heirloom vow books or having them calligraphed to hang in your home.

Reception

# Structure of a WEDDING RECEPTION

You're married, and now it's time to celebrate! Receptions can be a wonderful celebration of the of your marriage. Sit down with your fiancé and talk through what traditions and events you would like to include, and what you would prefer to skip. Below is an outline of a typical reception, as well as other traditions that are often incorporated. Most wedding receptions last 4-5 hours and consist of a cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing.

Cocktail Hour

Bridal Party Grand Entrance

Bride & Groom Grand Entrance

Bride & Groom First Dance Consider taking dance lessons or even having your first dance choreographed!

Father & Daughter Dance

Mother & Son Dane

Welcome & Blessing

Dinner Service

If you have a buffet, have your DJ or band release guests by table

Toasts
Typically, just the best man and maid of honor

Cake Cutting

Grand Exit

Sparklers, rose petals, bubbles, confetti, pom poms, etc.

#### OTHER TRADITIONS TO CONSIDER

Bouquet Toss

Garter Toss

Speech by the Newlyweds

Private Last Dance

Special College Songs or Traditions
(Sorority or Fraternity)

Money Dance

Anniversary Dance

Tip: Don't forget to ask your florist for a toss bouquet, or use one of your bridesmaids' bouquets! Hang on to yours in case you'd like to have it preserved.

# Planning Our

# RECEPTION

SEATING	
Will we have assigned seating? Yes No	What kind of table numbers and/or place cards will we have?
If no, will we mark some tables as  Yes  No reserved for family and bridal party?	
If yes, what type of seating chart or escort card display will we have?	Will we have a sweetheart table? Yes No
	Will we have a head table for bridal party?   Yes   No
SPECIAL VENDORS, RENTALS, & DECOR	
Will we have a photo booth or any additional Yes No special vendors at our reception?	Any additional signage we would like at our reception?  Such as a welcome sign, timeline of the reception, signature drink signs, etc.
Will we have specialty chargers, china, flatware, linens, and/ or glassware on all tables? Will we have these items just on the head table or sweetheart table?	Will we have wedding favors? If yes, what type, Yes No and how will they be displayed or distributed?
Yes No	
What type of centerpieces will we have? Will they be different on each table? Will the head table or sweetheart table have different décor items?	Will any of the décor from our ceremony need to be moved to the reception? Who is responsible for moving those items?  Consider reusing ceremony florals at your reception, such as having your ceremony arch be a backdrop for the cake, or using your bridesmaids' bouquets as centerpieces on the tables.who have passed, floral arrangements, etc.
	Yes No

Will we have a guest book? If yes, what type?  Yes  No	Any additional special décor we would like at our reception?  Things to consider: floral arch or backdrop by the cake table, floral arrangements, lanterns, candles, etc.
What other items would we like included on the guest book table or entryway table? Such as engagement photographs, a bridal portrait, photos of parents'/ grandparents' weddings, a space for gifts, a card box, photographs, items honoring family members who have passed, floral arrangements, etc.	
FOOD, DRINKS, & SWEETS	
Will we have printed menus?  Yes No  What type of meal will we serve?  Plated Dinner Family-Style Dinner	Will we have any additional special food items (late night snacks, candy bar, food trucks, coffee carts, etc.)? If yes, what type, and how will they be displayed, served, and/or announced?  Yes No
Food Strations Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres  Buffet Dinner	
Will we have a wedding cake, groom's cake, and/or any other special dessert items?	Will we have an open bar? Yes No
	Will we have signature drinks? Yes No What will they be?



Using a parent or grandparent's cake knife and server is a beautiful way to honor a family member, or purchasing a nice set and having it engraved to cut your wedding cake can make a special keepsake!

### GRAND EXIT

Will we have a private last dance? Yes No  Will we have a grand exit? What type Yes No of exit will we have? Such as sparklers, bubbles, confetti, pom-poms, etc.	Will we have a special getaway car? Yes No If yes, what type? If no, how will you be leaving your reception?
	Who is responsible for putting your belongings in the car? What does that include? Will your caterer be packing up food/cake for you to take with you?



# Music for COCKTAIL HOUR & RECEPTIONS

Visit theheir	rloomwedding.co/resources to find a Wedding	η Music Spreadsheet.
	COCKTAIL HOUR	
Must Play	Would Love To Hear	Do Not Play
	RECEPTION	
Must Play	Would Love To Hear	Do Not Play

#### SPECIAL SONGS

Bridal Party Entrance:
Bride & Groom Entrance:
First Dance:
Father & Daughter Dance:
Mother & Son Dance:
Dinner Music Genre:
Bouquet Toss:
Garter Toss:
Anniversary Dance Song:
Last Dance:
Private Last Dance:

# Reception TIMELINE

# Reception SEATING CHART

Visit theheirloomwedding.co/resources to find the seating chart section in the Guest List & RSVP Spreadsheet				
Table 1		Table 2		Table 3
Table 4		Table 5		Table 6

Table 7	Table 8	Table 9
Table 10	Table 11	Table 12
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Table 13	Table 14	Table 15

Table 16	Table 17	Table 18
T.U.10	T.11 20	T.II 21
Table 19	Table 20	Table 21
Table 22	Table 23	Table 24

Table 25	Table 26	Table 27
Table 28	Table 29	Table 30
Table 31	Table 32	Table 33

Table 34	Table 35	Table 36
Table 37	Table 38	Table 39
Table 40	Table 41	Table 42

Table 43	Table 44	Table 45
Table 46	Table 47	Table 48
Table 49	Table 50	Table 51

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### SOMETHING

Old, New, Borrowed and Blue

The tradition to have these four special things on your wedding day comes from an Old English rhyme. Each item is meant to be a symbol – something old for continuity, something new for optimism for the future, something borrowed for borrowed happiness, and something blue for purity, love, and fidelity.

*Something Old.* This could be a family heirloom such as jewelry or an old swatch of fabric or lace (could be sewn into your dress or wrapped around your bouquet).

*Something New.* Often times, this is a bride's gown! But it could also items such as a new piece of jewelry, perfume, lingerie, shoes, or embroidering your new name or monogram somewhere in your gown.

Something Borrowed. Some brides opt to borrow wedding day accessories (like jewelry, veil, or a clutch purse), but another option would be to borrow a recipe for a signature drink served at cocktail hour, or borrowing champagne flutes or cake knife & server for your reception

Something Blue. Many brides choose to have their garter as their something blue! Shoes, hair pins, jewelry, or nail polish also make for great something blues.



Whatever you choose to use for these items (or even if you decide not to do them at all), the most important thing is to be intentional and thoughtful in the decisions you make, and to make choices that will bring you joy, honor your loved ones, and celebrate your marriage. Asking to borrow an item from a dear friend or relative, or including someone in decisions like these often shows people how much you value them, and how grateful you are that they're by your side during such an important moment in your life.

#### SOMETHING OLD, NEW, BORROWED, & BLUE WORKSHEET

	Brainstorm your items below, and when you're ready, mark in what you've decided.
Son	nething Old:
Son	nething New:
Son	nething Borrowed:
Son	nething Blue:

# Intentional GIFT GIVING

Heirloom gifts for your spouse & the people who support your relationship.

Bridal Party & Family Members. Giving intentional gifts to your bridal party and important family members (like your parents!), is a thoughtful way to thank them for supporting you as you prepared for the start of your marriage and your wedding day, and for being such a valued part of your life! There are no rules about when you give them these gifts – it can happen at the rehearsal dinner, the morning of the wedding, or whenever feels most natural to you. Items that they can enjoy on your wedding day (like robes, jewelry, cufflinks, or embroidered handkerchiefs) are always great options.

Bride & Groom Gifts. Exchanging a gift and letter with your fiancé is a tradition that can communicate how much you love them and how excited you are to marry them! Classic gifts (think watches, cufflinks, jewelry, crystal toasting flutes) never go out of style, and can make for great heirlooms. Sentimental gifts like a monogrammed handkerchief, an engagement photo album, or framed calligraphed art of your wedding vows. Invest in something that you know your fiancé will love and value.

Name	Gift	Purchased	Note Written	When to Gift

# Wedding Day DETAILS

HOW TO PREP YOUR DETAILS FOR YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER

You spend so much time and intentionality carefully selecting all of your wedding day details, from your invitation suite to your earrings, so there is so much value in having your photographer capture those special items.

Tip: Consider gathering all of your details the day before your wedding, and putting them in one bag or box, so that when your photographer arrives, you can quickly hand everything off to be photographed! Below are the items you'll want to include. Not every bride has all of these details, and that's okay! Include the things that are meaningful and special to you.

Rings. Have all three rings ready for your photographer (his & hers wedding bands, and your engagement ring). This way, the rings are photographed at the start of the day so that once the ceremony is underway, the rings do not leave your finger! Don't forget to have your ring cleaned before your big day, and if you have a special ring box, dish, or tray be sure to include that in your details box. You can find our favorite sources for these items on page \_\_.

Shoes. Have your perfect pair ready to go, with any stuffing and plastic removed.

Perfume. Bring the scent that you'll be wearing on your wedding day.

Jewelry. Include all jewelry you will wear on your wedding day, such as earrings, necklace, bracelet, and hair piece.

*Keepsakes.* HIf there is anything special or sentimental that you're including in your wedding day, these make lovely additions to your detail photos, such as an embroidered handkerchief, something old, new, borrowed, & blue, garter, and any heirloom items you'll carry or use during your wedding day or reception.

*Invitations & Paper.* Include two copies of all your paper goods: your full invitation suite (invitation & envelope, details, reception, and accommodations cards, RSVP cards and envelope, any other pieces your suite may include, and your Save the Date, if it matches), as well as any wedding programs, menus. Bride & Groom place cards, calligraphed envelopes, wax seals, vintage stamps, and silk ribbons make for lovely additions, as well. If you have vow books that you will be using during your ceremony or having as keepsakes to preserve your promises, include those items as well.

*Florals.* When possible, have your florals delivered to your getting ready locations. That way, your photographer can photograph your bouquet alongside your other details and capture the boutonnieres as well. It's also a great idea to ask your florist to provide a few loose blooms for styling with your invitation suite.

Gown & Veil. If you would like your dress to be photographed, have it hanging from a non-plastic hanger with any pins or stuffing removed. This gives your photographer more time to find the perfect place to photograph your dress, rather than spending those precious minutes unpinning and hanging.

*Groom's Details.* If your groom has special details, you can include those as well! These items could include his shoes, cufflinks, tie, socks, watch, cologne, and any special embroidered handkerchief or pocket square he may have with him on the wedding day.



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HEIRLOOMS

*Intentional Decisions.* The details and items that you choose for your wedding day are worth investing in and worth holding on to. You select these items to celebrate your marriage – it's a part of the story of your wedding day and the start of your lives together. During the wedding planning process, as you're making decisions and selecting items, slow down, reflect, and choose intentionally.

Old & New Heirlooms. When it comes to heirlooms, there are two different kinds. There are keepsakes that already in your family and are being passed down (like your grandmother's earrings or your great uncle's handkerchief), and there are ones that are new, but you are investing in as heirlooms to pass down to your own family.

*Quality Over Quantity*. These items are not just things from your wedding day, but tangible reminders of the legacy of your marriage and the foundation of love that your family is built upon. For that reason, consider quality of quantity. Invest in what matters most to you and your fiancé, and let the rest go. Below are a few of our favorite items to keep from your wedding day.

Letters & gifts exchanged on the wedding day

Preserved Bouquet

(Preserve your bouquet by having it dried or pressed, or by having it photographed or painted)

Embroidered Bouquet Wrap or Silk Ribbon

Garter

Ring Box

Jewelry

Gown & Veil

(Find reputable gown preservers online, or see if your tailor offers these services)

Shoes

Lingerie

Bridal Clutch or Purse

Cufflinks

Embroidered Handkerchief or Pocket Square
Watch
Vow Books or Calligraphed Prints of Your Vows
Wedding Invitation Suite
Guest Book
Painting or Drawing of Wedding Venue
Bride & Groom Place Cards
Cake Knife and Server
Cake Topper
Toasting Flutes
Bible, Book, or Other Text that was Read Out of at Your Ceremony
Not all heirlooms are physical ones! Find ways to preserve the less tangible keepsakes you
want to share with your children & grandchildren one day, such as those listed below.
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Wedding day traditions
Music from your first dance
Ceremony readings

Be sure to find our favorite sources for these items on page 139.

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Albums &

PRINTS

The legacy of your marriage, the origin of your family, the sweet memories you shared onyour wedding day... they're worth remembering, and an heirloom album that can be passed down for generations is the perfect way to celebrate the love that started it all and relive your wedding day.

Work with your photographer. We recommend working directly with your photographer to order prints and albums, because they will have access to professional labs and printers whose quality will be better than those available to non-professionals. Many wedding photographers will work with you to custom design your wedding album and will be able to guide you through the process.

*Explore all the options.* Your photographer will be able to guide you through all the different options. They will likely offer different paper types, cover materials, and additional customization options such as cameo cutouts (which feature one of your images on the cover) and cover debossing (to imprint your names and/or wedding date).

*Don't wait.* You can often save money by purchasing an album from your photographer before your wedding, or by choosing a photography collection that includes an album. If you choose to design your own album and order it yourself, start the process right when you get your wedding photos and you're excited about it. The longer you wait, the less likely you are to put in the time to make a beautiful album.

*Order prints.* Hang your favorites on your walls, set out of a box of loose or matted prints for house guests to look through, and gift framed prints to family members after your wedding. Your photos are doing no one any good sitting on a hard drive or online gallery – look through them, relive your day, and enjoy them!

Consider ordering parent albums. Many photographers and companies will offer parent albums (which are smaller duplicates of the main album) for reduced pricing. These make wonderful thank you gifts, and your parents will love having their own copy of your wedding album to enjoy.

Plans & Notes for Our Wedding Heirlooms:	

Your Intentional Marriage

# Pre-marital RESOURCES & CLASSES

Planning your wedding is important but planning for your wedding is even more essential! Premarital
counseling is a great option for soon-to-be-married couples. It's a good chance to learn to communicate,
build a strong foundation of trust, and identify areas for growth in your relationship.
If you're getting married in a church or place of worship, they may require premarital counseling with
the religious leader or pastor who is marrying you or have a premarital ministry class or course that they
would like you to attend. A LMFT (licensed marriage and family therapist) is also a great option for
premarital counseling. We also recommend reading premarital books to supplement your counseling.
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Taking a financial course together is also a good idea and will help you start your marriage on the right
financial foot. We strongly recommend Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.
Our plans for pre-marital education:
Our plans for pre-martial education.

### Engagement Season

### ENJOYMENT LIST

Wedding planning can take so much time and energy, but there is so much sweetness in the engagement season, so don't let it pass you by without soaking it all up. Take a break from wedding planning and make time to enjoy one another. Below are some of our favorite ideas for each season for how to creatively enjoy engagement!

Have a picnic
Go for a bike ride
Plant flowers or an herb garden together
Visit a farmer's market
Stargaze
Visit a petting zoo
Bake strawberry shortcake

Spring

Go to a baseball game

Make lemonade

Take a workout class together

Visit the library

Fall

Visit a pumpkin patch
Watch a scary movie
Go to a football game
Make homemade soup & grilled cheese
Visit the state fair
Cozy up with cups of coffee and good books
Bake something pumpkin
Hand out candy to trick-or-treaters on
Halloween
Pick apples
Tell your fiancé you're thankful for them!
Try a new fall cocktail recipe

Sumer

Go boating

Go to a music festival or concert

Make ice cream, popsicles, or iced coffee

Go to the beach

Make s'mores

Go on a hike or nature walk

Play mini golf

Go berry picking & bake a pie

Go to a drive-in movie

Host a BBQ

Make ice cream

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Start a new holiday tradition

Go sledding or ice skating

Bake cookies

Make hot cocoa and drive around looking at

holiday lights

Drink hot cider

Serve at a meal center

Host a holiday party or Secret Santa

Discuss what holidays might look like as a married couple, and talk through gift-giving for one another, for friends, and for family members

Have a Christmas movie marathon
Set goals for the new year together
Ring in the new year with a kiss

### REGISTRY TIPS

Register in person together. Go to stores together, pick things up, see how they feel, and then decide together what you like. It's hard to make decisions and to test out quality when looking at a picture online. Make a date out of the registry experience and go in person. Some stores even offer special registry events where they open their doors early just for engaged couples to explore and register. We recommend registering at two to four places, and having options for your guests to purchase items online or in-store.

Register for items at a variety of price points. Some guests might like to go in on larger gifts together, while others would prefer to get a few small items. Make sure there is an assortment of items on your registry at all different levels of investment for your guests to choose from.

Know yourself and your fiancé. Register for things you genuinely want and plan to use. Just because it's on the list, in the store, or traditional does not mean you need to register for it. If you already have some pieces you love, you are not required to replace them! For items you doubt you'll use, skip those, too. If you or your fiancé have never felt the need to use a juicer or rice cooker before right now, chances are, you won't once you're married, either. If you love the idea of having fine china, go for it! You'll have many special occasions to celebrate, so there won't be a shortage of opportunities to use it if you choose to. But if it's not your taste, it's okay to pass on registering for those items.

Look for perks! Some stores offer a completion program that allows you to purchase items left on your registry for a discounted price after you get married.

*Keep an eye on your registry.* You might find that as you get closer to your wedding, your registry is nearly empty! Every once in a while, check on your registry and update it to ensure there are still a variety of items at different price points, and to be sure that purchased items have been removed.

Be gracious. When you receive a gift, be sure to send a thank you note within two weeks. We recommend you keep track of who sends you which gift, as well as when you send a thank you note. For gifts received at the wedding, thank you notes should be sent within two months. (You can find thank you note & gift tracking sheets on page 140).





Don't forget to find a few high-quality heirloom items you know that you'll use, love, and pass down for generations. This can be anything that is truly special to you, such as a beautiful serving dish, a piece of artwork, special dessert plates, or a pretty jewelry box.

### REGISTRY CHECKLIST

		_ ,
Small Appliances	Kitchen Accesories	Bakeware
Blender	Tupperware Set	Cookie Sheets
Coffee and/or Espresso	Cooking Utensils	Silicone Baking Mat
Maker	Kitchen Utensil Holder	Loaf Pan
Coffee Grinder	Measuring Cups	Cake Pan
Tea Kettle	Measuring Spoons	Cooling Rack
Food Processor	Tongs	Muffin Tin
Stand Mixer or Hand	Mixing Bowls	Pie Plate
Mixer	Colander	Rolling Pin
Stand Mixer Attachments	Spatula	Baking Dishes
Slow Cooker and/or	Peeler	Ramekins
Pressure Cooker	Cutting Board	Cookie Cutters
Juicer	Ladle	
Rice Cooker	Basting Brush	Knives
Toaster and/or Toaster	Kitchen Timer	Knife Set & Knife Block
Oven	Trash Can	Steak Knife Set
Microwave	Can Opener	Kitchen Shears
Waffle Iron	Pizza Wheel	Knife Sharpener
	Cheese Grater	
Cookware	Ice Cream Scoop	Dinnerware
Casserole Dish	Salad Spinner	Knife Set & Knife Block
Dutch Oven	Whisk	8 – 12 Casual Place Settings
Frying Pans	Pizza Stone	(Dinner Plate,
Grill Pan	Digital Thermometer	Salad/Dessert Plate,
Roasting Pan	Digital Scale	Cereal/Soup Bowls)
Cast Iron Skillet	Paper Towel Holder	8 – 12 Coffee Mugs
Saucepans	Canisters	Espresso Cups & Saucers
Skillet	Cookbooks	Serving Bowls
Stockpot	Dish Towels	Serving Platters & Trays
Pot Rack	Oven Mitts/Pot Holders	Salad Bowl
		Cake Plate
		Butter Dish
		Salt & Pepper Shakers
		Chip & Dip Bowl

Glassware	Flatware	Decor
Iced Beverage Glasses	8 – 12 five-piece flatware sets	Vases
Juice Glasses	Butter Knife	Frames
Casual Drinking Glasses	Serving Spoons	Lamps
Champagne Flutes	Slotting Serving Spoons	Throw Blankets & Pillows
White Wine Glasses	Serving Forks	Technology (TV,
Red Wine Glasses	Salad Servers	HomePod, Echo, etc.)
Double Old Fashioned	Cake Knife & Server Set	
Glasses		Home Care
Highball Glasses	Bed	Vacuum
Margarita Glasses	Flat & Fitted Sheets	Broom
Martini Glasses	Pillow Shams &	Iron
Shot Glasses	Pillowcases	Ironing Board
Beer Mugs	Pillows	Мор
Decanter	Throw Pillows	Steamer
Pitcher	Blanket	
Cocktail Shaker	Bed Skirt	Other
Bar Tools	Comforter or Duvet &	Luggage
Wine Chiller	Insert	Cash Funds
Ice Bucket	Mattress Pad	Honeymoon
Wine Bottle Opener		Home
Coasters	Bath	Experience Gifts
	6 Bath Towels	
Linens	6 Hand Towels	Our List
8 – 12 Napkins	6 Wash Cloths	
8 – 12 Napkin Rings	Bath Mat	
Table Runner	Shower Curtain	
Placemats	Robes	
	Hamper	
Fine Dinnerware	Soap & Lotion Dispensers	
8 – 12 Sets of China		
Accent Plates	Bath	
Gravyboat & Stand	Outdoor	
Coffeepot and/or Teapot	Grill	
Creamer	Grill Tools	
Sugar Bowl	Camping Supplies	
☐ 1 − 2 Serving Bowls	Cooler	
2 – 3 Serving Platters (various sizes)		

# Name Change CHECKLIST

agencies. When you get the o	ege License  lage license. You'll need the original (or a cert original, it's a good idea to get a few certified ars, but save you time in the long run. As you on your marriage license and any documents we	copies at the same time, which  1 go around changing your
STEP TWO Social	Security Card	
STEP THREE Dri	ver's License	
STEP FOUR Bank	Accounts, Checks, Investment Acc	counts, & Credit Cards
STEP FIVE Passpor	rt	
STEP FIVE Everyto	hing Else	
<ul> <li>Employer</li> <li>Mortgage or Lease</li> <li>Professional Licenses &amp; Associations</li> <li>Utilities</li> <li>Cell Phone</li> <li>Car, Home, &amp; Life Insurance</li> <li>Car Title &amp; Registration Information</li> <li>Cable &amp; Internet</li> <li>PayPal</li> </ul>	Streaming Services (Netflix, Hulu, Amazon, etc.)  Student Loans  IRS (during tax time)  Voter Registration  Medical Insurance  Doctors  Will or Living Trust  Online Subscriptions  Clubs	Schools and Alumni Associations Gym Membership Airlines, TSA PreCheck, Global Entry Luggage Tags Social Networks
Email Accounts	Library	

# Anniversary TRADITIONS

Your first anniversary is the perfect time to start a tradition you can duplicate every year to celebrate your anniversary! Peruse some of our favorite ideas, and then brainstorm your own below.
Recite your vows to one another each year.
Look through your wedding album and watch your wedding video.
Take a weekend trip or spend the night in a nice hotel.
Share a meal using your wedding china, and toast with your wedding champagne flutes.
Listen to your first dance song and dance together in your living room.
Write one another a love letter each year.
Have a local bakery make a cake with your wedding flavors.
Schedule an anniversary photo shoot.
Look through your box of wedding keepsakes.
Gifting one another special, treasured anniversary gifts  (see page 137 for the traditional gifts).



#### ANNIVERSARY GIFTS BY YEAR

The long-time practice giving anniversary gifts based on the number of years you've been married is based on the idea that as each year passes, your relationship is strengthened. The gifts start out simple (paper, cotton, leather), but the significance and material increases with each year, as does your investment in one another. As time has gone on, a modern version of the traditional gift has been added, as had a signifying color and gemstone. Between these four lists, you have plenty of options for choosing an anniversary gift for each year!



Just as with your wedding day decisions, choose your anniversary gifts with intentionality and care, in the hope that these will become treasured possessions that celebrate your marriage and life together.

Year	Traditional Gift	Modern Gift	Color	Gemstone
One	Paper	Clock	Gold or Yellow	Gold
Two	Cotton	China	Red	Garnet
Three	Leather	Crystal of Glass	Jade or White	Pearl
Four	Fruit or Flowers	Appliances	Blue or Green	Blue Topaz
Five	Wood	Silverware	Blue, Pink, or Turquoise	Sapphire
Six	Iron	Wood	Purple, White, or Turquoise	Amethyst
Seven	Copper or Wood	Desk Sets	Yellow or Off-White	Onyx
Eight	Bronze or Pottery	Linen or Lace	Bronze	Tourmaline
Nine	Willow or Pottery	Leather	Terracotta	Lapiz Lazuli
Ten	Aluminum or Tin	Diamond Jewelry	Silver or Blue	Diamond
Eleven	Steel	Fashion Jewelry	Turquoise	Turquoise
Twelve	Silk or Linen	Pearl	Oyster White	Jade
Thirteen	Lace	Textiles	White	Citrine
Fourteen	Ivory*	Gold	Ivory	Opal
Fifteen	Crystal	Watches	Red	Ruby
Sixteen	Wax	Silver Holloware	Silver or Emerald Green	Peridot
Seventeen	Furniture	Furniture	Yellow	Carnelian
Eighteen	Porcelain	Porcelain	Blue	Cat's Eye
Nineteen	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Auqamarine
Twenty	China	Platinum	Emerald Green	Emerald
Twenty-Five	Sterling Silver	Sterling Silver	Silver	Silver
Thirty	Pearl	Diamond	Green	Pearl
Thirty-Five	Coral	Jade	Coral	Emerald
Forty	Ruby	Ruby	Red	Ruby
Firty-Five	Sapphire	Sapphire	Blue or Red	Sapphire
Fifty	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold
Fifty-Five	Emerald	Emerald	Emerald Green	Alexandrite
Sixty	Diamond	Diamond	Diamond White	Diamond

<sup>\*</sup>If you like to stick to the traditional gifts, try looking for off-white materials that resemble ivory or ivory-colored gifts rather than real ivory.

## OUR ANNIVERSARY GIFTS

Use this space to record & remember your anniversary gifts each year.

Year	Gift
One	
Two	
Three	
Four	
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Seven	
Eight	
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Twelve	
Thirteen	
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Nineteen	
Twenty	
Twenty-Five	
Thirty	
Thirty-Five	
Forty	
Firty-Five	
Fifty	
Fifty-Five	
Sixty	

### RECOMMENDED SOURCES

#### Ring Boxes

Mrs. Box themrsbox.com

Voeu Du Coer voeu-du-coeur.com

Bark & Berry etsy.com/shop/barkandberry

#### Vow Books

Liza Child lizachild.com

Paula Lee Calligraphy paulaleecalligraphy.com

Little Carboa littlecarabaostudio.com

### Crests, Monograms, & Illustrations

Simply Jessice Marie simplyjessicamarie.com

Catherine Cartie Calligraphy catherinecartiecalligraphy.com

Marry Me in Spring marrymeinspring.com

Schuler Studio shulerstudio.com

#### Bridal Accessories

Bella Belle Shoes bellabelleshoes.com

Kate Whitcomb Shoes katewhitcomb.com

Olive + Piper oliveandpiper.com

Plumb Pretty Sugar plumprettysugar.com

The Garter Girl thegartergirl.com

#### Print & Albums

We recommend working directly with your photographer to order professional quality albums and prints. However, if your photographer does not offer these items, the sources below offer high quality products.

Aritfact Uprising artifactuprising.com

Mpix Mpix.com

#### Ribbon

Sillk & Linen etsy.com/shop/silkandlinende

Tono & Co. tonoandco.com

#### The Guestbook

Aritfact Uprising artifactuprising.com

Little Caraboa little carabaostudio.com

Bark & Berry etsy.com/shop/barkandberry

## Stationers & Calligraphers

Kendall Penny Calligraphy kendallpenny.com

Liza Child lizachild.com

Empress Stationery empressstationery.com

Sable & Gray sableandgray.com

Lane Love Paper Co. lanelovepaperco.com

Scribbles and Swirls scribbles and swirls.com

Shine WeddingInvitations shineweddinginvtations.com

Basic Invite basicinvite.com

Minted minted.com

#### Decor er Extras

Mellow Marsh Frills - Embroidered bouquet wraps, linen cocktail napkins, pocket squares, tie tags, dress labels, and handkerchiefs:

etsy.com/shopMellowMarshFrills

BLHDN - Décor, bridal accessories, and all things wedding: *bhldn.com* 

Pod-ill Designs - Décor, bridal accessories, and all things wedding: podilldesigns.com/paper-runner

Vintage Postage Shop etsy.com/shop VintagePostageShop

The Heirloom Bouquet - Modern bouquet preservation: theheirloombouquet.com

Artisaire - Wax seals: artisaire.com

### Gifts

 $Loved\ \&\ Found\ \textit{loved} and \textit{foundbox}. \textit{com}$ 

Mark & Graham markandgraham.com

Mister and Mrs. etsy.com/shop/misterandMrs

# Gift & Thank You Note TRACKER PAGES

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Name	Gift	Date	Event	Thank You Note Sent

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		Sunday
		Monday
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To-Dos		

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