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WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY

**It's
your
time
now,
darling**



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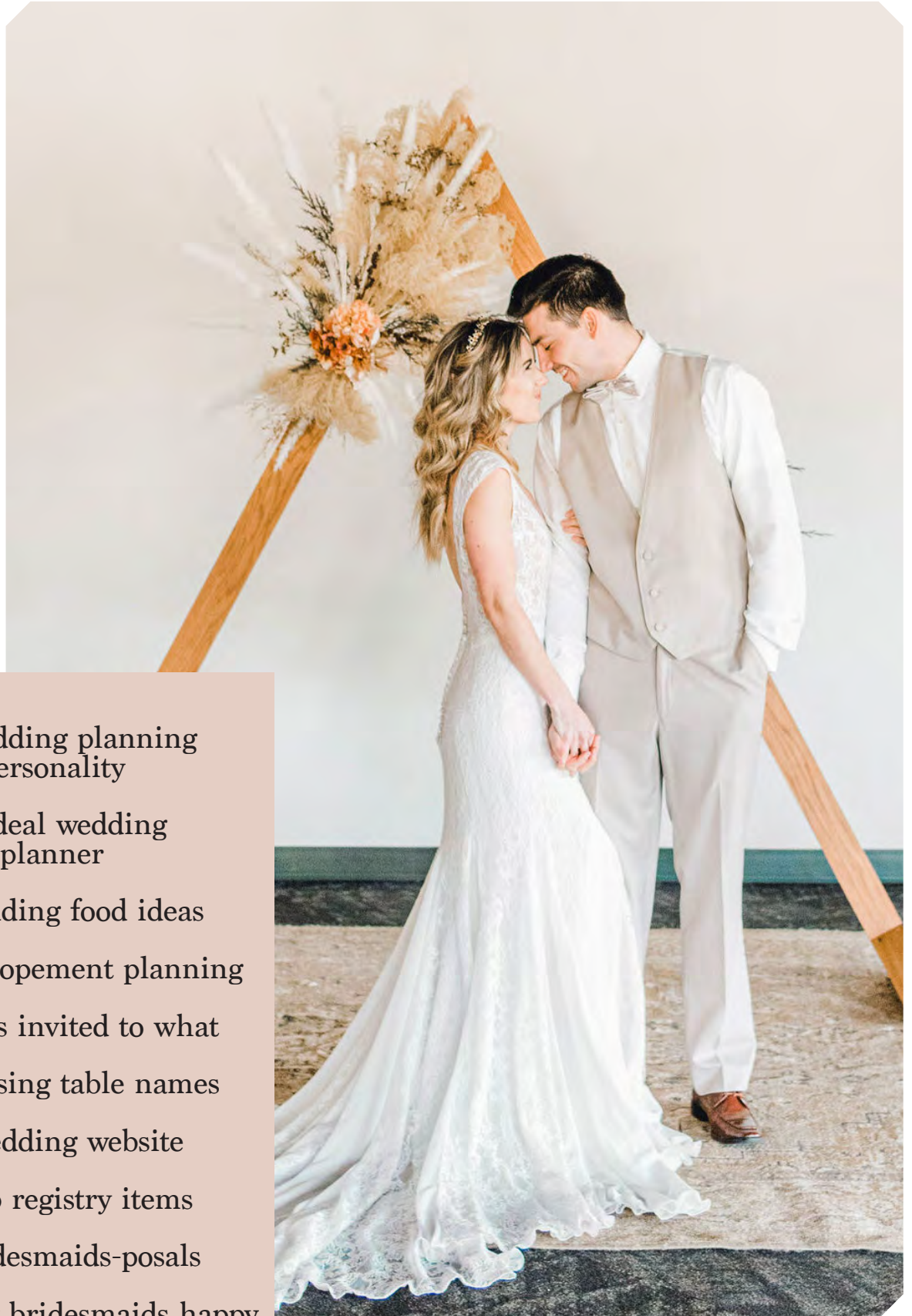
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BEING
HAPPY
NEVER
GOES
OUT OF
STYLE.

- *Lily Pulitzer*

Nicole Corrine



Hello, friend! We are Sean and Nicole; the internationally published creatives behind the lens. We're pretty stoked that you are considering or have chosen us to capture one of the best days of your life! We don't take that honor lightly. We believe that photography is one of the most important aspects of your big day; it really is an investment.

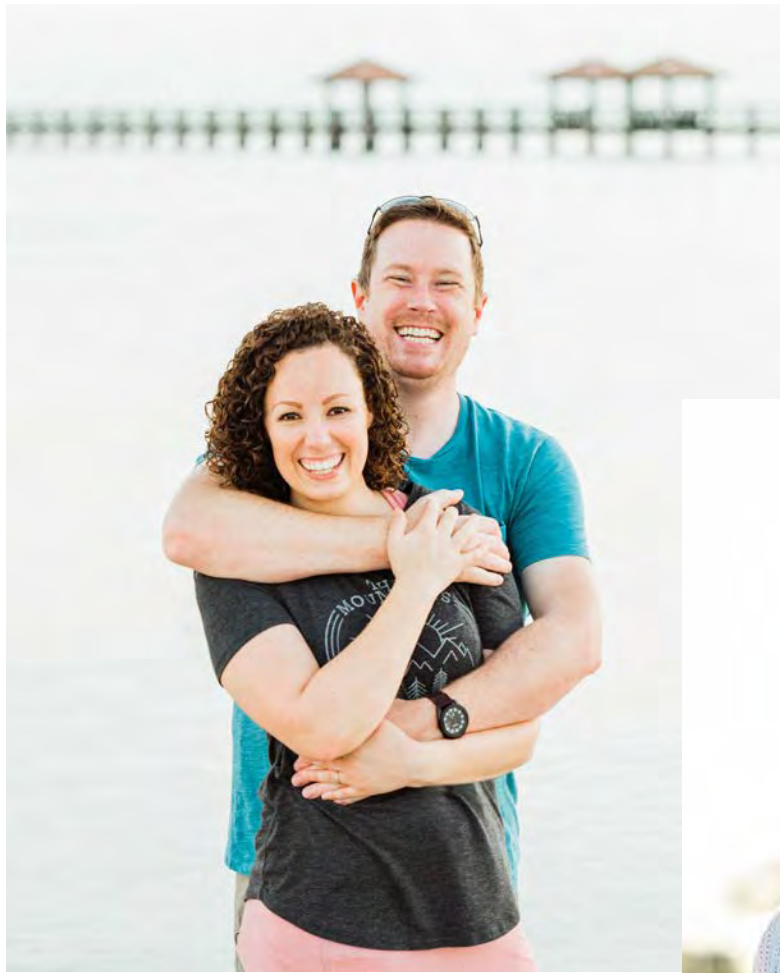
The wedding day passes by so quickly and so much is forgotten. Your photos will not only capture the big moments, such as the first time your significant other sees you walking down the aisle, or the first kiss you share as a married couple; but also the seemingly small moments, like the silent tear rolling down your dad's face as he gives you away, or your grandmother placing her delicate hand on your arm as she shares her secret for a long and happy marriage.

Nicole Corrine will document your love story through timeless photographs so that you can remember it all.

Your trust in our ability to tell your story means so much to us! To show you how much we appreciate you, we've created an entire guide for you.

Sean & Nicole

Nicole Corrine
Nicole- Owner & Lead Photographer
Sean- Second Photographer



Want to know a little about us?

Favorite TV Shows: Sean- Parks & Rec & Psych, Nicole- Outlander & The Office

Could Watch This Everyday: Anything that makes us belly laugh

Obsessed With: Adventure

Favorite Food: Sushi

Secret Talent: Sean- Cooking | Nicole- Making herself laugh (Is that a talent?)

Vacation of Choice: A tent on the side of a mountain

Guilty Pleasure: Sleeping in any chance we get

Fav. Weekend Activity: Hanging out at home

Favorite Music genre: Sean- Classic Rock | Nicole- If I were being honest, Bluegrass

Sweet or Salty: Both!

Sure to drop a check on: Kitchen accessories or camping gear

Two Items on our bucket list: Sean- Skydiving | Nicole- Traveling to Scotland

Favorite Time of Day: Morning, but we don't enjoy getting out of bed for it.

Favorite Starbucks Drink: Sean- Gross! I like real coffee | Nicole- The pink drink

Favorite Restaurant: Yoshitomo- Omaha and Cobble Hill- Cedar Rapids



KIND WORDS

“...They went above and beyond what was expected. She captured it all, from the hotel room getting ready, to the ceremony and dance! They didn’t just take pictures, they captured all the feelings and emotions of the day!...”

-Jennie



KIND WORDS

“Nicole is such an amazing wedding photographer. I am truly so thankful that my husband and I chose her as our photographer. She took the most amazing, beautiful pictures. She was so organized, sending us multiple day of schedules after coordinating with us. She was always quick to respond, email or phone. Most importantly, her pictures are so outstanding; they are something I love looking at. She is worth every penny!”

-Brianna









BE SO
HAPPY THAT
WHEN
OTHERS
LOOK AT
YOU, THEY
BECOME
HAPPY TOO.

ENGAGEMENT SESSION

As if we weren't over the moon excited to work with you already. We just thought about the fact that we get to work together leading up to and on your wedding day. You're engaged, which means that the fun is just getting started. Below you have a few tips to help make your engagement session the best that it can possibly be.

1. Coordinate your colors!

Don't try to match. No one is expecting you to look like the twins from the Shining. Go with different dominant colors. So, just to give you an example, let's say you have this amazing navy dress that you have been absolutely dying to wear, why not put him in khaki and grey?

2. Have fun with the outfit!

I know there are a ton of ladies who buy those "I may get invited to a ball" gowns or "it's so shiny I just have to have it" dresses. Well guess what?! This is your chance to pull that tulle skirt out and have a ball in it. This is your day! Have fun with your outfit. Dress it up. Make it your own. Show some personality. These will be the photos that get everyone's attention. Might as well drop a couple of jaws along the way.



Other things to think about:

- Treat yourself - get the manicure
- Get your ring cleaned
- Have a light, but filling, meal before your session
- Avoid foods that are high in salt and fat before your session.
- Drink lots of water
- Moisturize your skin
- The night before is not the night to try a new face mask.
- Don't think of it as a photo shoot, think of it as a date. It will ease some of your anxiety.
- PDA makes for AMAZING photos
- Remember to HAVE FUN!

3. Pay for the professional.

Let's be honest: Your engagement photos kind of set the tone for the rest of your wedding experience, so go ahead and treat yourself and get your hair and makeup professionally done. It will yield the results that you want, EVERY SINGLE TIME. Promise. Pro Tip? Use this as your trial run for your hair and makeup artist.

4. There is nothing wrong with a statement piece!

Yes, I am talking about that Bumble Bee Pin that you love because it's the perfect accessory for your jean jacket. Figure out a way to wear that jean jacket and get that Bumble Bee Pin in the shots. If it means a lot to you then it means a lot to us and we want to see it get in where it fits in.

5. AVOID DISTRACTIONS

There isn't really a "nice" way to say this. If it looks like it takes the eyes away from you, bulky stripes, large logos, busy patterns; then the closet is the best place for it.

PREPPING YOUR LOVE FOR THE ENGAGEMENT SESSION

We understand exactly how important these photos are, trust us. We know you just want your honey to show up with a smile on their face and have an amazing time with you; highlighting your love for each other and this awesome moment in your life.

Well, we've got a few tips to help them get ready!



1. Lighten the mood.

You would be surprised at how many people believe they are going to mess things up at the engagement shoot. Use jokes to lighten the mood and help them relax. Tell them there is no way they can ruin this because you are a total beauty queen, and nothing will dull your sparkle. Haha. Ok, slightly kidding here. But really, tell them that as long as they show up and let us play third wheel, everything is going to turn out beautiful. You guys are going to get those gorgeous photos just like you want.

2. Show them a few examples.

Seriously, pull out that phone, go to Pinterest and show them some of the gorgeous engagement photos there. After that's done, tell them, "Hey cutie, either you pull this thing off or you're dead to me." Not really!

3. Make a date out of it!

Ok, this is like pro-tip level 1,000. You want your love to show up with a big smile and do everything they think you want? Tell them you guys are going out to their favorite restaurant or that movie they've been wanting to see after you get out there and kill it. They'll be looking forward to the date and won't really be caught up in the fact that you guys are getting your photos taken.

4. Make sure they've had a snack.

Of course, they're not a child, but who doesn't get a little hangry? I know I do, and I am sure your love does too. To avoid all of that, show up to your session with a little food on your belly.





A
GRATEFUL
HEART IS
A MAGNET
FOR
MIRACLES.

TIPS FOR STRESS-FREE WEDDING PLANNING

No one told us you were a professional at running marathons! Well, planning a wedding is a lot like running a marathon; few people have the time and energy for it. It's our job to make your life as easy as possible right now, so here are several tips & tidbits to make sure that you keep your head on straight through the process.

1. Utilize a wedding timeline.

This is not one of those fly by the seat of your pants type of events. Make an outline of what's going to happen when and stick to it. (We will help with this)

2. Figure Out Top Priorities

Figure out what needs to be done when, so you're not running around trying to do things like get a marriage license the day of your wedding.

3. Delegate

If someone else is fully capable of doing it and you trust them completely . . . Well . . . loosen the reins just a tad and let them handle it.

4. Establish "No Wedding Talk" time ASAP

Wedding planning is stressful and can take over your entire life and relationship. Make sure you have some sacred time to just be with your love and enjoy life.

5. Prep your emergency bag

Your wedding is going to be an extremely long day. You may need to pack a few supplies to help you get through it all. I'm talking about stain remover, a miniature sewing kit, double sided tape, safety pins, bobby pins and different select items to touch up your makeup later in the evening.

6. Prepare Tip Envelopes

It is not uncommon to tip the vendors at your wedding. My personal suggestion? Prep the tip envelopes and give them to someone you trust, so that they can make sure that your vendors get them on the day of the event. Make sure the envelopes are clearly labeled.

6. Think about vendor meals.

Another thing that people forget all about. When you are planning your number of people who are going to be eating make sure to include a few for the vendors.

7. Get a photo wrangler

This is going to be someone who knows everyone's face. We can promise we're not going to know your distant cousin who came to the wedding from the big city, but your wrangler should.

NARROWING DOWN WEDDING WANTS

Let's have a little fun. How does playing a quick game of THIS or THAT sound?



Hiring a full - service wedding planner |OR| Hiring a day - of coordinator

Buying or renting decor for the event(s) |OR| Doing DIY projects to save money

All inclusive wedding venue |OR| Hiring more vendors

Amazing, jaw dropping, venue |OR| Somewhere that is ok, and convenient

Bigger guest list & less food |OR| Smaller guest list & more food

Band |OR| DJ

Off season wedding |OR| Married during the spring or summer

Leave for the honeymoon the day after the wedding |OR| Post wedding brunch

Get married as soon as humanly possible |OR| Leave more time for the planning

USING THE WISDOM OF OTHERS

Sometimes the easiest thing to do to make sure you get everything that you want on your wedding day is to ask someone else. Below you have a list of questions to ask a few of your recently wed friends.

1. Favorite memory from your wedding?
2. Number one piece of advice for planning?
3. One thing we have to do on our wedding day?
4. Thing you worried most about that didn't matter on the day?
5. What part do you wish you spent more time planning?
6. What do you wish you spent more money on?
7. What do you wish you spent less money on?
8. Logistics you wish you'd thought about?



THE PERFECT WEDDING BUDGET

First things first. Start with planning your budget.
Below is a budget breakdown to help you plan.



ATTIRE - 6%

Things that this could include:

- Wedding dress
- Wedding dress alterations
- Speciality undergarments
 - Veil
- Wedding shoes
- Bridal jewelry/ accessories
 - Groom's tux & shoes
- Reception outfit - if you're changing
- Post wedding brunch outfit
- Rehearsal dinner outfit
- Bachelor/bachelorette outfit
 - Bridal shower outfit
- Engagment photos outfit
- Engagment party outfit

BEAUTY - 2%

Things that this could include:

- Pre-wedding cuts
 - Waxing
 - Facials
 - Mani & Pedi
- Lash extentions - if desired
- Hair trial appointment
- Day-of wedding hairstyle
- Makeup trial appointment
- Day-of wedding makeup

CAKE - 2%

Things that this could include:

- Cake
- Cake display
- Sheet cake for extra servings

- Cake topper

- Cake stand

- Delivery fee

- Additional dessert

- Preservation kit for one-year anniversary

CEREMONY - 2%

Things that this could include:

- Ceremony site
- Officiant fee
- Marriage license
- Ceremony accesories

FAVORS & GIFTS - 2%

- Wedding favors
- Wedding party gifts

THE PERFECT WEDDING BUDGET

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DRINKS - 8%

Things that this could include:

- Cocktail hour drinks
 - Champagne toast
 - Reception drinks
 - Open bar
 - Beer and wine
- Speciality cocktails
- Bartender service
 - Mixers
- Non-alcoholic beverages
- Glassware - if it isn't included in your packages
 - Bar signage
- Bartender gratuity

FLOWERS & DECOR - 8%

Things that this could include:

- Bouquets
- Boutonnieres
- Corsages for mothers & grandmothers
- Flowers for flower girl
- Ceremony arrangements
- Specialty decor rentals
 - Delivery fees

FOOD - 18%

Things that this could include:

- Tasting appointment
- Rehearsal dinner
- Hors D'oeuvres
- Plated, buffet, or family style meal
 - Food stations
 - Service staff
- catering equipment
- Catering rentals
- Vendor meals
- Service charge
- Setup and cleanup fee

INVITES & PAPER - 2%

Things that this could include:

- Save the dates
- Wedding invitations

- Post wedding brunch invitations
 - Envelopes
 - Postage
- Return address labels
- Wedding ceremony programs
 - Place cards
 - Menu cards
 - Favor labels
- Thank you cards

MUSIC - 8%

Things that this could include:

- Ceremony musicians
- Cocktail hour music
 - Reception DJ
 - Live band
- Microphone (mostly for toasts)
- Sound system

PHOTOGRAPHY &/OR VIDEO - 12%*

Things that this could include:

- Engagement session
- Rehearsal dinner coverage
- Wedding day coverage
 - Same day edit
 - Raw footage
 - Highlight reel
 - Feature film

RECEPTION VENUE - 18%*

Things that this could include:

- Room rental fee
- Venue deposit
- Ceremony fee - if held in a different location
- Dance floor rental - if not included
- Tax and service fee
- Security - if required by venue

TRANSPORTATION - 2%

WEDDING PLANNER - 3%*

This is on the low end, sometimes it is closer to 10 - 15% of the budget

WEDDING RINGS - 2%

Bands, resizing fees, insurance and potentially engraving

EMERGENCY FUND - 5%

More than likely you will run into some expected fee. By allotting for this you are so prepared.



THE COMPLETE WEDDING PLANNING TIMELINE

A timeline fit for a queen, just like you. We're going to make sure all the t's are crossed and all of your i's are dotted.

WHEN YOU GET ENGAGED:

- Decide on your budget
- Start gathering names and addresses of guests
- Narrow your potential date down to two or three days
 - Start looking for a venue
 - Create a wedding website

12 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Begin shopping for wedding dresses
 - Choose your bridal party
- Finalize date with venue & vendors already selected
- Book a block of hotel rooms for out of town guests

11 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Begin planning ceremony and reception
- Make an appointment with a florist to discuss details - including bouquets, centerpieces and all that jazz
 - Book a caterer

10 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Finalize guest list
- Set up gift registry if you haven't already
- Begin search for the wedding officiant
- Start planning wedding and reception music

9 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Purchase your dress
- Potentially start the alteration process

8 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Purchase hair accessories
- Order any jewelry that will be worn
- Plan, and potentially book your honeymoon (if you're going out of the country)

6 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Proof, print or order your wedding invitations
 - Test hair and makeup time

5 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Make rental arrangements

4 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Choose groom's attire
- Purchase any remaining bridal accessories
- Plan, and potentially book your honeymoon (If you haven't already)
 - Send out save the date cards

3 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Book wedding night accommodations

2 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Address, stamp & send your wedding invitations
 - Finalize the menu

6 WEEKS BEFORE:

- Purchase your wedding bands
- Confirm needed numbers with florist

4 WEEKS BEFORE:

- Finish any DIY project that you were working on

2 WEEKS BEFORE:

- Get your marriage license
- Creating the wedding day schedule and pass it to the important participants
- Give final head count to caterer
 - Finalize seating charts
- Confirm vendors' arrival time

WHAT ARE YOUR WEDDING PLANNING PERSONALITIES?

Who you are and how you go about planning things will more than likely translate right into your wedding planning. No biggie. It's just nice to be aware of who is more capable of handling what so it's a team effort.



ME | HIM

Wants to plan the wedding with our guests in mind

ME | HIM

Wants to plan the wedding with our wants and need at the top of the priority list.

ME | HIM

Wants to eliminate as many unnecessary to-dos as possible

ME | HIM

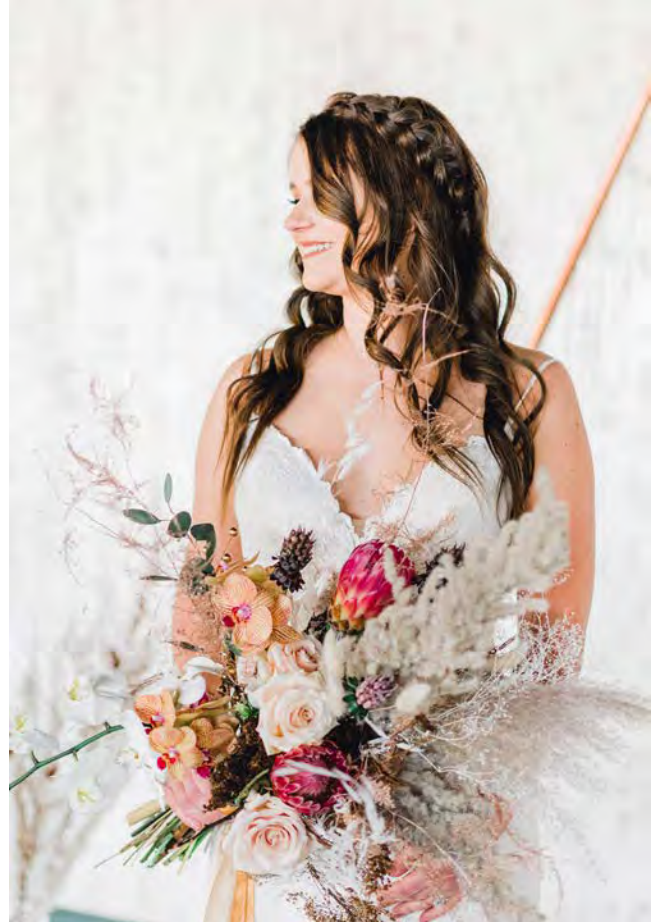
Likes to make list and will often use them to stay on task

ME | HIM

Likes the idea of planning bits and pieces each day

ME | HIM

Type A all the way, and great at planning



ME | HIM

More laid back, in general

ME | HIM

Not a planner, in the slightest, and is extremely disorganized

ME | HIM

Absolutely obsessed with planning things online, we are talking google docs, pinterest, the whole nine

ME | HIM

Likes planning the "old fashioned" way. Magazines, vision board. Real photos and tear outs.

ME | HIM

Wants to have a clear schedule of when things should get done and who is doing them

YOUR IDEAL WEDDING PLANNER &/OR COORDINATOR



There is nothing wrong with realizing that is a whole lot. And there is nothing wrong with realizing that you need some help. We get all of that.

If you want to bring in a wedding planner, no one is going to judge you.

We have a quick list of personality traits you and your significant other may be looking for in the person who will be planning and piecing your big day together.



- Passionate about what they do
 - Able to work within budget
 - Good at problem solving
- Patient and happy to explain various things
- Goes with the flow and is laid back
- Super, like freakishly, organized
- Brings up considerations that you guys have probably never thought about
- Encourages your vision without side comments
- Gives you both honest feedback about various ideas and plans for the days to come
- Offers up tons of suggestions upfront
 - Talkative & Enthusiastic
 - Open about what is going on



WEDDING FOOD IDEAS

We remember a time when the only thing you were guaranteed to be served at wedding on the food front was chicken or beef. Now there are a ton of options. Quite literally tons. Don't believe us? Here are a few of them.

FAJITA + TACO BAR

Whew, do you really want your guest to taco bout your party or not? Not only are fajitas and tacos super cost effective, but your guest have the option of building their plate just the way they like it.

FILET MIGNON WITH GREEN BEANS

Ok, this sounds like super fancy. If you have a super upscale wedding we could totally see your guest being treated like royalty with Filet Mignon.

FRIED CHICKEN, MAC & CHEESE & BISCUITS

Yes, it's basically a southerner's dream. Although it is chicken it isn't the standard baked chicken that we know your mind went to when we mentioned wedding chicken earlier.

CHICKEN & WAFFLES

Sweet and savory. Your guest would die of happiness. We just know it.

WOOD-FIRED PIZZA

Ok, let's just say it. We are happy with anything involving pizza. So not only does this sound like a great idea, it sounds delicious.

AMERICAN BARBECUE

Imagine it is the Fourth of July, but at your wedding. Bring out the grill and all of the food that comes along with it.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH, FRESH FRUIT AND STEAK

This is kind of perfect regardless of the type of wedding. It's a nice alternative to the baked chicken.

PRETZEL BAR

You know what is better than a pretzel bar? Not a thing. We don't believe many things are better than fresh pretzels.

SUSHI STATION

There are people out there in the world that this is perfect for (including us!). No judgment here.

FRENCH FRY STATION

We know we're not the only person who would be ridiculously excited if we saw a station full of French fries.

BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER BAR

Combine this one with the french fry station and you're in business.

PASTA & SALAD

A great way to give your guest a sit down experience while also saving your pockets.

LOBSTER & MASHED POTATOES

Fancy is an understatement here. People would never want to go home.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Personally, we believe that breakfast is good at all times of day.

**HAPPINESS
LOOKS
GORGEOUS
ON YOU!**

TOTAL ELOPEMENT PLANNING

We know after looking at all of the planning involved, the thought might have crossed your mind: "Whew, maybe eloping would just be easier". Hey, if that's the option that works best for you (and one that won't end with you and your new spouse fighting with your respective families) go for it! Just because this is a possibility for everyone, here is our quick little guide to elopements.



BRIDAL DRESS

Just because you're eloping doesn't mean you don't get to find the perfect dress for you. Have a ball! We know there is nothing traditional about elopements so there doesn't have to be anything traditional about your dress unless you want to.

GROOM OUTFIT

A tux is not required to really set the tone. The groom could wear khakis, an oxford and boots and everything can still look visually stunning. The thing about elopements are, they are less stress, for most people, and you get to do whatever you want.

BOUQUET & BOUTONNIERE

Spice up those gorgeous mountain, canyon, waterfall, insert ten other dreamy locations here, elopement photos with some florals. We promise you will not regret it.

TOTAL ELOPEMENT PLANNING

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CEREMONY DECOR & VENUE

The entire world seems to be at your disposal here. Not only can you travel practically anywhere, but you can do pretty much anything you wish in most spaces. You can take arches with you, add over the top floral arrangements, rugs, chairs and so much more. Wherever you decide to go it only takes a few added touches to make the space your own.

OFFICIANT, WITNESSES & FAMILY

Guess what, beautiful. Just because you decided to elope doesn't mean you have to go it alone. You could still invite family and a few guests (hey, it just might save your life!). For most people an elopement falls in a sub category of small intimate wedding.

Make sure you have all of your ducks in a row here. You want to have an officiant wherever you will be eloping. You could contact individuals in the location you're headed to or you could always bring someone who means a lot to you along for the ride. We're sure they would be honored.

RECEPTION

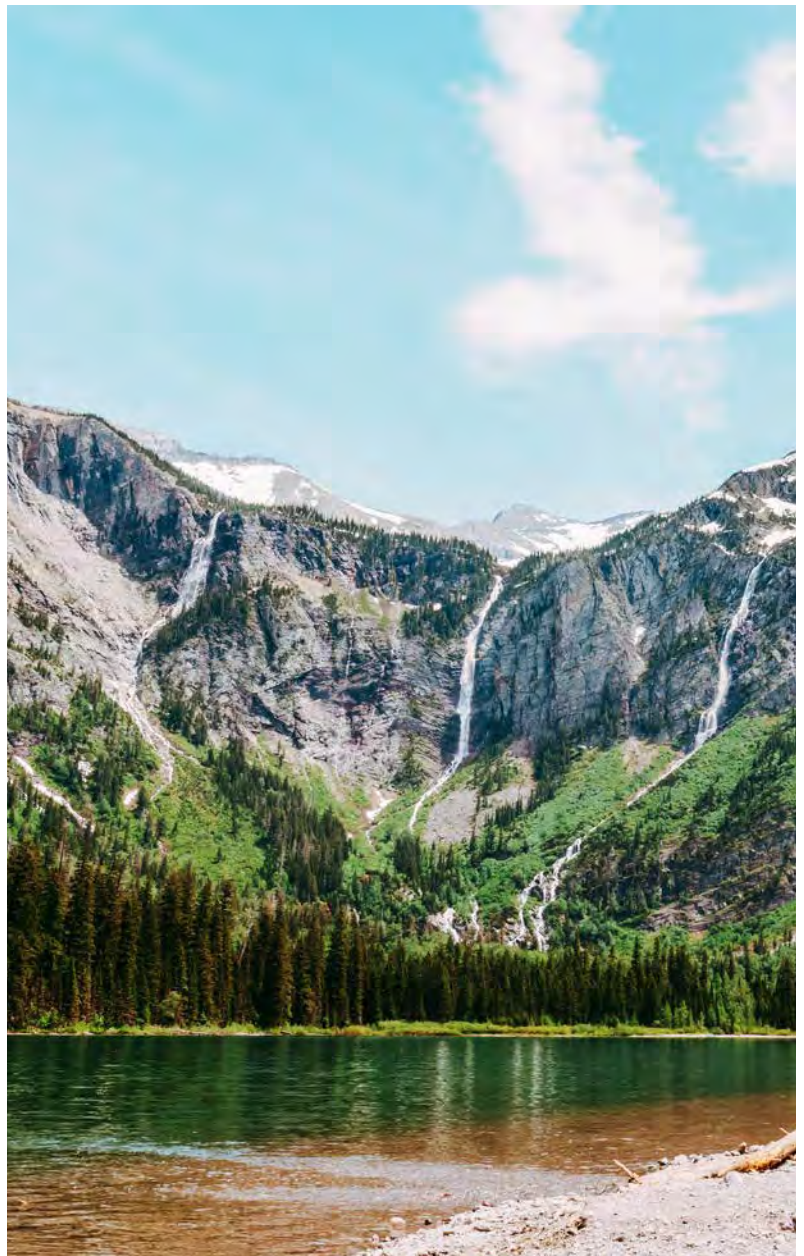
If you decide that eloping is right for you, you can still have one of those big, over the top receptions with the fancy glasses and fine china. It's completely up to you how you want to celebrate your marriage with your friends and family. Some individuals will host a dinner/ party in their home, or at a local establishment to bring everyone together.

TRAVEL & EXTRAS

If you're going to be travelling to distant lands, you need to keep in mind travel expenses, lodging, car rentals, etc. But we know you got this.

THE PERFECT ELOPEMENT CHECKLIST

- What's your budget?
- What date would you like to be married?
 - Where do you want to elope?
 - Will you be inviting any guest?
 - Will you need to hire more vendors?
- Do you need an appointment in order to pick up your marriage license?
 - Do you need witnesses?
- Do you need to book any overnight accommodations?
- What should your hair & makeup look like?
- What style dress are you obsessing over?
- How are you going to celebrate your new relationship status?



**THERE ARE
SO MANY
BEAUTIFUL
REASONS
TO BE
HAPPY**

WHO'S INVITED TO WHAT

THE BRIDAL SHOWER



BRIDAL PARTY



FAMILY



FRIENDS

THE BACHELORETTE PARTY



BRIDAL PARTY



CLOSE FAMILY
MEMBERS



FRIENDS

THE REHEARSAL DINNER



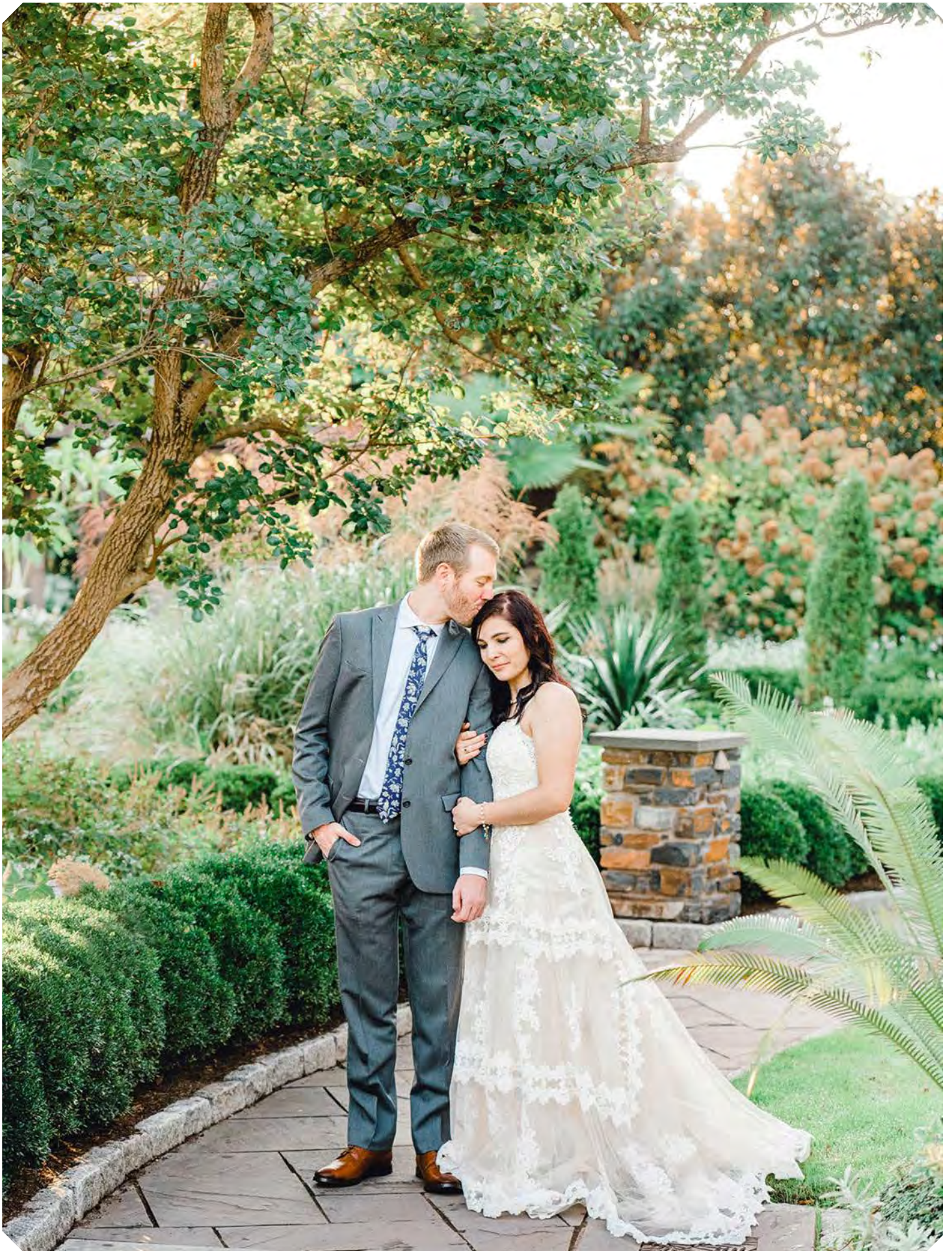
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FAMILY

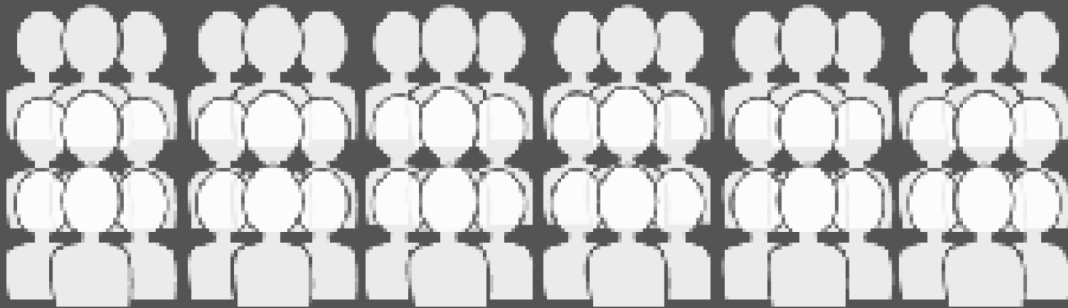


OUT OF TOWN
GUESTS



WHO'S INVITED TO WHAT

THE WEDDING



FAMILY, FRIENDS, OTHERS

THE POST WEDDING BRUNCH



WEDDING PARTY



FAMILY



OUT OF TOWN
GUESTS

P.S.
DON'T
FORGET
TO HAVE
A GOOD
TIME.

CHOOSING TABLE NAMES

We want to give you a few ideas for your table names at your reception. With these, your guests can find their seats and you can add a ton of personality to the special day.



1. Standard table numbers
2. Cities you've traveled to
3. Favorite TV Shows
4. Favorite movies
5. Favorite literary figures
6. Superheroes
7. Words for "love" in other languages
8. Colors
9. Favorite bands
10. Famous couples
11. Animals
12. Significant years in your lives



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SELF.**

THE WEDDING WEBSITE

Not only is a website for your wedding pretty ecofriendly and a super easy way to share information with guests pretty much all around the world, but it's just a smart idea. This is the 21st century after all.



Here is practically everything that you need to include on your site.

THE BASICS:

- Names
- Date
- Times
- Locations
- Countdown

TRAVEL:

- Airport Information
- Where to Stay
- How to Get Around
- What to Do in Town

YOUR STORY:

- How You Met
- When You Knew
- The Proposal
- A Day in the Life

PHOTOS:

- Across the Years
- Engagement Photos
- Venue Photos

RSVP:

- Attending/ Not Attending
- Number of Guests
- Mailing Address
- Dietary Restrictions
- Meal Choice

FAQS:

- RSVP Deadline
- Plus Ones
- Are Children Allowed
- What to Wear
- Parking
- Indoor or Outdoor
- Accessibility
- Photos & Social Media Rules

REGISTRY:

- Link

SCHEDULE:

- Pre-Wedding Activities
- Day-Of Wedding
- Post Wedding Events

CONTACT:

- Phone or Email

WEDDING PARTY:

- List of Wedding Party
- Photos of Wedding Party

TOP REGISTRY ITEMS

When it comes to the wedding gift registry, there may be a ton of things you "need" and a few things you actually need. That's not for us to decide at all, but, we know that a lot of people struggle with figuring out where to start and what to put on their wedding registry.

Here are some ideas of the most popular items.



A few tips regarding the registry before we hop in.

DO:

- Set up your wedding registry as soon as possible
- Include your website link on all wedding stationary
- Give a range of options and price points
- Send hand written thank you notes

DON'T:

-Take your wedding registry down right after the wedding. Wait a few months for everyone who hasn't had the chance to purchase something yet.

- Use your invitation to advertise where you're registered at. Send them to your website and let the website take care of the rest!
- Ask for money straight out. Instead say something like:

- *Help us take our dream honeymoon*
- *Help us get the downpayment on our forever home*

People are more likely to fork over cash if they know exactly what it will be used for.

- | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| • Mixer | • Spatula | • Knife Set | • Throw blanket |
| • Pots & Pans | • Tongs | • Bedding | • Cake stand |
| • Measuring Cups | • Serving utensils | • Towels | • Soap dispenser |
| • Cookie Sheets | • Ice Cream scoop | • Wash cloths | • Shower curtains |
| • Cooling rack | • Plates | • Vacuum | • Rugs |



IT'S A
GOOD
DAY FOR
A GOOD
DAY.

BRIDESMAID-POSALS

ASK YOUR BEST GAL-PALS TO BE YOUR BRIDEMAIDS IN STYLE



BRIDESMAID-POSALS

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1. Rose Gold Can Cooler - Available On Etsy
2. Will you help me tie the knot? - Available on Etsy
3. Bridesmaid Proposal Tumbler - Available on Etsy
4. Bridal Party Starbucks Travel Coffee Mug - Available on Etsy
5. Bridesmaid Shirts - Available on Etsy
6. Themed Bridesmaid Box - Available on Etsy

Ok, Nicole is about to show you just how much she loves some stores. Are you ready for a DIY Bridesmaid-Posal breakdown? We figured you were. Sometimes you just want to put your own touch on things, so Nicole is going to show you how it's done.

BRIDESMAID-POSALS BOX DIY - **THE ONE THEY'RE SURE TO LOVE**

WHAT TO BUY & WHERE TO FIND IT:

TARGET

- "HELLO GORGEOUS" MUG
- FAUX SUCCULENT
- PINK MOSCATO

HOBBY LOBBY

- 16.5 IN. X 11.88 IN. LARGE BOX
- IVORY CRINKLE CUT PACKING PAPER

TJ MAXX

- MAKEUP BAG
- ANY GORGEOUS CANDLE



**IT'S THE
LITTLE
THINGS
IN LIFE.**

KEEP THEM HAPPY

Ok, let's go ahead and talk about it. Bridesmaids' dress shopping is something that no one really wants to do. It's hard to please everyone. You're scared that you're going to make them get something that they hate, people are going to drop out on you, and ... let's not even go down that rabbit hole. You're going to be fine. They are going to be fine and we are going to make this thing happen together. Below we are giving you all of our tips and tricks to make bridesmaids' shopping less stressful, fun & productive. Because once you're done with this little bump, you're moving on to bigger things. Right?



We know you're probably freaked out with the thought of all of your friends getting together, with their many opinions, and trying to decide on dresses that are right for everyone. Don't even sweat it. Let's take this thing one step at a time.

1. TALK ABOUT BUDGET PRIOR TO SHOPPING.

You would totally be surprised at how many brides & their bridesmaids walk into a store and the bride is totally wanting her besties to drop a \$300-600 on a bridesmaids dress. We're sure you can hear the reactions from your girls in your head now. "Ugh, No Ma'am. You're getting married, not me" or some variety of it.

Take a beat, talk to your friends individually or in a group chat about their budget and how much they are comfortable with spending on this dress.

2. DO A LITTLE RESEARCH PRIOR TO.

Don't get us wrong, there's nothing wrong with wandering around, but when you have your friends with you, and they are trucking in and out of stores trying on dress after dress, you may want to have an idea of where you want to end up.

Call around a few places, see what sizes they carry. If they have any dresses that are similar to what you had in mind. It's your big day, but you want to make sure your girls are happy in whatever you put them in. Nobody wants their friend to have the "I hate my life and this dress" face on in their wedding photos. Make a little map of the stores you will be hitting. Let your girls know what to expect and all that jazz. We promise they will appreciate and love all of the work that you've done on the front end.

3. SHOP EARLY!

Get your shop on as early as possible. We've heard people say that they went bridesmaids' dress shopping as early as 8 months before the wedding.

Going shopping early means that if you fall in love with a dress, and they don't have the number and sizes you need in the store, guess what... they can order that bad boy and it will be in before the big day. Less stress for you!

By shopping early, you also leave time for those pesky alterations. You never know when you are going to need those.

KEEP THEM HAPPY

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4. KEEP YOUR EYES OUT FOR SALES!

We can promise you that your bridesmaids are not going to be opposed to saving a few dollars where they can. If you see a sale, and the dress fits the bill, give it a shot. If it works, then you didn't lose anything.

5. BE SELECTIVE ABOUT WHO YOU BRING!

We hear you back there. You have 42 bridesmaids and you want them all to be happy about the dress. Whew girl! Respect. 42 is a lot. Good luck trying to keep them all happy.

Want my advice? Bring 4-5 bridesmaids with you. You can always pull one of those majority rules as far as the dress is concerned. It's not going to hurt to bring a couple girls with different body shapes just so you can make sure the dress is flattering to everyone who will be rocking it

After you are 100% sure of the dress, bring them all in to try the lucky winner on. And make sure it fits in all of the right spots.

6. OVER COMMUNICATION IS BETTER THAN NO COMMUNICATION AT ALL.

This is a rule of life, not only your wedding, but lets just dive into what that means for you and your bridesmaids.

If you have an image in mind of a floor length, long-sleeve, all black bridesmaids dress for your outdoor summer wedding, let them know that as soon as possible.

You don't want to hear all of the huffs & puffs when you get them in a store trying dresses on and it clicks that they are going to be burned alive in the summer heat.

Just talk to your girls about what you want and what you want from them. Talking will make everything so much easier.

7. COME PREPARED.

You may want to tell the ladies to wear a strapless bra and have heels in hand. The last thing you want is to fall in love with a dress and realize that it is going to be way too short when your girls put their heels on.

9. HAVE FUN!

Ok, this one is the most important. Remember to have fun! This is one of the things that should be soaked up too! People focus so much on the big day that they don't stop to breathe in all of the many things that go into the day. This moment is just as important as everything else. Have fun with your girls. Make a day of it. Have lunch afterwards, drink some champagne. All of that good stuff!



HAPPY

MIND.

HAPPY

LIFE.

WEDDING SONGS

Who doesn't love good music? We sure do! Sometimes it's difficult to know what songs to add to your wedding playlist. Sometimes the DJ, or live band, has you covered and often times they want to know what songs are you dying to hear. This somewhat hefty playlist should definitely help you out.

- All of Me - John Legend
- A Thousand Years - Christina Perri
- Can't Help Falling in Love - Elvis Presley
- I Wanna Dance with Somebody - Whitney Houston
 - Marry You - Bruno Mars
 - My Girl - The Temptations
- Don't Stop Believin' - Journey
 - Uptown Funk - Bruno
- You Are the Best Thing - Ray LaMontagne
- Make You Feel My Love - Adele
 - I'm Yours - Jason Mraz
- I Gotta Feeling - The Black Eyed Peas
 - Let's Stay Together - Al Green
- September - Earth, Wind & Fire
 - Happy - Pharrell Williams
- Better Together - Jack Johnson
 - Amazed - Lonestar
- Brown Eyed Girl - Van Morrison
 - Hey Ya! - OutKast
- Wonderufl Tonight - Eric Clapton
- Sweet Caroline - Neil Diamond
 - Crazy in Love - Beyonce
- Thinking Out Loud - Ed Sheeran
 - What a Wonderful World
- Signed, Sealed, Delivered - Stevie Wonder
 - Ho Hey - The Lumineers
 - Dancing Queen - ABBA
 - Love Shack - The B-52's
- I Won't Give Up - Jason Mraz
 - Marry Me - Train
- All You Need Is Love - The Beatles
- First Day of My Life - Bright Eyes
- From This Moment On - Shania Twain
- Shut Up and Dance - Walk The Moon
- Ain't No Mountain High Enough - Marvin Gaye
 - Your Song - Elton John
 - Cupid Shuffle - Cupid
- You Make My Dreams - Hall & Oates
 - Blurred Lines - Robin Thicke
 - The Luckiest - Ben Folds
- Can't Stop This Feeling - Justin Timberlake
 - Livin' on a Prayer - Bon Jovi
 - Twist & Shout - The Beatles
- Because You Loved Me - Celine Dion
- Single Ladies - Beyonce
- Cha Cha Slide - DJ Casper
- (I've Had) The Time of My Life - Bill Medley
- Endless Love - Diana Ross
- How Deep Is Your Love - Bee Gees
- Best Part - Daniel Caesar Ft. H.E.R
- I Could Fall In Love - Selena
- (What A) Wonderful World - Sam Cooke
- The Way You Look Tonight - Frank Sinatra
 - Speechless - Dan + Shay
- Like A Star - Corinne Bailey Rae
- Dont Change - Musiq Soulchild
- As - Marsha Ambrosius & Anthony Hamilton
- Say You Won't Let Go - James Arthur
- Forever & Ever, Amen - Randy Travis
 - Adorn - Miguel
 - At Last - Etta James
- When A Man Loves A Woman - Percy Sledge
- A Moment Like This - Kelly Clarkson
 - The Only Exception - Paramore
 - Perfect - Ed Sheeran
 - Everything - Michael Buble
 - You & Me - Lifehouse
 - At Your Best - Aaliyah
- (You Make Me Feel) Like a Natural Woman - Aretha Franklin
- Lucky - Jason Mraz & Colbie Caillat
- Slow Jam - Usher & Monica
- Thinkin' Bout You - Frank Ocean
- (Everything I Do) I Do It For You - Bryan Adams
- Until the End of time - Justin Timberlake ft. Beyonce
 - I Wanna Know - Joe
- Come Away With Me - Norah Jones
 - Angel of Mine - Monica
- Never Too Much - Luther Vandross
 - Amazed - Lonestar
- Dangerously in Love - Beyonce
- Just The Way You Are - Bruno Mars
- Glamorous - Fergie ft. Ludacris
 - Angel - Shaggy
- Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
- Raise Your Glass - Pink
- Chapel of Love - The Dixie Cups
- Dear Future Husband - Meghan Trainor
- Can't Hurry Love - Diana Ross & The Supremes
- I Want You To Want Me - Letters to Cleo
 - Your Love - Nicki Minaj
- All You Need is Love - The Beatles
 - Reign Of Love - Coldplay
 - Halo - Beyonce
- I Choose You - Sara Bareilles
 - Ave Maria - Schubert
 - Dynamite- Taio Cruz
- Good Life - Kanye West ft. T-Pain
- Club Can't Handle Me - Flo Rida ft. David Guetta
- Heroes (We Could Be) - Alesso Ft. Tove Lo
 - Beautiful Day - U2
 - Forever - Chris Brown
- We Found Love - Rihanna ft. Calvin Harris
- On Top of the World - Imagine Dragons
 - Best Day of My Life - American Authors
 - Sugar - Maroon 5
 - My Girl - The Temptations
- Isn't She Lovely - Stevie Wonder
- Here Comes the Sun - The Beatles
 - One Call Away - Charlie Puth
 - My Wish - Rascall Flatts
 - Stand By Me - Ben E King
- You've Got A Friend in Me - Randy Newman
- A Song For Mama - Boyz 2 Men
- My Best Friend - Tim McGraw
- From the Ground Up - Dan + Shay
 - Ring of Fire - Johnny Cash
- More Than Anyone - Gavin DeGraw
 - All My Life - KC & JoJo
 - Wobble - V.I.C
- The Twist - Chubby Checker
- Watch Me (Whip/NaeNae) - Silento
- Billie Jean - Micheal Jackson
- When I Fall In Love - Nat King Cole
 - I Do - Colbie Caillat
 - Stay - Rihanna, Mikky Ekko
 - 1,2,3,4 - Plain White Ts
 - Firework - Katy Perry
- I Will Wait - Mumford & Sons

THE FATHER - DAUGHTER DANCE

Ok, if you want to see someone turn into a puddle of tears, then let's just keep talking about the father-daughter dance. There are few things on earth that almost every single girl dreams of, but this is probably one. Don't quote us on that as we have no research to back it up.

Seriously though, this moment is truly one of the most touching moments of the entire wedding, and we get the struggle you're facing. There are a lot of songs out there. Like, **A LOT**, and you want to make sure you pick the perfect one to dance to with your father.

Well, let us help out a bit. Here are some of the top father-daughter dance songs of all time.

25 OF THE BEST FATHER - DAUGHTER DANCE SONGS.

- "How sweet it is" - James Taylor
- "Times of your life" - Paul Anka
- "Unforgettable" - Natalie Cole & Nat King Cole
- "My Girl" - The Temptations
- "Dance with my father" - Luther Vandross
- "It had to be you" - Ray Charles
- "My little girl" - Tim McGraw
- "Always, in all ways" - Kenny Loggins
- "Daddy" - Beyonce
- "Hero" - Mariah Carey
- "Because you loved me" - Celine Dion
- "My wish" - Rascal Flatts
- "Count on me" - Bruno Mars
- "Somethin' special" - Colbie Caillat
- "It won't be like this for long" - Darius Rucker
- "I hope you dance" - Lee Ann Womack
- "You've got a friend" - Carole King
- "Through the years" - Kenny Rogers
- "You'll be in my heart" - Phil Collins
- "Daughters" - John Mayer
- "Kind & Generous" - Natalie Merchant
- "Stealing Cinderella" - Chuck Wicks
- "Daddy's little girl" - Michael Buble
- "Make you feel my love" - Adele
- "My wish" - Rascal Flatts



**YOU'RE A
DIAMOND
DEAR, THEY
CAN'T
BREAK YOU.**

THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S SAMPLE SHOT LIST

We get it, wedding photography is a big deal, and you're probably super afraid that something will be missed. Well, let us ease some of that anxiety by telling you that we make sure to photograph pretty much everything throughout the day. Below are some of the basics we photograph on a wedding day. Each day is a bit different, of course, but we will be sure to discuss must have photos with you prior to your day.

GETTING READY

- Bride's hair styled
- Bride's makeup applied
- Bride's shoes
- Bride's jewelry
- Something old
- Something borrowed
- Something blue
- Bride & Bridesmaid's bouquets
- Shots of the bridesmaids getting dressed
- Mother helping bride with dress
- Mother helping bride with a final detail, could be veil, etc.
- Bride in the dress
- Bride looking at herself in mirror
- Bridesmaids reacting to seeing bride in gown.
- Father seeing the bride in her gown
- Bride with parents
- Bride with siblings
- Bride with her bridesmaids
- Bride with maid of honor
- Bride with matron of honor
- Groom getting ready with his father
- Groom getting ready with his groomsmen
- Close-up shot of the wedding bands
- Groom with his parents
- Groom with his siblings
- Groom with the best man
- Groom with his groomsmen
- Groomsmen putting on boutonnieres
- Groomsmen putting on ties
- Bride making her way to the ceremony
- Groom making his way to the ceremony
- Bridal party walking down the aisle
- Grandparents walking down the aisle
- Bride and her escort waiting to walk down the aisle
- Bride and her escort walking down the aisle
- Close up of bride just before she enters
- Groom's reaction to seeing bride walking down the aisle
- Bride's escort giving her away
- Bride and groom at the altar
- Both sets of parents watching the ceremony
- Shot of the altar from the guests' point of view
- Shot of the guest from the couple's point of view
- Special moments: such as candle lighting, readings, solos, etc
- Close up of the bride as the groom recites his vows
- Close up of the groom as he recites his vows
- Close up of the groom as the bride recites her vows
- Close up of the bride as she recites her vows
- Close up of the bride and groom as they exchange rings
- The kiss
- The kiss again (this is not a typo, most of the time you are going to get a couple of shots of the kiss)
- Bride & groom exiting the ceremony
- Close up of the newlyweds immediately after the ceremony
- Bride and groom hugging their family
- Bride and groom hugging their friends
- Bride showing off her wedding ring to her bridesmaids
- Bride and groom leaving the ceremony site

THE CEREMONY

- Exterior shots of the venue before guests arrive
- Interior shots of the venue before guest arrive
- Groom walking down the aisle with his mother
- Close up of groom's expression while waiting for the bride
- Bride and the groom together
- Bride with her mother
- Bride with her father
- Bride with both parents
- Bride with her entire immediate family
- Groom with his mother
- Groom with his father
- Groom with both parents

THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S SAMPLE SHOT LIST

CONTINUED

BEFORE THE RECEPTION, OR CEREMONY CONT.

- Groom with his entire immediate family
- Bride and groom with bride's family
- Bride and groom with groom's family
- Bride and groom with both sets of parents
- Bride and groom with immediate family members from both sides
- Bride and groom with bridesmaids
- Bride and groom with groomsmen
- Bride and groom with flower girl
- Bride and groom with ring bearer
- Bride and groom with entire wedding party

THE RECEPTION

- Exterior shots of the venue before guests arrive
- Interior shots of the venue before guest arrive
- Shots of place cards, menus, centerpieces, decorations
- Table settings, favors & champagne glasses
- The cake or dessert area
- Hors d'oeuvres and special drinks
- Guests arriving
- Guest signing guest book
- Guest placing gifts on table
- Bride and groom arriving
- Close ups of friends and family making toasts
- Bride and groom drinking Champagne
- Bride and groom talking to guests
- Bride and groom's first dance
- Bride dancing with her father
- Groom dancing with his mother
- Parents dancing
- Grandparents dancing
- Wedding party dancing
- Musicians, DJ and/or other entertainers
- Guests dancing
- Bride and groom dancing with the bridal party
- Bride and groom cutting the cake
- Bouquet toss
- Newlyweds' drive off vehicle
- Bride and groom leaving the reception

ARTISTIC SHOT LIST

- Hanging wedding dress
- Hanging bridesmaid dresses
- Aerial view of the wedding dress
- Incorporating three generations of women
- Mirror shots, bride visible through mirror and bridesmaids around it, or vice versa.
- Shot of the couple before the wedding reading, each other's letters
- A "from below" shot of the bridesmaid's toast
- Shot of the bride with the flower girl playing
- First look with dad and grandpa
- A photo with photos of your parents' wedding days
- A photo of the bridesmaids with the bouquet in their face
- A creative double exposure photo
- Bridesmaids in dresses with drinks, beer or mimosas
- Groomsmen group hug
- Staircase shot
- Bridesmaids' shoe showcase
- Girl time, all of the bridesmaids hanging out chatting before getting ready
- Reflection images
- Flower girl admiring the hanging wedding dress

**KEEP
LIFE
SIMPLE.**



THE INFAMOUS FIRST LOOK

We know you've heard of it: the coveted first look. Everyone is doing it, but you aren't sold. We get it. When we first heard of it we were like, "No Way! That's against tradition". And, that is true. It breaks the mold on everything we know of weddings. Goodbye to the days of waiting until the doors fling open to see what the bride went with for her wedding dress. If you would have asked us a while back, we would have told you, "don't do it". But today we say, "let's roll with it". We "highly recommend it" would be an understatement. Here are a few reasons why.



NO MORE HIDING.

You probably feel like we're joking here but we're not. This is actually a highlight. You don't have to run around, duck and dodge from your fiancé because, well, they have already seen you.

YOU GET MORE PHOTOGRAPHS.

Ok tradition aside, you're going to get so many more photos. And, technically that's like maximizing your precious dollars. We don't think anyone would be against that. Right?

PRIVACY

You don't have to worry about anyone intruding on your moment.

YOU GET TO SPEND MORE TIME TOGETHER.

No need to lock up Mr. Right in a dungeon until it's show time. You get the chance to be taken to a private location, with absolutely no distractions. So you get to have all of his attention.

SO MUCH MORE TIME FOR EMOTIONS.

Ok, this one is kind of reason enough. Your groom sees you and he totally breaks down and bawls his eyes out. Guess what, no one is rushing you to get on with the show. You have, practically, all of the time in the world.

IT'S A SMART DECISION FOR THE SAKE OF TIME.

You get to take a lot of your photos prior to the wedding because the groom has already seen you in the dress. Which means you are that much closer to the dance floor and enjoying your day. No missing cocktail hour!

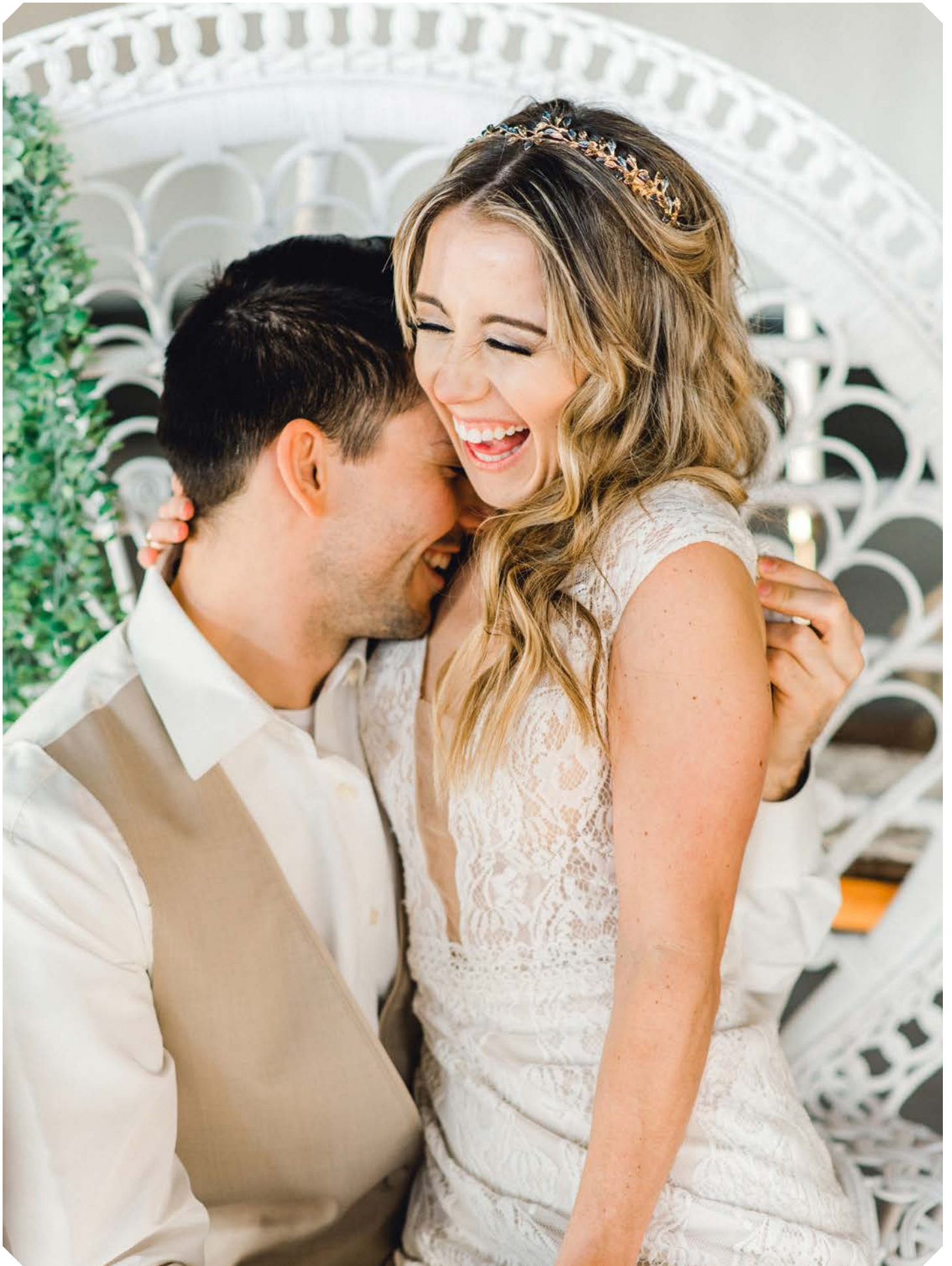
BYE BYE TO A LARGE PART OF THE STRESS.

The day is already stressful. We totally get that. The first look allows you to have fun and get some alone time prior to having all eyes on you.

If you and your partner can't agree on a first look here a few other options:

- First Touch
- First Hug
- First Read
- First Gifts
- First Song
- First Poem
- First Prayer
- First Call
- Partial First Look - maybe your hair, makeup and nails are done and you show up wearing sweats. So he still doesn't see you in the dress.

**THERE IS
SUNSHINE
IN MY
SOUL
TODAY.**



A COMPLETE WEDDING TIMELINE

Whew, you have no clue how many times every wedding photographer all over the world has been asked about a wedding timeline; or asked to weigh in on when things should be done. Which makes complete sense since we are the peeps taking the photos. We're putting one in to help you out. This could be one of those things you totally didn't know that you needed. We're giving you a rough wedding timeline breakdown for some of the most common wedding times.



MORNING WEDDING TIMELINE

6:00 AM - Hair & makeup / Getting ready
8:00 AM - Vendors arrive / Setup starts
8:30 AM - First look & couple's portraits
9:00 AM - Wedding party pictures
9:30 AM - Family pictures
10:00 AM - Doors open/ Pre-Ceremony music starts playing / Guests enter
10:30 AM - Invite time
10:45 AM - Ceremony starts
11:15 AM - Ceremony concludes
11:20 AM - Cocktail hour starts/ Additional photos
12:00 PM - Brunch starts
12:30 PM - Toasts
1:00 PM - First Dance
1:30 PM - Cake cutting/ Dessert
2:45 PM - Couple departs
3:00 PM - Guests depart
3:00 PM - Breakdown commences
4:00 PM - All vendors out

EARLY AFTERNOON WEDDING TIMELINE

8:00 AM - Hair & makeup / Getting ready
9:00 AM - Vendors arrive / Setup starts
10:00 AM - Getting ready/detail photos
11:00 AM - First look & couple's portraits
11:30 AM - Wedding party pictures
12:00 PM - Family pictures
12:30 PM - Doors open/ Pre-Ceremony music starts playing / Guests enter
1:00 PM - Invite time
1:15 PM - Ceremony starts
1:35 PM - Ceremony concludes
1:40 PM - Cocktail hour starts/ Additional family photos
2:30 PM - Lunch starts
3:00 PM - Toasts
3:30 PM - First Dance
5:00 PM - Cake cutting/ Dessert
6:15 PM - Couple departs
6:30 PM - Guests depart
6:30 PM - Breakdown commences
7:30 PM - All vendors out

LATER EVENING WEDDING TIMELINE

1:30 PM - Hair & makeup / Getting ready
3:00 PM - Vendors arrive / Setup starts
3:30 PM - Pre-Ceremony photos begin
6:00 PM - Doors open/ Room ready for guests/ Pre-ceremony music starts
6:30 PM - Invite time
6:45 PM - Ceremony starts
7:00 PM - Ceremony ends/ Guests move to cocktail hour
8:00 PM - Guests move to dinner
9:30 PM - Cake cutting/ Dessert served/ Toasts
9:45 PM - Dancing
11:45 PM - End time/ Guests out
12:45 AM - Breakdown/ Vendors depart

A COMPLETE WEDDING TIMELINE

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COCKTAIL PARTY STYLE RECEPTION TIMELINE

- 3:00 PM - Vendors arrive for setup
- 4:30 PM - Doors open/ Room ready for guests/
Pre-ceremony music starts
- 5:00 PM - Invite time
- 5:15 PM - Ceremony starts
- 5:30 PM - Ceremony ends
- 5:30 PM - First round of food comes out/ Bar opens
- 5:30 PM - Music starts inside
- 6:30 PM - Pre-sunset portraits
- 6:45 PM - Dinner rounds of food come out
- 7:07 PM - Sunset
- 7:15 PM - Toasts
- 7:30 PM - First dance
- 8:00 PM - Couple's "Thank You" toast followed by
cake cutting
- 9:00 PM - Couple and guests depart
- 10:00 PM - Breakdown done/ vendors out

SEPARATE CEREMONY & RECEPTION TIMES

- 9:00 AM - Hair & makeup / Getting ready
- 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Vendors arrive for ceremony
setup
- 12:00 PM - Wedding party and family photos start
- 1:30 PM - Doors open/ Guests begin to arrive/
Pre-ceremony music starts
- 2:00 PM - Ceremony invite time
- 2:15 PM - Ceremony starts
- 3:00 PM - Ceremony ends
- 3:00 PM - Vendors start to arrive for reception set
up
- 3:30 PM - Guests gone from ceremony site
- 4:00 PM - Ceremony site cleaned up/ Vendors
depart
- 4:30 PM - Doors open/ Guests begin to arrive/ Am-
bient music starts
- 5:00 PM - Reception invite time/ Cocktail hour
starts
- 6:30 PM - Move guests into dinner
- 6:45 PM - Buffet opens/ Dinner served
- 7:00 PM - All guests have food
- 7:15 PM - Toasts
- 8:00 PM - First dance
- 8:05 PM - General dancing music starts
- 8:05 PM - Second set of pre-sunset portraits
- 8:26 PM - Sunset
- 8:45 PM - Dessert
- 9:45 PM - Last Call
- 9:55 - Last Call
- 10:00 PM - Guests Depart
- 11:00 PM - Breakdown/ Staff departs

Starting and ending your day on the right key is kind of the magical wand swing to ensure that you get everything you want accomplished while also keeping your stress to an all time low.



**ALWAYS
BELIEVE
SOMETHING
WONDERFUL
IS ABOUT TO
HAPPEN.**

PREPPING FOR POSSIBLE RAIN ON YOUR WEDDING DAY

Ok, so let's get really real here. You aren't going to plan an indoor wedding just for the sake of, "oh it may rain". Pshh. Don't pass on gorgeous venue because you are

afraid of a little rain. Rain doesn't stop the show and there are tons of ways to prep just in case of negative weather. So you know that we are on your side in this thing, here are some ways:

Before we jump all the way into how to prep for the possibility of rain at your outdoor wedding, we just wanted to tell you that rain/clouds kind of create the best light for portraits. So there is that.

SECURE BACKUP LOCATION.

This one seems like a no brainer, but sometimes the obvious can be overlooked. This is like just in case the heavens open up and there is a massive downpour. If you can't find a backup location, book a just in case tent and some flooring. The flooring kind of ensures that the ground won't be a muddy mess.

LET GUESTS KNOW ABOUT ANY CHANGES.

Assumptions can not be made here. If your guest check their weather app and see that there is like a 1000% chance of rain, it's a day before your wedding, and you haven't said anything to anyone . . . well, there is a major chance that some individuals may not show.

STALL IF YOU CAN.

We are all too familiar with showers and how if you give them 5 to 10 minutes they will pass and the sun will come right back out. If that is the case, make sure you have towels for those chairs, and make sure the ground is not too slippery for your guests.

TALK TO YOUR VENUE.

It doesn't hurt to see what people have done in the past as far as their rain plan is concerned. We're super positive your venue will fork over this information faster than you are able to get the question out.

GET A COUPLE UMBRELLAS BEFORE HAND.

This one seems kind of self explanatory. Make sure you're covered at all times.

COME WITH THE RIGHT ACCESSORIES.

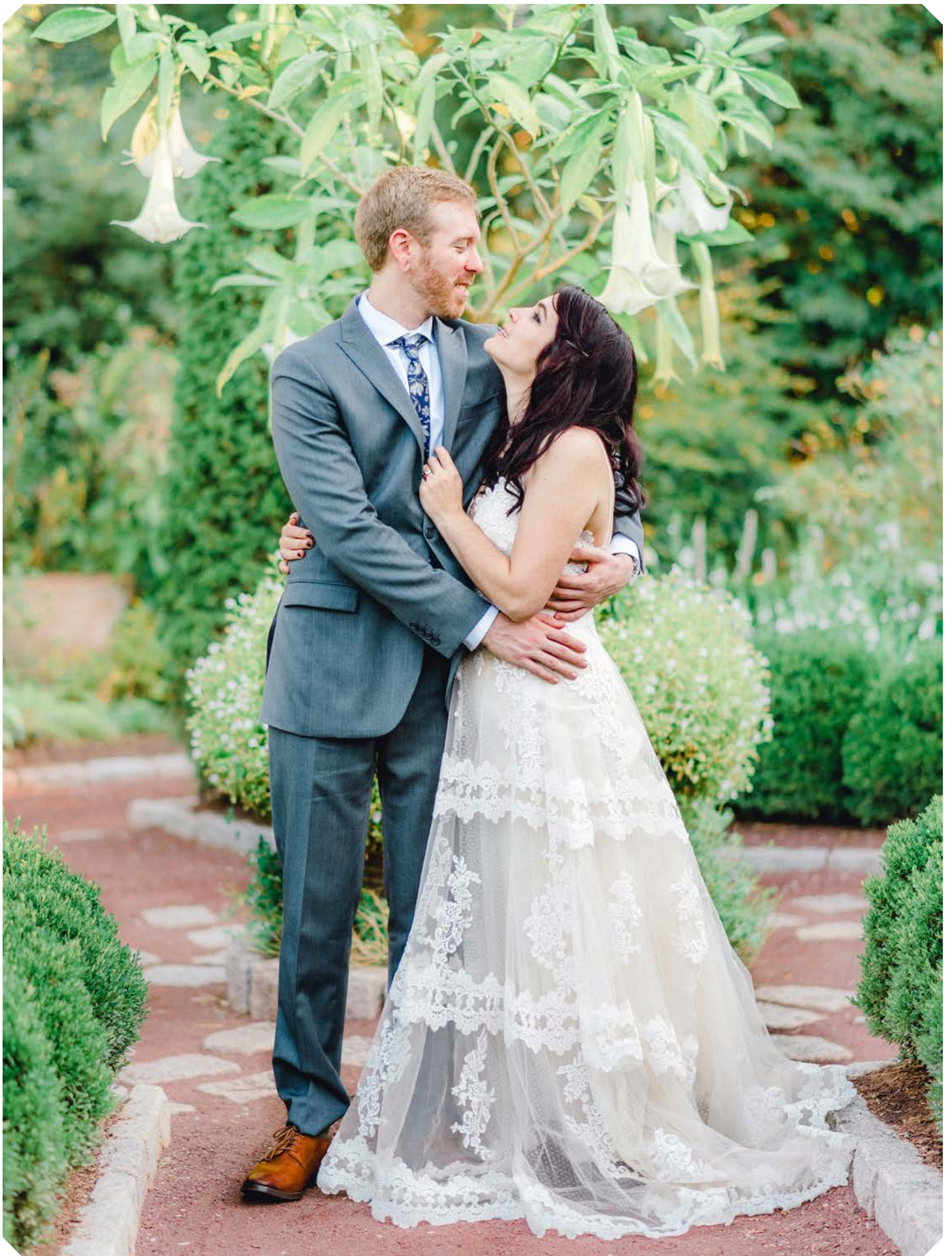
Your wedding is outside, there is nothing wrong with having cute accessories in case it rains, or the ground is still a little slick. Why not get some monogrammed rain boots? Yes, with your new monogram, diva.



WHEN IT
RAINS LOOK
FOR
RAINBOWS,
WHEN IT'S
DARK LOOK
FOR STARS.







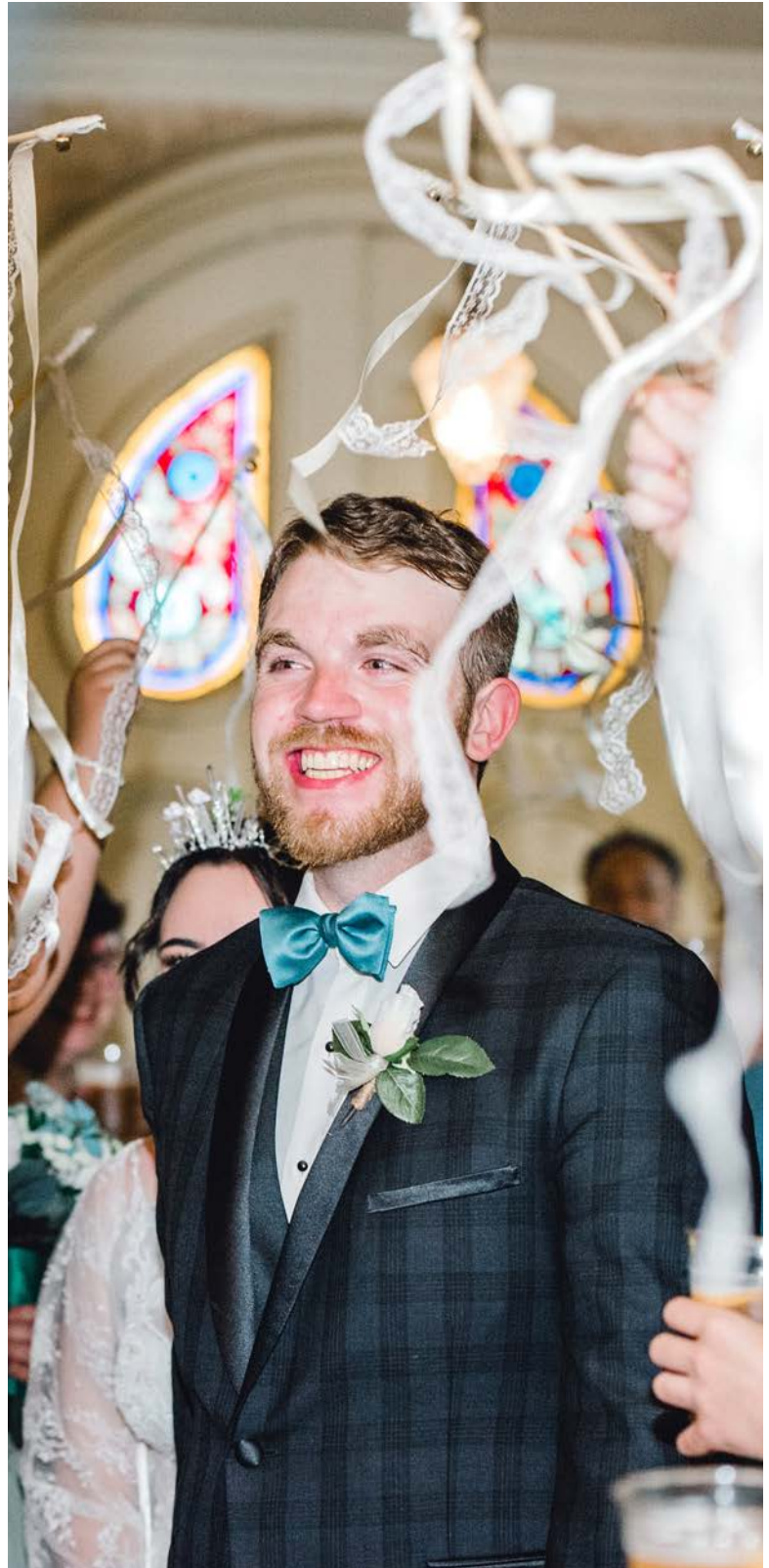


SO
GRATEFUL
FOR SO
MUCH.

SENDOFF IDEAS THAT ARE SURE TO LEAVE THEM TALKING

There was a time not long ago when people threw rice at the bride and groom. That was absolutely adorable, perfect for Sunday dinner (joking here) but now people are getting really creative with how they are sending the couple off. Here are some ideas... *that are not rice.*

1. Flowers and Petals
2. Artificial Snow
3. Leaves
4. Birdseed
5. Ribbon Wands
6. Bubbles
7. Confetti
8. Lavender
9. Aromatics
10. Feathers
11. Sparklers
12. Cap Guns
13. Glitter
14. Sequins
15. Pom Poms
16. Ballons
17. Paper Airplanes
18. Glow Sticks
19. Eco-fetti
20. Ribbon & Bell Wands
21. Heart Shaped Confetti
22. Rainbow Sprinkles
23. Spirited Cheer Poms
24. Mini Beach Balls
25. Sky Lanterns
26. White Streamers
27. Cheery Flags
28. Napkins
29. Bells
30. Silver & Gold Confetti
31. Kazoos
32. Marshmallows
33. Silly String
34. Pinwheels
35. Herb Toss (Mint, Basil, etc)
36. Light Saber
37. Harry Potter Wands
38. Colorful Smoke Bombs
39. Maracas



**SURROUND
YOURSELF
WITH
PEOPLE
WHO GET
YOU.**

THE POST WEDDING BRUNCH

Oh, we can feel the look of confusion on your face. "You mean to tell me that I have another thing I need to do, wedding related, after my wedding... This doesn't make any sense". This is only if you want to host a Post Wedding Brunch. Your friends and family will totally love it! We can promise you that. Below we are giving you tips on how to plan, what to serve and even giving a couple of our favorites brunch recipes.



Let's go ahead and tackle some of the most common questions surrounding this somewhat trendy post wedding event.

WHO PAYS FOR THIS EVENT?

Typically the parents of the bride fork over the cash for the PWB (We are going to make this the shorthand for Post Wedding Brunch, so when you see it throughout these next few sections you know exactly what I'm talking about).

Although that's the way that it's typically done doesn't mean you have to do it this way. How nice of gesture would it be if you, the brand spankin' new couple, did it as a thank you for everything that everyone has done for you.

Just think about it.

WHERE SHOULD WE HAVE THIS PWB?

Our personal suggestion recommendation, that you totally asked for ... Go with a nice location that's close to the wedding venue.

You could go for a local cafe, restaurant or maybe a friend's nice, home nearby. Where ever you decide, make sure it is somewhere that you're comfortable. This isn't one of those suit and tie, bust out in my wedding dress for part two type of events.

SHOULD I SEND A SEPARATE INVITATION?

Why not send an additional insert in the invitations of the people who you want there? That's going to make your life so much easier.

WHAT SHOULD BE ON THE MENU?

AHHH, we are so happy that you asked! We're convinced brunch is part of our love language.

Obviously, no brunch is complete with mimosas, so let's just make sure that's on the menu. Aside from that, here are some of our favorites.

FAVORITE BRUNCH ITEMS:

- Chicken & Waffle Sliders
- French Toast Baguette with a Peach Butter Custard
 - Bacon
 - Doughnuts
 - Bagel
- Turkey & Cheese Quiche
 - Juice Bar
 - Fruit Tray
 - Waffle Bar
- Avocado Toast

THE POST WEDDING BRUNCH

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Now it's time to talk about something that is sure to leave people wishing you hosted weekly brunches at your home. If you guessed mimosas then you are EXACTLY right. Below you have some of our favorite mimosas. Take a few from the list and throw them in the mix at your PWB.

- Caramel Apple Mimosas
- Cherry Bomb Mimosas
- Pear Mimosas
- Pineapple Strawberry Mimosas
- Apple Cider Mimosas
- Grapefruit Mimosas
- Pomegranate Mimosas
- Orange Creamsicle Mimosas
- Pineapple Mimosa Slushies
- Mimosa Sangria
- Strawberry Mimosas
- Peach Melba Mimosas
- Blood Orange Mimosas
- Mango Mimosas
- Lemonade Mimosas with Blood Orange
- Mandarin Mimosas
- Raspberry Mimosas
- Watermelon Mimosas
- Tequila Sunrise Mimosas
- Spiked Blueberry Lemonade Mimosas
- Guava Mint Mimosas
- Strawberry Cream Mimosas
- Sorbet Mimosa Floats
- Cranberry Orange Mimosas
- Raspberry Peach Mimosas
- Mexican Pomegranate Mimosas
- Grapefruit and Sage Mimosas
- Vanilla Cranberry Mimosas
- Screwed Peach Mimosas
- Pineapple Coconut Mimosas
- Tangerine Pomegranate Mimosas
- Mimosa Margaritas
- Watermelon Mint Mimosas

Now that we've shared a bit that we absolutely love, let us get back to being helpful. Next up, we are going to share one of our sweetest recipes that is sure to be a hit at your PWB. Come on, who doesn't love french toast?

Well, this recipe combines a few favorites for virtually everyone.

Strawberry Cheesecake Stuffed French Toast

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 c. diced strawberries, divided
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 8 oz. package cream cheese
- 1/3 c. powdered sugar
- 1/2 loaf of sliced bread, white or wheat
- 1 tbsp. butter
- 5 eggs
- 1/3 c. milk
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon

DIRECTIONS:

- **Make the Strawberry Cheesecake Filling:** Combine strawberries and sugar in a small bowl, setting aside to draw out the sweetness and juices. In a large mixing bowl, whip cream cheese and powdered sugar until thoroughly combined. Fold in half of strawberry mixture.
- **Make the Stuffed French Toast:** Spread cream cheese mixture onto a slice of bread. Place another slice on top, pressing down to make a sandwich. Repeat until all of stuffed French toasts have been made.
- Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a sauté pan over medium heat. As butter melts, grab a shallow bowl and beat eggs, milk, vanilla extract and cinnamon.
- Dip stuffed French toast into egg mixture, submerging both sides completely. Place dipped French toast onto the sauté pan, cooking both sides until lightly golden. Repeat with all stuffed French toasts you've made.
- Spoon remaining strawberries on top of each French toast. Serve warm with maple syrup.

THE POST WEDDING BRUNCH

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If, after all of this talk you are still clueless about what type of PWB to have, no sweat. We gave you a quick little breakdown. Just mark your answers and the brunch is practically planned.

1. WHAT TIME SHOULD WE START?

A - 8:00 AM

B - 10:30 AM

C - 12:30 PM

2. TENTATIVE LOCATION?

A - Hotel or Restaurant

B - A Home

3. WHO SHOULD I INVITE?

A - Immediate family

B - Family, wedding party & out of town guest

C - Everyone invited to the wedding

4. WHAT TYPE OF FOOD SHOULD BE SERVED?

A - Light breakfast, muffins & bagels, and mimosas

B - Full brunch

C - Continental breakfast

5. WHAT SHOULD THE DRESS CODE BE?

A - Sundresses

B - Casual

C - PJ's

6. HOW WILL I INVITE THE GUESTS?

A - Formally, mail them an invitation

B - Wedding website

C - Included in the wedding invites

7. WHO FOOTS THE BILL?

A - Our parents

B - Us

C - Someone else

What better way to recap the fun that was had, look through all the fun photos that your friends and family have shared all over social media, and laugh with some of the people who showed up for you, than a good brunch?

If this sort of event is right for you then you have a ton of golden ideas right here at your finger tips.



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A HONEYMOON YOU WON'T FORGET

THE DOMESTIC ADDITION

Whoever said that you have to go out of country to have a romantic honeymoon has clearly never been to some of these places.



- Maui
- Savannah
- Napa Valley
- Santa Fe
- Jackson Hole
- Juneau
- Palm Springs
- Big Sky
- Yosemite
- Miami
- Sedona
- Las Vegas
- Cape Cod
- San Francisco
- Asheville
- Orlando
- St. Simons, GA
- Beaufort, SC
- Carmel By The Sea, CA
- Friday Harbor, WA
- Montauk, NY
- Provincetown
- Stowe, Vermont
- Telluride, Colorado
- Big Sur, CA
- Jackson Hole, Wyoming
- La Jolla
- Park City
- Bar Harbor
- Mount Rainier National Park
- White Mountains
- Charleston, SC
- Estes Park
- Asheville
- Traverse City
- Seattle
- Ocean Grove
- Fort Myers
- New York City
- Amelia Island, FL
- Aspen
- Lanai
- Austin
- Washington D.C
- Chicago
- Hilton Head Island
- Key West
- Santa Barbara
- Nashville
- NOLA
- Boothbay Harbor
- Portland
- Eugene
- Newport

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THE INTERNATIONAL ADDITION

There is nothing wrong with staying in the states, but sometimes you want a little more adventure. So, here is a list of some of the most popular Honeymoon locations.

- Namibia
- The Cayman Islands
- Panama
- Russia
- Aruba
- The Galapagos
- China
- Jamaica
- Germany
- Aruba
- Ireland
- Indonesia
- Fiji
- The Virgin Islands
- Greece
- Tahiti
- Italy
- Iceland
- Belize
- Scotland
- The Maldives
- Japan
- Australia
- Sri Lanka
- France
- Thailand
- Peru
- Riviera Maya, Mexico
- Spain
- Morocco
- South Africa

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